



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you enjoyed a restful two weeks and a break from routine.

Many thanks to Melbourne Rugby Club who have joined us to offer some coaching sessions this week and next to Years 5 and 6.

Thank you also to parents and staff who supported film night on Thursday; this raised funds for our PTA which will be used to benefit all our children.

This term, Year 5 will be taking part in Forest School. Please keep an eye on class dojo for instructions.

Further down this newsletter, you will find information on changes to our school uniform and school logo.

Kind regards,

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## Changes to the Melbourne Junior School uniform

Following consultation with the school community and governing body, we are announcing some changes to our school uniform. These changes will take effect from September 2026 with the expectation that all pupils will wear the new school uniform by September 2027. The aim is to refresh our uniform, adopt a new logo and make our uniform as accessible and affordable as possible.

Our new logo has been designed by Mrs. Green with the support of Ulrika Harrison, whose children Edward and Dexter, attended MJS.

Our uniform will consist of a navy blue jumper or cardigan, and parents can choose this item to show the new logo, or not.

Children will continue to wear a white polo shirt, and grey bottoms (trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores) with the option to wear a navy blue checked summer dress in warmer weather.

PE kit will remain unchanged.

The new school uniform with the new logo will be available from after the May half-term 2026 from Pupil Schoolwear in Swadlincote.



## Wonderdome

We are looking forward to having Wonderdome in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The dome will be put up in the school hall and on that day the children will be eating lunch in their classrooms.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 towards to cost of the day, we look forward to sharing the news of what we learn that day!



## Teaching Assistant vacancy

There is a temporary vacancy for a Teaching Assistant for 15 hours a week from 12.30 – 15.30 each day. The vacancy is for the remainder of the academic year. The successful candidate will have experience of working with children. If you are interested in the position, please would you send your CV and a cover letter to the school office: [info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## Fox class

Fox class have worked extremely and have earned 350 dojos. They have chosen to have 'Own Clothes Mondays' every week this half term as their reward. This will start next week, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice – Workshops for parents



Supporting Children and Young People with ADHD

The webinar is aimed at parents and carers of children or young people with ADHD. It is hosted by Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV) and facilitated by Max Devereux, Educational Psychologist from Derbyshire County Council. The session focuses on understanding ADHD and providing neuro-affirming strategies to support children's wellbeing and development.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
1:30pm – 2:30pm  
online

Key Topics Covered

- What is ADHD?
- Exploring myths and how ADHD is portrayed in mainstream media.
- Understanding ADHD Traits:
- Executive functioning, self-regulation, dopamine seeking, demand anxiety, rejection sensitivity, and more.
- Strategies for Success:
- Practical approaches to support your child's emotions, behaviour, and learning.
- Neurodivergent Families:
- Encouraging self-awareness and fostering self-care for both children and parents/carers.



For more information and to book your place visit <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>



Free Webinar – Supporting an Anxious Child

A practical anxiety webinar for parents and carers  
Does your child get stuck in worry or repeat the same fears over and over?

Do they struggle to switch off their thoughts at bedtime, at school, or in new situations?

You're not alone — and there are ways you can help.



Date & Time

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
12:00 noon – 2:00pm  
Online – Via Teams



What will the session cover?

- What overthinking looks like in children (and why it happens)
  - How the brain's worry system works
  - Why reassurance can sometimes (accidentally) fuel anxiety
  - Language swaps that calm instead of feeding fear
  - Practical strategies to help children process anxious thoughts
  - How to support children to feel braver, not just calmer
- All advice is rooted in emotional literacy and child development and delivered without judgement.

For more information and to book your place please visit <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>

When Your Child Is Hurting: A Parent's Guide to Self-Harm



Free Online Session for Parent Carers  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April | 10am–12 noon

A gentle, supportive webinar to help you understand self-harm, feel more confident in how to support your child, and know where to turn for help.

Delivered by:

Nikki Webster – Mental Health Nurse & Therapist

We will cover:

- Why some children and young people self-harm
- How to support your child with compassion and consistency
- Practical self-harm reduction approaches
- Creating a safety plan together
- Where to access further help and support

A safe, non-judgemental space for parents and carers.

For more details and to book your place please visit <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>



Workshop – Understanding Behaviour as Communication

A supportive online session to help you understand what your child's behaviour may be telling you.

What the Session Covers

- How children's behaviour communicates their needs, emotions and experiences
- What drives behaviour and emotional responses
- Practical co-regulation strategies
- Building confidence in responding to your child's needs

Who It's For

Parent carers, family members, and anyone supporting a child or young person with SEND or emerging needs.

Event Details

- Date: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Time: 1:30pm
- Venue: Online (via Microsoft Teams)
- Delivered by: Claire Morley, Inclusion Support Lead Officer, Derbyshire County Council



For more information and to book your place please visit <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>

## Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026) has been: 97.22%

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

## Diary dates

Date	What's On
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	5pm Parent meeting about school structure 2026/7
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	5pm RSHE working party
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Wonderdome planetarium in school for all years
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 5 production "Porridge" at 2pm and 5pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	10am Year 2 show round 4pm RSHE Parent drop-in
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y4 trip to Derby Museum and Derby Cathedral
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Y5 trip to Cadbury World
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 2 new parents meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Disco night
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Transition days
14 <sup>th</sup> July – morning	Sports Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 trip to Staunton Harold Sailing Club
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am Year Leavers Assembly Afternoon – Year 6 Leavers party
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of autumn term
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre