



Dear Parents and Carers,

As our Big Read events draw to a close, can I thank you again for your support. Our own, personal World Book day was a huge success, and it was lovely to see the range of costumes, props and books that the children brought with them to help us celebrate. We hope you enjoyed seeing the pictures on Class Dojo.

Year 5 headed off to their residential. This is a first for us and the children combined continuing their learning about the Industrial Revolution with some outdoors and adventurous activities at Thornbridge Outdoors Centre near Bakewell.

Next week, Year 4 are also taking part in a visit to as part of their History studies. They are visiting Perlethorpe Education Centre in Nottinghamshire to learn more about Saxon life and threat of the Viking invasions.

Thanks again to all our staff who make these events possible too.

Best wishes,

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PTA Easter raffle

We are very excited about the Easter raffle which will be drawn on 25th March. Please would you return the stubs and money if you would like to enter the raffle and if you do not wish to enter the raffle please can we request the return of the books to the school office.

There are additional books available if any family or friends would like to take part too.

HOP ON OVER FOR OUR

PTA Easter Raffle

Thanks to all our local donors, there are some amazing prizes to be won;

SPA DAY FOR 2 AT BREEDON PRIORY 2 X TICKETS TO BRITISH TOURING CARS, £30 BREWHOUSE, £25 SPIRIT VAULTS, DONATION FROM MELBOURNE FLORIST, £20 FOR EIGHTY SEVEN, £20 BUILDERS' BREW CAFE, DONATIONS FROM THE BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE COMPANY, CLIVES CANDLES, SWAD SKI CENTRE, MEGAZONE FOR 2 LOTS OF 5 PERSON GAME OF LAZER TAG, PAINTBALLING AT WILD PARK DERBYSHIRE, 2 X TICKETS TO DERBYSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET MATCH, ALPACA PETTING AT CHARNWOOD ALPACA FARM PLUS TEN EASTER EGGS!!! (KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPDATES TO THIS LIST)

Tickets to be drawn on Wednesday 25th March

Tickets £1 each, all books including those unsold to be returned by 24/03/26

Derbyshire Parent/ Carer Voice



New Parent Carer Drop-In Sessions!

Friendly support, advice & a cuppa — coming to three Derbyshire locations.

Dates & Locations

- Tideswell – Fri 20 Mar, 10am–2pm
- Hasland – Thu 26 Mar, 10am–2pm
- Melbourne – Fri 24 Apr, 10am–2pm



What's on offer:

- 1-to-1 conversations with a Derbyshire Educational Psychologist (bookable)
- Support from DIASS
- Neuro Hub colleagues
- Warm chat with Forum trustees & parent carers

For more information and to book please visit

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

Melbourne Infant School – PTA Mother's Day shop

Melbourne Infant School's PTA will be hosting a Mother's Day Shop on Friday 13th March. Junior School parents/carers are very welcome to also place an order to treat a special person! You can choose between a Potted Plant (£3) or a Self-Care Gift Set (£5) and you are very welcome to buy more than one gift for Nan, Grandma or another special person.

To order, please email your order to Melbourne Infant PTA: melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

Payments can be made by bank transfer in advance, or by cash/Sum up card payment on collection. Any ordered gifts can be collected from the Infant School office from 8.45am until 3.30pm on Friday 13th March. As stock is limited, gifts will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out!

Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies available in the school kitchen, the job description and person specifications are available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/catering-childrens-services-catering-assistant-melbourne-junior-school/49805.job>

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/catering-childrens-services-catering-assistant-melbourne-junior-school/49712.job>

Progressive Kids – Easter holiday club

The Ultimate HOLIDAY CLUB

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Easter 2026
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

Progressive Kids, who run our wraparound club, are running an Easter holiday club the first week of the Easter holidays – Monday 30th March through to Thursday 2nd April 2026. If you would like to book your child onto the holiday club, please follow the link: www.progressive-sports-derbyshire.co.uk/melbourne

There are a limited number of funded places for children who are eligible for Free School Meals, the families have been sent the booking code this week with details of how to book onto the holiday club.



➔ **AT MELBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

For children in school years Reception to Year 6 we have something for everyone.
ACTIVE ZONE - CREATIVE ZONE - CALM ZONE - DISCOVERY ZONE

Parking near the school

We have received a further complaint from a local resident this week in relation to dangerous and inconsiderate parking around the school site – particularly on Packhorse Road, Oaklands Avenue, Blakemore Avenue and on other nearby roads surrounding school.

If driving to or from school, we ask once again for your help in keeping everyone around our school site safe by parking safely and considerately, and driving responsibly.

If grandparents, other relatives or a childminder pick your child up from school via car, please ensure you pass on this message to them.

Scholastic Book Fair: 18th – 24th March 2026



The Scholastic book fair will take place from 18th to 24th March before and after school in the Hub. The book fair is cashless and payment can be made via a QR code, a bank card is needed to complete the payment transaction.

The children's World Book Day tokens can be used against the cost of a book. Please note we will not have any of the £1 World Book Day titles.

If you can offer any help with supporting a session of the book fair, please contact the office or Mrs Missin.

Singing Lessons

If you are interested in your child receiving a block of singing lessons, we will have a singing teacher in school after Easter for a block of 6 weeks. Lessons will cost £21 for a half hour. Please contact Mrs. Ryley if you are interested.

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (2nd – 6th March 2026) has been: 96.09%

Well done to Pinemartin class which had 99.6% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	What's On
w/c 9 th March	Science week
12 th March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
13 th March 2026	Y6 Heights and Weights check
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
6 th May	5pm RSHE working party
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day
3 rd June	4pm RSHE Parent drop-in
Friday 4 th September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 th September	Start of autumn term
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre