



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been learning about Article 2 of the UNCRC in class and in assemblies. Article 2 promotes the rights of all children to live free from all forms of discrimination. We would really appreciate it if this dialogue is continued at home and that you as parents and carers can have open and honest discussions about our responsibilities to protect each other from discrimination.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers. We have a growing number of parents, grandparents and friends who are giving up time to come to school and read with the children. This is really appreciated. There are still volunteering opportunities, and we are looking for people who would like to support the development of our garden and who would like to get togged up and join Mr. Radburn in Forest School.

The developments in the Granny T Garden are progressing well, and you will have also noticed that there have been some changes to the area used for Forest School. Just while we wait for the ground to recover in these areas, please could we ask parents to encourage their children to stay on the pathways during pick up and drop off.

Best wishes,

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PTA events

Thank you for all the volunteers and teachers who supported the PTA film night last night, the children thoroughly enjoyed watching K-Pop Demon Hunters and there was a lot of singing in the hall! The event raised £300 which will be used towards the further development of the sensory garden.

The PTA are planning to hold another film night in March, more details to follow....

Following the success of last year's Easter raffle, the PTA are currently collecting prizes to organise a raffle which will be drawn just before the Easter holidays. If you own a business and would be happy to donate a raffle prize, please contact the school office.



Parent Governor elections

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor, and we have two parents who have put their names forward and therefore we need to have an election. All parents/ carers of children currently registered at the school are invited to vote from 9am on Monday 19th January for their preferred candidate.

Details of the candidates and their personal statements are included on the voting form. Each parent/ carer has one vote. If you would like to vote, and have not already done so, please follow the link below:

[Parent Governor Voting form](#)

The voting will close on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 12 noon. The votes will be counted at school after the close of the election and parents/ carers will be notified of the result as soon as possible afterwards.

Progressive Kids – wraparound club and INSET day/ holiday club



Our wraparound provider, Progressive Kids, is running a club for the INSET day on Friday 13th February and also throughout the February half-term holiday. If you would like to book your child/ren onto the club at school, please follow the link below:

www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire/wraparound-care



Why Local Parents Rate Us 5-Star Holiday Clubs...

Our Staff
Our Ofsted registered venues ensure safety, with rigorous safeguarding and child protection measures in place. All staff are DBS checked and first aid trained, and work in local primary schools.

Childcare Vouchers
Selected venues accept childcare vouchers, and Government Tax Free Childcare, alongside usual card payments, directly through our website!

Flexible hours
Take advantage of FREE drop off from 8.30am to 9.00am, or extended hours until 5.00pm - or you can even choose mornings only! Normal times are 9.00am to 3.30pm daily.

Themed Days!
Enjoy a variety of fun & games suitable for all ages, with over 30 activities available during our Themed Days - Memorable Monday, Traditional Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Thrilling Thursday, Fearless Friday. Don't miss the Colour Run or Water Fight!

Prices start from just £20.95 per day, with early bird and sibling discounts!



Friday 13th February - INSET DAY CLUB - open to children who attend Melbourne Infants and Juniors only
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

Book Online!
www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire
01332 869415



NEW GROUP!

Starting 25th February

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with SEND?

Come along to our drop-in café for peer to peer support:

Last Wednesday of every month

1pm-3pm

**Athenaeum, Potter Street, Melbourne
(above The Wesley Hall)**

**accessed by stairs only*

Contact us for more information:

Tel: 01332 863585

Email: melbourne-care@btconnect.com



Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (12th – 16th January 2026) has been: 95.87%

Congratulations to Squirrel class for achieving: 97.85%

The school is obliged to follow up any attendance which falls below 90%. The school will be contacting parents next week where their child's attendance has fallen below 90%

Diary dates

Date	What's On
Monday 26 th January	Mini Basketball
Tuesday 3 rd February	4.30pm Y5 parents meeting about residential
9 th – 13 th February	Children's Mental Health week
Wed 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
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
Friday 4 th September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 th September	Start of autumn term