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Weekly Bulletin	
Week Ending:	**Friday 9th January**

I hope that all of our families had a good Christmas and a restful break. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term ahead.

Thank you for your patience this morning whilst we assessed the safety of the school site and made arrangements for school to open, owing due to the overnight snowfall. We are grateful for your support and understanding. A big thank you to school staff who travelled snowy roads and shovelled snow from the school paths and driveways, before welcoming children in to school! A particular thank you goes to our Caretaker, Mr. Heafield, who came in very early this morning, and worked tirelessly in order to clear snow and ice: making our site safe and accessible. I'm sure children who attended school today will tell you all about their snowy day in school! We anticipate a return to normal school arrangements on Monday.

Next week in school…

Wednesday 14th January - Big Bubble Theatre Workshops

During this term, Reception children will learn about Fairytales, and Key Stage 1 children will learn about the Titanic. To kick off these topics, we are excited to be holding fun and interactive workshops for our children, led by the Big Bubble Theatre Company, throughout the day on Wednesday. The workshops have been kindly funded by the PTA.

Friday 16th January – Star Student Assembly

A reminder that our first Star Student Assembly of this new term will take place on Friday 16th January at 9.05am: where we will be celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 13th December to Friday 16th January.

Year Specific Messages

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHILDREN	
Local Walks – Consent Form	Every January/February, we are required to gather annual consent for children to go on local walks. **Could we please ask parents/carers to take a few minutes to complete the online consent form which will allow teachers to take children on local walks.** Please click or tap here. This consent will be valid until your child is in Year 2 (current Year 1 children) or until your child leaves Melbourne Infant School (current Year 2 children).

Our school week in numbers:

Dojo points awarded for our STAR Standards:	Attendance:
861	**91.98%**

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Trip to Museum of Making	Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting the Museum of Making on Thursday 5th February. Please consent and pay (as applicable) by Friday 23rd January. We look forward to an exciting day!

YEAR 2 CHILDREN	
Junior School Applications	The deadline for applications for children to transfer from year 2 at infant schools to junior provision in September 2025 is 15th January 2026. You can apply for a junior school place for your child(ren) via the Derbyshire County Council website. More information can be found by clicking here.

Celebrating achievements from out of school activities

We know our children do lots of enriching activities out of school hours and we would like the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with them in school, alongside their school friends and teachers. If your child is given any certificates from out-of-school activities, please bring them into school (with your child's full name clearly marked) and hand them to your child's teacher. We will celebrate with your child in our assembly on Monday before returning the certificate.

After-school clubs

There are still places available on the majority of our after-school clubs which run daily from Monday-Thursday, with collection available at 4.30pm or 5pm. To find out more, click or tap here.

Authors of the Week

A big well done to the Authors of this week:

- Dragonfly: Violet
- Chameleon: Eleanor
- Hummingbird: Reuben
- Salamander: Arabella
- Seahorse: Charlie

Financial Assistance

With the increasing cost of living taking a toll on many families, I wanted to remind all parents/carers that support is available from school if you are struggling. Please come and have a confidential chat with me (Mrs. Gibbs) or the school office; or email us. An example of some of the things we can help with include groceries; food vouchers; uniform; support for school trips and/or PTA activities, and signposting to other agencies who might be able to help.

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Upcoming dates for your diary

The upcoming dates for forthcoming term can be found below. **Did you know that you can subscribe to our school calendar via our website; and this will automatically put the dates in your calendar?** Please go to https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/calendar and click "subscribe". When dates are added or amended in the term, we will highlight these dates / activities in purple. These are planned dates and activities; whilst we will aim to keep changes to a minimum, dates may be subject to change, and new activities may be added during the course of the term. Our term dates and INSET dates are all available on our website.

w/c 12th January

Date	Activity
Wednesday 14th January	Big Bubble Theatre Workshops (All year groups; children only)
Friday 16th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 13th December to Friday 16th January)

w/c 19th January

Date	Activity
Friday 23rd January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Talks (Year 2 children)

w/c 26th January

Date	Activity
Friday 30th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

FEBRUARY

w/c 2nd February

Date	Activity
Thursday 5th February	Year 1 and 2 - Museum of Making trip
Friday 6th February	National Number Day – non-uniform, please wear something with a number on! (a top or jacket with a number on it; or an item of spotty or patterned clothing)
	PTA Movie Night (more details to follow)
	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 9th February

Date	Activity
All Week	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 11th February	Parent/Carer Support Coffee Afternoon - 2.45pm (please book with the School Office)

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Thursday 12th February	PTA Flip-A-Thon (more details to follow)
Friday 13th February	INSET Day – School Closed to children. *Premier Holiday INSET Club will run in school – booking details will be made available closer to the time*

Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

w/c 23rd February

Date	Activity
Wednesday 25th February	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2)
Friday 28th February	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Friday 13th February – Friday 28th February)

MARCH

w/c 2nd March

Date	Activity
Tuesday 3rd March	Book Fair begins
Wednesday 4th March	Parents Evening (Date 2 of 2)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (more information to follow)
Friday 6th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 9th March

Date	Activity
All Week	Mother's Day / Significant Female Lunches – Year 1 children (more information to follow)
Monday 9th March	Last day of Book Fair
Friday 13th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 16th March

Date	Activity
During the week	Maths Missions – Years 1 / 2 (more information to follow)
Friday 20th March	Red-Nose Day – Non-Uniform
	Final Star Student Assembly of the term, 9.05am
	RockSteady concert – 2.30pm (for parents/carers of children who attend RockSteady)

w/c 23rd March

Date	Activity
Friday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.45pm

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

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HOME INFORMATION

January's Musician of the Month

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

About: Ludwig van Beethoven (17th December 1770 – 26 March 1827) was a German composer and pianist who remains one of the most admired composers in the history of Western music; his works rank among the most performed of the classical music repertoire and span the transition from the Classical period to the Romantic era in classical music. In his early period, he forged his craft whilst his middle period showed an individual development from the styles of Haydn and Mozart. During this time, he began to grow increasingly deaf. In his late period, he extended his innovations in musical form and expression.

Books to read...

If you like Beethoven, try...

- Franz Joseph Haydn
- Kaija Saariaho
- Claude Debussy