



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children have been learning about Article 12 of the UNCRC, the right for their voices to be heard in decisions that impact on their lives. We have also been reminding them about the importance of kindness and respect towards one another, and how to use their manners to show respect and the value of their peers and the adults who support them.

Please can I remind parents about how best to contact school. All class teachers have access to Class Dojo, and where possible, will respond to messages within 48 hours. However, teachers are not able to respond to Dojo messages while teaching. For urgent messages, for example relating to a change in pick up arrangements, please contact the school office on 01332 862344. If you need an appointment with myself, you can reach me by email or Mrs. Ryley can make appointments over the phone. Please note that I am not able to respond to messages on Class Dojo.

Next week is the last week of the half term. Please remember that Friday is an INSET day.

Best wishes,

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PTA events

The PTA are planning to hold another film night on 16th April, tickets are available to purchase on Parentpay.



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.

February half-term holiday club at MJS

Due to low numbers, the half-term holiday club will be running on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th February 2026 only.

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**FEBRUARY
HOLIDAY
CLUBS**

at Melbourne Junior School

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Car parking on Packhorse Road

The very wet weather has meant an increase in the volume of cars around the school site at pick up and drop off times. We have received a complaint from a local resident regarding cars parking irresponsibly on Packhorse Road and other roads around school. If driving to and from school, please park safely, considerately and carefully. If grandparents, other relatives or a childminder pick your child up from school via car, please pass on this message to them.

Consultation on school uniform changes

As a school, we are considering some changes to the school uniform to ensure that it is practical, comfortable, smart and affordable. As part of this process, we would like to seek the views of parents regarding this. Please would you follow the link below to provide some feedback:

[Consultation on school uniform changes](#)

Derbyshire Parent-Carer voice

There are several workshops coming up in February which may be of interest to parents, please see the screenshot below. If you would like to book onto one or more of the workshops, please follow the hyperlink below:

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/#useful-links>

Upcoming Workshops, Surveys And Resources

Workshop - Children at Risk of Exploitation - Awareness & Prevention Session. Thursday 12th Feb 1-2pm. Click here to book

Workshop - Emotionally-Based School Avoidance. Thursday 26th Feb 10am - 11am. Click here to book

Workshop - Emotional Regulation. Tuesday 10th Feb 2026 10am - 11am. Click here to book

Workshop - Sleep and Neurodiversity. Tuesday 24th Feb 10am. Click here for booking information

Workshop - Wellbeing session - Sleep and Rest. Wednesday 25th Feb 12:30. Click here to book

Survey - We'd Love Your Thoughts - Puberty Packs for SEND

SEND support group



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 (2nd – 6th February 2026) has been: 94.2%

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
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
21 st March 2026	Gardening morning at school 10am – 12noon
23 rd March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags
23 rd March 2026	Primary Swimming Gala
13 th April	First day of spring term
16 th April	PTA film night
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day
Friday 4 th September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 th September	Start of autumn term