Dear Parents and Carers,

We certainly know how to party at Melbourne Junior School! The children loved their discos on Thursday evening; thank you for supporting these.

Our Gladiators have presented a Harvest Festival assembly to the rest of the school this morning. They have reminded us all of Article 24 and Article 27 of the UNCRC - the right that every child has to healthy food, clean water, a safe home and environment to grow up in.

Next term, as we draw towards Christmas, there are lots of exciting events that we hope the children will enjoy very much. We start with our annual Pudsey Ramble for Children in Need. We ramble a route around Melbourne as a whole school community and parents or family members who wish to join us are very welcome. If you would like to come along, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. Parents are also welcome to sponsor their children to complete this walk if they wish to do so, and details of you can do this are included in these newsletter.

We hope you enjoy the half term break from routine, and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd November.

Kind regards,

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Special Menu – Thursday 5th November 2026



Pudsey Ramble – Thursday 12th November 2026



In November we will be taking part in the annual Pudsey ramble. Weather permitting, the whole school will be walking on Thursday 5th November. This year we are collaborating with other schools across Derbyshire to walk/run a collective 10,000 miles.

If you would like to sponsor your child taking part in the Pudsey ramble, please follow the link below:
https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/melbourne-junior-school
Your code is: **B739**

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Melbourne Junior School open day



Student Christmas dinner day

The school Christmas dinner will be taking place on Tuesday 15th December.

The school kitchen has to pre-order the food by **Thursday 12th November 2026** due to the large numbers of meals that they must prepare on the day.

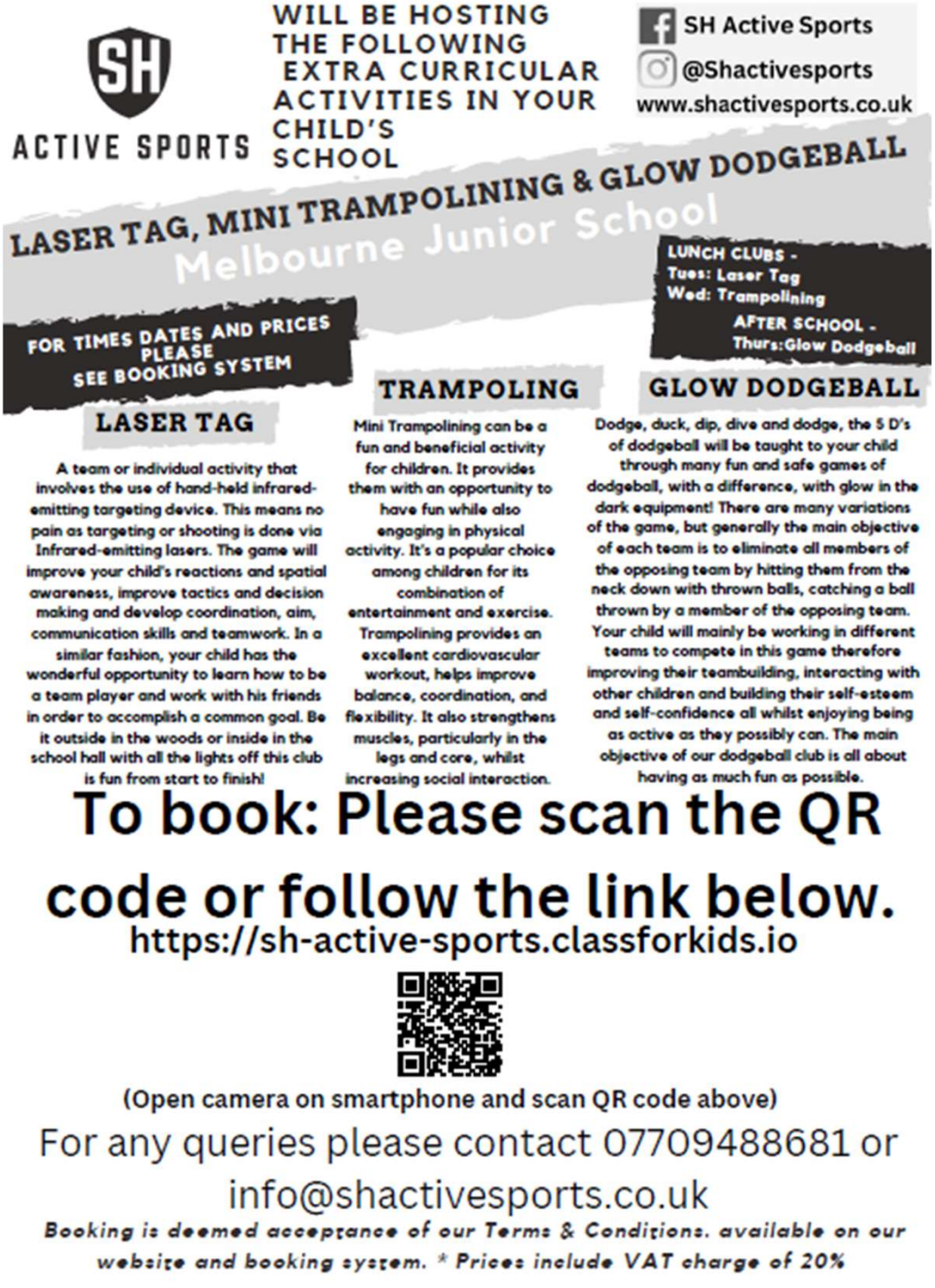
Please can we ask that ALL parents complete the form below to pre-order the Christmas dinner or confirm that their child will be bringing a packed lunch on that day.

If a meal has not been pre-ordered for the Christmas dinner day, you will be called to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

School Christmas dinner - pre-order

SH Active clubs

After the success of the nerf and archery lunchtime clubs, SH Active are offering laser tag and mini trampolining lunchtime clubs after the October half-term holiday and Glow in the Dark dodgeball after school on Thursdays. If you child would like to take part in any of these clubs, please follow the booking link below:



[Booking link for SH Active clubs at Melbourne Junior School]

Spanish lunchtime club

Introducing Kidslingo to Melbourne Junior School!

We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo is launching a Wednesday Lunchtime Spanish Club from Monday 9th November 2026 for all year groups.
To enrol your child, please follow the link below. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Learning a language at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity.



At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through fun. We use stories, games, songs, role play and drama to bring the language to life and inspire our learners.

Class details:

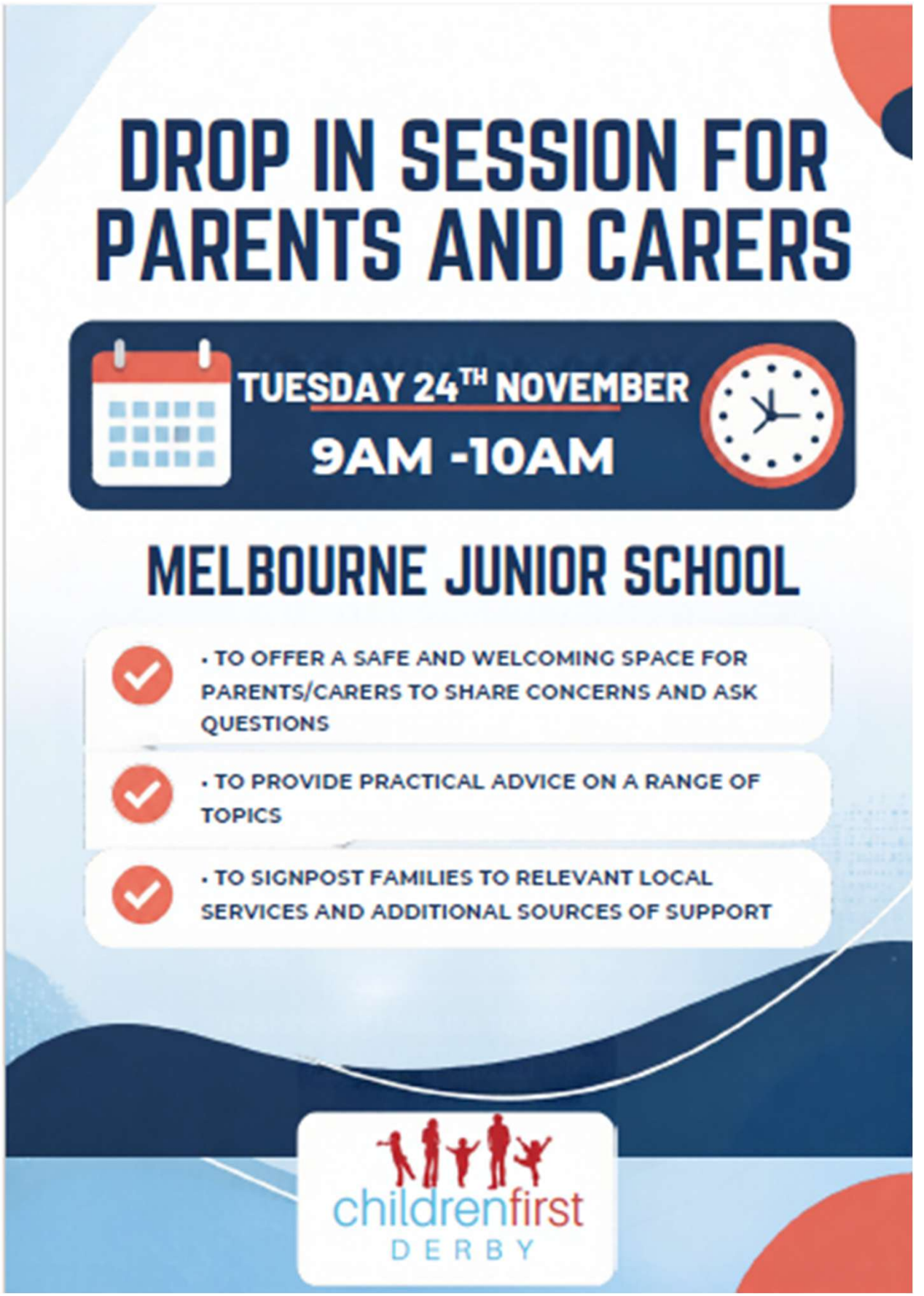
- **30 minute classes on Mondays 12.20pm-12.50pm.**
- **Starting on Monday 9th November 2026 with a maximum of 15 children.** Please note that the club with only run if there is sufficient demand.
- **£5.50 per class, payable in half term blocks. 2% handling fee applies to all bookings. Existing customers will have priority booking at the renewal for the next half term.**
- **We will provide worksheets related to the class activities**
- **You will receive FREE access to the Kidslingo games website with over 250 games**

To register your child, please go to the following link and scroll to 'school age classes' and click 'enrol now' for the Melbourne Junior School class. **Please book early to avoid disappointment.**

https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-southderbyshire/

If you have any questions, please visit www.kidslingo.co.uk/faqs/ or email nicola.roseby@kidslingo.co.uk if you have any problems with registering. All Kidslingo teachers are fully trained, insured and holds an enhanced DBS / PVG certificate.

Children First – drop in session for parents



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Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (19th – 23rd October 2026) has been: 96.62%

Well done to Robin class which has 98.75% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th November	Year 6 height and weight check - am
Thursday 5th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 12th November	Pudsey Ramble (reserve date Friday 13th November)
Tuesday 24th November	Children First drop-in session
Tuesday 1st December	New pupil open day 10am/ 12 noon
Wednesday 2nd December	Carol Service 2pm
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December	Year 4 residential trip to Lea Green
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre - £17.85 payable on Parentpay