



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope your children enjoyed the Halloween Disco and thank you to those of you who supported your child with pumpkin carving. Yet again, we have been overwhelmed by your support for all our extra-curricular events and your generosity; thank you for sponsoring your children in the Pudsey Ramble, enabling them to come to our discos and donating to the Padley Centre. You have helped them support charities in our community and beyond and raise vital funds for the school too.



In sporting news, five of our children represented the school in a Derbyshire Schools Boccia competition. They won one of their games and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Today we have welcomed Samantha Niblett, Labour MP for South Derbyshire, to our school. We were able to share some of our successes with her and discuss many of the issues that impact on primary education in our area. Some of our Gladiators were able to ask questions and Samantha enjoyed visiting our classrooms.



Best wishes,

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The Big Draw Festival



The Big Draw Festival, in association with Melbourne Library is underway. Artwork is being created (with the theme 'DRAWN TOGETHER') by the people of Melbourne, to be exhibited in Melbourne Library throughout the whole of November.

There are two community events this weekend, where you can pop in, free of charge, and create art to be displayed in the exhibition:

MAKE A HAPPINESS ZINE

for Children and Young People

Saturday 25 October

from 10.30 - 12noon at Melbourne Library

Relax in this fun zine-making session which aims to get you drawing and doodling about your favourite things. Under 13's must be accompanied by an adult.

MOVE AND DRAW

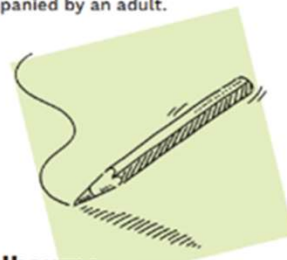
for Families and Friends

Saturday 25 October

Drop-in anytime from 1.30 - 3.30pm

at The Wesley Hall, Potter Street, Melbourne.

Scrawl, slide & sketch with East Lab Dance Company. Move and draw is all about using your whole body to make marks and make art! Expect big paper and big chalks in a big, big space!



Melbourne Junior School children have been invited to create artwork at home (a drawing, a painting, a collage...let's get creative) which should be brought into school on the first day back after half term (Tuesday 4th November). The art must be inspired by the theme 'DRAWN TOGETHER'. We shared some ideas of what that may look like in assembly.

Thanks for your support, and let's get creative!

Communication

Please remember that Class Dojo should be used with care and courtesy. If parents have specific queries or issues, these should not be raised on class chats, but directed to the class teacher in a private message. If parents need to see Miss Martin, please feel free to contact the school office and Mrs. Ryley will be able to make an appointment or arrange a phone call. The first point of contact in issues relating to your child, should be the class teacher. The school office are able to deal with general queries only.

Y6 Lea Green residential – parents meeting

There is a parents meeting on 11th November at 5pm in the school hall.

Flu vaccination date

Unfortunately, due to staff illness, the flu immunisations were cancelled on Monday this week. We have been given a new date of Wednesday 17th December when all children who have consent will be given the flu immunisation in school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Melbourne Junior School has a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in finding out a bit more about what the role entails, please contact the school office by email on: info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

Poppy Sales

After the half-term break, poppies and poppy accessories will be available to purchase from school at breaktimes, the costs range between 50p and £2. All money raised will go directly to the Poppy Appeal.

Nut Free school

Just a reminder that Melbourne Junior School is a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or snacks with nuts in them. We have several children in school with nut allergies.



Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (20th - 23rd October 2025) has been: 96.41%

Congratulations to Bee class for achieving: 100%



Diary dates

Date	What's On
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
Thursday 20 th November	Film night after school 3.30 – 5pm
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
Wednesday 17 th December	Re-scheduled flu immunization in school.
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