



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our Year 6 children head out on their residential visit to Lea Green. It is the first time we have had a winter residential and the staff at Lea Green had fully decorated the house and served an amazing Christmas dinner on Wednesday evening. The children have taken part in activities like rock scrambling, caving and high rope activities. A huge thank you to all parents who have supported this trip, and particularly to Mrs. Missin, Mrs. van Rooyen, Miss Pritchard, Mr. Radburn, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Parkinson and Mrs. Donnachie who have put their own family lives on hold to take the children away.



Next week, the Year 3 and 4 children are putting on their Christmas show. This has been written by the children and Mrs. Fowkes and includes singing, instrumentals, acting and dancing. Tickets are free, but the children have chosen some charities that you may wish to donate to on the night.

A little safety reminder next: please could you ask your children to dismount scooters and bicycles when they reach the school driveway and the playground. We had a serious near-miss on our driveway earlier this week.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

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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

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice

We are working on an important project in partnership with Derby and Derbyshire ICB to improve mental health support for neurodivergent children and young people.

We want to understand the experiences of parent carers of autistic, ADHD, both (dual diagnosis), or other neurodivergent children and young people who have had concerns about their mental health or needed support from mental health services.

Your help in sharing this survey with parents would be invaluable. Their feedback will help us identify what works well, where there are gaps, and what needs to change.

Neurodiversity and Mental Health Parent Carer Survey



We need your voice!



We're working with Derby and Derbyshire ICB on a project to improve mental health support for neurodivergent children and young people.

If you're a parent carer of an autistic, ADHD, both (dual diagnosis), or other neurodivergent child who has had concerns about mental health or needed support, please share your experiences.

Your feedback will help us understand what works, what doesn't, and what needs to change.

Every response matters and helps us push for real improvements in SEND services across Derbyshire.

For more information and to complete the survey please visit

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/consultations/>

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 GROTTTO SLOT
£5 PER FAMILY
(INCLUDING GIFTS FOR
EACH CHILD)**



Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (1st – 5th December 2025) has been: 96.42%

Congratulations to Squirrel class for achieving: 99.57%



Diary dates

| Date | What's On |
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| Wednesday 10 th December | Y3 and Y4 Christmas concert - afternoon 2pm and 5pm evening performances https://buytickets.at/melbournejuniorschool/1967851 |
| 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 |