



Dear Parent/Carer,

We started the week with our Year 6 football teams competing at the Mini Soccer Tournament at John Port Spencer Academy. The children showed great sportsmanship despite very wet conditions. One of the teams came second overall and we were very proud of all the children who took part.

On the theme of participation, two of our student bodies – The Gladiators and The Arts Ambassadors – have been working hard to support other children in school. On Monday, at the start of Anti-Bullying Week, our Gladiators led an anti-bullying lesson in each class. On Sunday, two of our year 6 children, Daisy and Jack, laid the wreath at the village Ceremony of Remembrance, and on Tuesday, our Arts Ambassadors led the whole school in our Act of Remembrance. We are really proud to see our students taking such an active part in their learning and school community.

As the we draw closer to winter and poor weather, please make sure your children are bringing a coat to school. We try to play outside as much as we can, even if it is a bit wet. You are welcome to send changes of shoes if these are well labelled.

Best wishes,

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Enrichment activities

A reminder that if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, Melbourne Junior School will provide your child with two school jumpers or cardigans, your child can choose to have a term of after-school club and a term of music lessons each academic year. If you would like more information about this, please contact Mrs Ryley or Miss Knight in the school office on 01332 862344 or info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

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

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.

Request from Infant School

The Infant School PTA are busy making arrangements for the Infant School Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 12th December. The Infant School PTA would be grateful for any donations of soft toys/teddies to help fill the Teddy Tombola stall! Pre-loved soft toys/teddies are welcome - they should be clean and in good condition. Please drop off any donations to the Infant School office during office hours by Monday 1st December.

Christmas Disco



Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (10th – 14th November 2025) has been: 96.56%

Congratulations to Otter class for achieving: 99.05%

ATTENDANCE
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Sign	Notes	Consequences
100%	A Star	20 Weeks	20 Consequences
95%	100 Stars	4 Weeks	40 Consequences
90%	200 Stars	8 Weeks	80 Consequences
85%	300 Stars	12 Weeks	120 Consequences
80%	400 Stars	16 Weeks	160 Consequences
75%	500 Stars	20 Weeks	200 Consequences
70%	600 Stars	24 Weeks	240 Consequences
65%	700 Stars	28 Weeks	280 Consequences

89% + Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for concern

100%-96%
Excellent

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 5th 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
Melbourne Parish Council

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.



Date	What's On
Saturday 29 th November	Choir singing at Parish Church Christmas Fair 12 noon
Tuesday 2 nd December	2pm – Open afternoon for prospective parents
3 rd – 5 th December 2025	Y6 Lea Green residential trip
Wednesday 10 th December	Y4 Christmas concert - afternoon 2pm and 5pm evening performances
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Disco
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 and Christmas around the world day
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch in school and Christmas Jumper day.
Thursday 22 nd January	Film Night 3.30 – 5pm
26 th January 2026	Mini Basketball
Friday 13 th February	INSET day
5 th and 6 th March 2026	Y5 residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoors
12 th March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
23 rd March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags
23 rd March 2026	Primary Swimming Gala
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day