



Dear parents and carers,

It seems incredible that Christmas is upon us already and yet I can see how tired the children are and how much they need a holiday!

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our celebration of Christmas at the Parish Church. I am sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully, played their hand bells with confidence, and Year 6 delivered a lovely collection of poetry readings.

We also had a fantastic morning at the Panto on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Mrs. Pegg and all the teachers planned a day of 'Christmas around the World', where the children learnt about Christmas traditions from lots of different countries.

Please remember that the first day of term is Monday 5th January – there is no inset day.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year. See you in 2026!

Best wishes,

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Photos from the Year 3 and 4 performance



We have achieved our Rights Respecting Schools Bronze award. As part of this award, the children have been learning about their rights and how to use these to benefit themselves and others. We will now be working towards our silver award.

Choir

Our new choir club will start on Tuesday 13th January at 8.30am in school. There are 7 places left available to join the choir. If your child is interested in joining, please would you email the school office: info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

Snacks

Please can we remind all families to send in a healthy snack with their child each day; ideally this should be fruit or vegetables. We would really appreciate it if the children are NOT sent to school with plastic snack pots as so many of these are unnamed and left in school. We are unable to recycle these items.

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (15th – 19th December 2025) has been: 96.15%

Congratulations to Bee class for achieving: 97.80%



Diary dates

Date	What's On
Monday 5 th January	First day back at school
Thursday 22 nd January	Film Night 3.30 – 5pm
Monday 26 th January	Mini Basketball
Friday 13 th February	INSET day
24 th February	Y6 parents meeting for SATS at 5pm in school
25 th February	Y3 trip to Melbourne Gallery
26 th February	Parents evening
3 rd March	Parents evening
5 th March	World Book day
5 th and 6 th March 2026	Y5 residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoors
w/c 9 th March	Science week
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
13 th April	First day of spring term
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day