



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 enjoyed their trip out to Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre. Despite the windy conditions, the children enjoyed handling tools and artifacts, grinding their own flour and meeting a 'real-life' Viking (Magnus).



On Saturday 21st March, we are holding a gardening morning to spruce up the garden dedicated to Jenny Tovell. We welcome volunteers of all shapes and sizes, so if you are able, please join us between 10am and midday - cake will be provided!

We are now only two weeks away from the Easter Holidays. While we understand the cost pressures for families related to going away in the school holidays, we are unable to authorise holidays in term time. Schools also have to issue fines if children are out of school for a holiday for 5 days or more. However, I am always grateful for honesty around this issue.

Best wishes,

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PTA Easter raffle

We are very excited about the Easter raffle which will be drawn on 25th March 2026. 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

Use of Class Dojo

Please can we ask parents to take care in their use of ClassDojo. Messages should be polite and reasonable, and not excessive. Please understand that teachers will not be able to answer messages while teaching and are not expected to respond to messages outside normal working hours. Urgent questions or instructions can be directed to the school office using info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk.

PSHE Parental questionnaire

Please find below the link to the parental questionnaire from the government about growing up in the online world:

[Growing up in the online world: a national consultation - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world)

Premier Education after-school clubs summer term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Tuesday	Football	Y3-Y6	15:30 - 16:30	£70
Wednesday	Multi Sports	Y3-Y6	15:30 - 16:30	£70

Clubs start week commencing 13th April and will run until week commencing 20th July. There will be no sessions over the May half term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

STAY ACTIVE!

“Premier Education is the UK’s No. 1 provider of sport and physical activity to primary schools, improving children’s health and wellbeing through active learning every day!”

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running the above listed clubs at your school this term for boys and girls of all abilities. Full details are available on our website.

To book, please follow these simple steps:

1. visit www.premier-education.com
2. search your postcode in 'book a course'
3. select your school and click BOOK NOW
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Progressive Kids – Easter holiday club

The Ultimate HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted
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Easter 2026
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April



➔ **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

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.

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.

PEER SUPPORT

For parents and carers
of children with SEND

Wednesday 29th April

1pm-3pm

Drop-in anytime

The Athenaeum Hub, Potter Street
Melbourne, DE73 8DW



Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (9th – 13th March 2026) has been: 95.64%

Well done to Nightingale class which had 97.32% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	What's On
18 th March 2026	Y3 visit to the Parish Church
19 th March 2026	Comic Relief - bring small change
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
24 th March 2026	Y5 visit to the Parish Church
13 th April 2026	First day of spring term
16 th April 2026	PTA film night
6 th May 2026	5pm RSHE working party
20 th May 2026	Year 3 show around school
21 st May 2026	Year 5 production
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day
3 rd June 2026	4pm RSHE Parent drop-in
16 th June 2026	Y4 trip to Derby Museum and Derby Cathedral
30 th June 2026	Year 3 new parents meeting
8 th and 9 th July 2026	Transition days
14 th July – morning	Sports Day
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