



Dear Parent and Carers,

We are entering the last few days of our PTA Easter raffle. The winning tickets will be drawn in assembly on Wednesday 25th March. We have had some fantastic prizes donated including a spa day, tickets to the Donington Racetrack and many more including Easter eggs. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school through donating prizes and buying raffle tickets.



We are in the process of deciding how best to spend the proceeds from the PTA fundraising for this academic year. As you are aware, we used last year's fundraising to purchase the outdoor gym equipment. This year, we are considering another large item to add to the playground. In accordance with Article 12 of the UN Charter on the Rights of the Child, we will ask the children to help us decide how the money is spent.

In addition to the newsletter this week, I have sent out a letter to parents communicating some changes to the school structure for next academic year. There will be a meeting to discuss this on 30th April at 5pm.

One final reminder regarding uniform. A number of girls in year 5 and 6 are coming to school wearing black shorts or leggings on non-PE days. Please can I remind you that all uniform 'bottoms' must be grey and must be appropriate for school.

Best wishes,

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Healthy snacks

Please can we ask that children are sent to school with healthy snacks for breaktimes. Please can we also ask that the snacks are not sent into school in plastic tubs.

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.

“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.

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Progressive Kids – Easter holiday club

The Ultimate HOLIDAY CLUB

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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.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair: 23rd – 24th March 2026



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn
FREE BOOKS
for our school!

GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2026

The Scholastic book fair will continue next week on 23rd and 24th March before and after school in the library. The book fair is cashless and payment can be made via a QR code, a bank card is needed to complete the payment transaction.

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 (16th – 20th March 2026) has been: 95.9%

Well done to Squirrel class which had 100% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	What's On
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
30 th April 2026	5pm Parent meeting about school structure 2026/7
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