



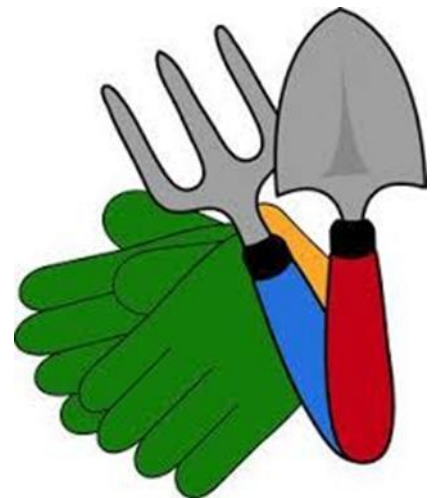
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Rachel Busfield as our new parent governor. Thank you to those parents who voted. The governing board plays a vital role in our school.

This week, 10 of our Year 6 children took part in an inter-school basketball competition. They won all their games by a significant margin and conducted themselves brilliantly both on and off the court. We are very proud of them.

We have two weeks of this half term left. Just a reminder, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February is an inset day but there is wrap around provision available at both the infant and junior school sites.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we will be hosting a gardening morning so that we can continue the work in our school garden. We will be on site between 10am and 12.30pm and warmly welcome anyone who would like to come and volunteer. We will be doing some cutting back, clearing and planting so that the garden can be enjoyed by the children in the summer term.



Best wishes,

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## PTA events

The PTA are planning to hold another film night on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

So far, we have been generously donated a spa day for 2, tickets for the British Touring cars at Donington Park, vouchers for the Spirit Vaults and the Brewhouse....and there's more to come.

There is a large jar in the school office which we are collecting small coins in. If you have any spare coins at home, please drop them off and the PTA treasurer will enjoy dropping them off at the coin counting machine at the bank when the jar is full!



## Year 4 Gladiators



Our Year 4 Gladiators received a thank you letter from the RSPCA this week. The children had chosen this charity as the recipient of donations raised in the Year 3 and 4 Christmas production, and had written a letter to the RSPCA to explain why they had been the chosen charity.

## Fox class

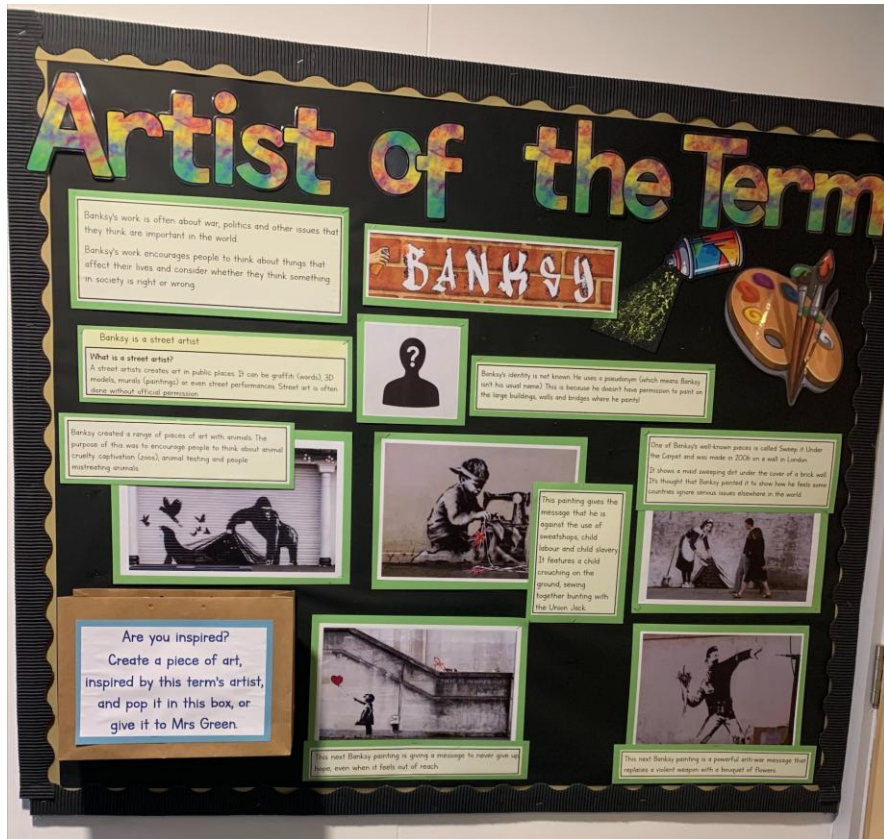
Fox Class has reached 250 Dojos! 🥳🥳 Well done!

Their chosen reward is a pyjama day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers may be worn (or alternative comfy clothing).  
Teddies are optional.

Serious bits: appropriate undergarments, shoes for outside and a warm coat.

## Artist of the term



Mrs. Green and the Arts Ambassadors have chosen the second Artist of the Term this week. The second artist everyone will learn about is Banksy.

If your child would like to produce a piece of artwork in the style of Banksy, they can give it to Mrs Green or pop it into the envelope on the display board.

## HAF vouchers

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will have received a grocery voucher by email this week. If you have not received the expected voucher, please contact the school office.

## Progressive Kids – wraparound club and INSET day/ holiday club



**FEBRUARY  
HOLIDAY  
CLUBS**  
at Melbourne Junior School

**PS**  
Progressivesports  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS  
2015 - 2025

Our wraparound provider, Progressive Kids, is running a club for the INSET day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 39 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 13<sup>th</sup> February - INSET DAY CLUB - open to children who attend Melbourne Infants and Juniors only**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Book Online!

[www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire](http://www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire)

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SEND support group



**NEW GROUP!**

**Starting 25<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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**Email: [melbourne-care@btconnect.com](mailto:melbourne-care@btconnect.com)**



## Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026) has been: 95.84%

Congratulations to Squirrel class for achieving: 100%

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
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4.30pm Y5 parents meeting about residential
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health week
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 parents meeting for SATS at 5pm in school
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 trip to Melbourne Gallery
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents evening
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y5 residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoors
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Primary Swimming Gala
13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of spring term
16 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA film night
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of autumn term