



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our children have been learning about Article 28 of the UNCRC. This article describes the right of all children to an education. We will continue to talk about what this means to them and their responsibilities in class to protect their right to learning and the rights of their peers.

As we head towards Christmas, we will be saying a sad goodbye to one of our valued members of staff. Mrs. Worthington has decided to retire after a long career as a teacher and headteacher. Mrs. Worthington has made a huge contribution to the music at our school and will be very much missed. She will continue to run our school choir alongside myself – more details on that to follow. Continuing on a musical note, our choir will be singing at the Parish Church this Saturday. We hope to see lots of you there.

We look forward to seeing our Year 3 and 4 parents at the forthcoming concerts on 10th December at 2pm and 5pm. The tickets are now available to book via the link below. The tickets are free of charge but must be booked in advance and are limited to two per family:

<https://buytickets.at/melbournejuniorschool/1967851>

Best wishes,

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Melbourne Town training band

We had a fantastic start to our Thursday morning this week; the Melbourne Town Training Band, which included some of our past and present students, parents and staff members, came to play for us in a special assembly. The band are always looking for new recruits (I am told that no previous experience is necessary), so if either you or your child would like to join, you will find the details below.



Come and join us!

We have four bands in the
Melbourne Town Band umbrella
- there's a band for you, whatever your level

Friendly, non-contesting bands bringing
music to the community



Monday 7.30pm - 8.30pm **Drum corps** : instruments provided
venue varies - contact us

Thursday 5pm - 6pm **Training band** : brass, woodwind, percussion
6.15pm - 7.30pm **Concert band** : brass, woodwind, percussion
7.45pm - 9.30pm **Brass band** : brass, percussion

*above the Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Melbourne
instrument loan may be available*

Other ways to get involved

Book us to play at
your event

Come to our
performances

Become a **patron**

For more information about the band, our performances
and how you can get involved visit our website
melbournetownband.co.uk or scan the QR code.

Contact us at: hello@melbournetownband.co.uk



Artist of the term

Mrs. Green and the Arts Ambassadors are launching an Artist of the Term. The first artist everyone will learn about is Andy Warhol.



Hamster hat competition

The school menagerie has expanded this week with the donation of three guinea pigs. Tony Choclonely has only accepted these arrivals because the children are busy designing him Christmas hats (all entries to class teachers by Friday 5th December please)!

There will be a 4 small bars of Tony Choclonely chocolate for the winning design from each year group. We look forward to seeing all the entries next week and will use them to decorate the Den.

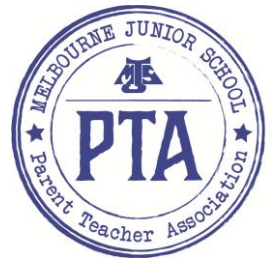


Christmas Disco



Easyfundraising

In the run up to Christmas, you can support the PTA by making your purchases through Easyfundraising. With most stores, a percentage of what you spend is given to your chosen cause, if you choose Melbourne Junior School PTA, the money can be used to purchase new resources like the outdoor gym and history timeline.



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melbournejspta>

After School Clubs

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Creative Activities

We're committed to delivering reliable and expert care that extends the school day with enriching and inclusive activities, which is valued and trusted by everyone involved.



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> **4 unique zones**

Active Kids Zone, Wellness Zone, Discovery Zone and Creative Zone! Something for everyone...

> **Ofsted registered***

Parents can use childcare vouchers and tax free childcare, and be safe in the knowledge our clubs are delivered against strict criteria

> **Variety of menus!**

Different snack choices, breakfasts, encouraging healthy lifestyles



Ofsted Registered*



Something for everyone!

> **After School Clubs**

3.30pm to 4.30pm - Session 1 - £5.95 (with snack)
4.30pm to 5.30pm - Session 2 - £3.95

> **How to book**

You can book online with card and childcare vouchers -

www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire/wraparound-care (Click here)

If you need any assistance, email bookings@progressive-sports-derbyshire.co.uk

Melbourne
Infant School P.T.A

Christmas Fayre

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
3.20-5PM

Santa's Grotto

EXTERNAL STALLS
FACE PAINTING GLITTER TATTOOS
TOMBOLAS REFRESHMENTS
GAMES AND SO SO MUCH MORE!



WITH A DEDICATED QUIET ZONE



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
BOOK YOUR GROTTA SLOT
£5 PER FAMILY
(INCLUDING GIFTS FOR
EACH CHILD)**



Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (24th – 28th November 2025) has been: 96.55%

Congratulations to Squirrel class for achieving: 98.28%



Diary dates

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	Y3 and 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