



Dear Parent/Carer,

Today has seen our 5th Melbourne Junior School Pudsey Ramble for Children in Need. We had a fantastic morning and have raised over £350 in donations. A big thank you to all of you who have sponsored your children and to all the parents who joined us to walk the route this morning. Look out for pictures on Dojo and on in The Village Voice. If you would still like to make a donation, please follow this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/melbourne-junior-school>

As half term approaches and the weather gets colder, please make sure that children come to school with coats. We are still finding a huge amount of lost property, most of which is un-named. Over the half term holiday, it would be really helpful if you are able to check that items of uniform, coats and lunch boxes are labelled. Mrs. Parkinson will continue to try and re-unite lost items with their owners and will have a table outside the year 3 classrooms to display lost property. However, we will not keep unclaimed items in school for longer than two weeks.

Next week and after half term, we look forward to welcoming many of you for parent/teacher meetings. If you are unable to book an appointment, please contact Mrs. Ryley in the school office.

Our Pumpkin competition entries need to arrive in school on Monday. Wednesday evening is our Halloween themed disco. Thank you once again for supporting the PTA in these events.

Best wishes,

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Homework

Thank you to all parents who completed the homework survey sent out at the beginning of the year. Following this, expectations for each year group regarding homework are outlined below:

Year 3 and Year 4

Regular times table practice
Reading (at least) four times per week
Spelling practice

Year 5

Regular times table practice
Reading (at least) four times per week
Spelling practice
Weekly Maths homework (set from White Rose workbook and beginning after half term)

Year 6

Regular times table practice
Reading (at least) four times per week
Spelling practice
Weekly Maths homework (set from White Rose workbook)
Weekly English homework (set from Schofield and Sims workbook)

Melbourne Rugby Club

A big thank you to Tim Wilbraham from Melbourne Rugby Club who has been in school three days this week giving children rugby coaching. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions.



Halloween disco and pumpkin carving

Children are invited to take part in the pumpkin carving competition, all entries need to be dropped off at school on Monday 20th October.

On Wednesday 22nd October there will be a Halloween disco in school. The Year 3 and 4 children will dance from 3.30 – 4.30pm and then the Year 5 and 6 children will dance from 4.45 – 5.45pm.



Futures week

In the summer term, we are hoping to hold a 'Futures Week' to help inspire our children to think about the purpose of their learning and to be ambitious about their own futures. If you have an interesting job that you think would inspire and engage the children and would be happy to come to school to talk about it, please let Mrs. Ryley in the office know.

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (13th - 17th October 2025) has been: 97.17%

Congratulations to Otter class for achieving: 99.05%



Harvest Festival collection

Our Harvest Festival collection will be for the Padley Centre again this year. Please can we request that any food donation are brought into school week commencing 20th October 2025 and the collection of all donated food items will be made on Friday 24th October 2025.




Our Harvest Wishlist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Instant noodles/noodle pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tomatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna snack pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned meat meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned soup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal (up to 700g boxes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking sauces (jars) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack pot porridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen roll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet roll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custard | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing powder / gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-raising flour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned vegetables
(carrots, peas, sweetcorn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden syrup |

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fresh veg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical products |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bags of Dry Pasta | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tinned lentils and pulses |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bags of Dry Rice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used toiletries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household cleaning products | |

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Date	What's On
Monday 20 th October	Flu immunisation in school
Tuesday 21 st October	Parents evening
Wednesday 22 nd October	KS2 Bocca competition Greenbank Leisure Centre
Friday 24 th October	Harvest collection for Padley Centre
27 th – 31 st October	Half-term break
Monday 3 rd November	INSET day
Thursday 6 th November	Parents evening
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day and start of anti-bullying week
Monday 10 th November	Mini Soccer tournament John Port Spencer Academy
Monday 17 th November	Sports Hall Athletics Greenback Leisure Centre
Tuesday 2 nd December	2pm – Open afternoon for prospective parents
3 rd – 5 th December 2025	Y6 Lea Green residential trip
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Carol service at Parish Church
Tuesday 16 th December	Dick Whittington pantomime at Derby Arena
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch in school
12 th March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
23 rd March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags