



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you managed to enjoy some break from routine during half term. The run up to Christmas is always a busy and exciting time in school, with plenty for the children to look forward to. Please keep an eye on class dojo and on the newsletter for important dates and notices. We hope that your children really enjoy this term and, as ever, we are grateful for all the help you give your children to further support their learning.

If your child is in Year 3, they will continue their Forest School sessions until the end of term, regardless of the weather. Please remember to send them in to school on a Monday with warm and waterproof clothes, and a change of shoes. Year 4 will begin their Forest School after Christmas.

Over the next couple of weeks, our new website will launch. We hope you find this useful. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can help with.

Best wishes,

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## Y6 Lea Green residential – parents meeting

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

## Science week – March 2025

We would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would be willing to support the school in any way during Science Week next year. This could take the form of speaking to the children about your STEM role or supporting a science lesson in class. Contributions such as these from parents/carers in the past few years has really helped the children to understand the value of STEM careers and how their science learning can impact real life. Return speakers are very welcome!

Please email Mrs Pegg if you are able to help: [holly.pegg@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:holly.pegg@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## 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.

## Lantern Parade

Join our Christmas Lantern Parade!

Make your very own magical Christmas Lantern, then light up the night and walk together in our festive Christmas Lantern Parade.

Gather together at **5.15pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** inside the Parish Church, Church Square for a treat before walking to Market Place in time to help Santa countdown before the Christmas lights are switched on.

All children are welcome, accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Lanterns should be safe for children to carry, lit with tealights, glowsticks or battery-operated lights.

Please let us know if you are taking part by emailing  
[clerk@melbourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@melbourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Melbourne Parish Council

Emerging Musical Talent

*A Choir'd Taste*

ARE YOU A YOUNG MUSICIAN?  
If so, you might be interested in taking part in

# Emerging Musical Talent 2025

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Melbourne Methodist Church**

An evening organized by A Choir'd Taste showcasing local musical talent

Adjudicators will be present, and at the end of the evening will decide the winner who will have the opportunity to **PERFORM AT OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**7PM START - EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER**

Entrants are accepted up to the age of 18. You do not need to have taken the grade exam to enter. This is just an indication of your performance level. Full rules for entrants can be found in the form below. Deadline for entries is 1st November 2025. If we have a large number of entrants we may conduct heats in the afternoon of 15th November 2025 with winners being invited to the evening event. We will let you know after 2nd November.

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025) has been: 96.57%

Congratulations to Bee class for achieving: 97.70%

## ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Comments
100%	5 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	4.5 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	4 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	3.5 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	3 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	2.5 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	2 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	1.5 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	1 Day	2 Weeks	100% Attendance
100%	0.5 Days	2 Weeks	100% Attendance

- 89% + Below**  
Drastic effect on academic achievement
- 95%-90%**  
Cause for concern
- 100%-96%**  
Excellent

Date	What's On
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day and start of anti-bullying week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Mini Soccer tournament John Port Spencer Academy
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	5pm Y6 parents meeting about Lea Green residential trip
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir singing at Parish Church Christmas Fair 12 noon
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2pm – Open afternoon for prospective parents
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Y6 Lea Green residential trip
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 Christmas concert - afternoon and evening performances
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol service at Parish Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Dick Whittington pantomime at Derby Arena
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Re-scheduled flu immunization in school and Christmas around the world day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch in school and Christmas Jumper day.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Film Night 3.30 – 5pm
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Mini Basketball
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y5 residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoors
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Primary Swimming Gala
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET day