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Weekly Bulletin

Week Ending: Friday 16th October

We welcome Miss. Rietzler into school this week, who is covering Mrs. Fletcher for the forthcoming few weeks as Salamander Class Teacher.

I hope all of our children who attended our Halloween Discos enjoyed themselves! Thank you to parents/carers for supporting this fundraising activity. We raised £350, which will put towards school resources. A big thank you to the parents/carers who helped at both discos.

Each year at Harvest time, Melbourne Infant School supports Padley@YMCA Derbyshire. We would ask parents/carers who are able to do so to consider making a food donation to the Centre. Please bring donations into school until Wednesday 21st October: a list of requested donations is below. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

Our Harvest Wishlist:

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| ☐ Instant noodles/noodle pots | ☐ Tinned potatoes |
| ☐ Rice pots | ☐ Tinned tomatoes |
| ☐ Microwave rice | ☐ Brown sauce |
| ☐ Tuna snack pots | ☐ Tinned meat meals |
| ☐ Tinned tuna | ☐ Tinned soup |
| ☐ Cereal (up to 700g boxes) | ☐ Cooking sauces (jars) |
| ☐ Coffee | ☐ Snack pot porridge |
| ☐ UHT milk | ☐ Kitchen roll |
| ☐ Sugar | ☐ Toilet roll |
| ☐ Custard | ☐ Washing powder / gel |
| ☐ Tinned fruit | ☐ Eggs |
| ☐ Baked beans | ☐ Self-raising flour |
| ☐ Tinned vegetables
(carrots, peas, sweetcorn) | ☐ Golden syrup |

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

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| ☒ Fresh veg | ☒ Medical products |
| ☒ Bags of Dry Pasta | ☒ Tinned lentils and pulses |
| ☒ Bags of Dry Rice | ☒ Used toiletries |
| ☒ Household cleaning products | |

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our website**

Our school week in numbers:

Dojo points awarded for our STAR Standards: 1380	Attendance: 94.96%
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Next week in school...	
Harvest Festival Donations - by Wednesday 21st October If you are able to, please consider making a food donation to Padley@YMCA Derbyshire. Donations can be brought into school until Wednesday 21 st October. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.	
PTA Halloween Colouring Competition - by Wednesday 21st October If your child would like to enter the colouring competition, please bring in their entries to school by Wednesday 21 st October. Entries cost £1.	
Parents Evening (1 of 2) - Wednesday 21st October Parents Evenings will take place in classrooms: please enter via the main school entrance. Each parents' evening appointment lasts 10 minutes. To help the evening run on time for everyone, we kindly ask that you keep to your allocated appointment time. If more time is needed, teachers will be happy to arrange a follow-up conversation. Thank you for your patience if there are any delays, and for treating our staff with courtesy and respect throughout the evening.	

Coming soon...	
Christmas Artwork Children will be designing Christmas artwork which can be ordered onto Christmas cards, gift labels or wrapping paper. Your child's creations and an order form will make their way home to you, and must be returned to school by Friday 13 th November at the latest if you choose to make an order. Orders and payment must be made online: the order form contains further instructions.	



Stars and Authors of the Week

A big well done to this week's Star Students and Authors of the Week:

** Star of the Week**			** Author of the Week**	
Dragonfly	Edie		Dragonfly	William
Hummingbird	Edith		Hummingbird	Archie
Salamander	Freddie		Salamander	Percy
Chameleon	Jasper		Chameleon	Mason
Narwhal	Grace		Narwhal	Levison
POLO	Eleanor		*****	

Well done to Grace in Hummingbird class who was our Good Choice Award winner.

The next Star Student assembly will be after our half-term holiday; on Friday 6th November. We will celebrate all birthdays from 17th October - 6th November in this assembly. Don't forget that your child can also attend school in non-uniform on their birthday (or the school day before, or after, if their birthday falls at the weekend or over a school holiday!).



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Year Specific Messages

RECEPTION CHILDREN	
Transition – your views wanted!	It is very important to seek the views of our parents/carers and we would particularly appreciate your feedback about your child's transition into Reception. Any feedback shared is anonymous and will be used to help improve our transition for future years. The questionnaire will close on Monday 19 th October. Please click or tap here to complete the survey.
Grandparent Lunches – booking opens Friday 23rd October	This year's Grandparent lunches will be run for Reception children daily from Monday 16 th November to Monday 23 rd November. The booking link will be sent to Reception parent/carers on Friday 23 rd October and will remain open until after the half-term break. Read more below!
National Child Measurement Programme – Wednesday 4th November	The National Child Measurement Programme are planning to visit on Wednesday 4 th November. They have sent an email or letter to you in the post: please check your junk folders and post. If you have not received it, please contact lbd.ncmp@derbyshire.gov.uk to let them know that you have not received an email or letter. Include your child's name, school, and date of birth. Alternatively, you can call them on 0800 085 2299 (option 2)



Grandparent lunches (Reception): booking opens Friday 23rd October

Sharing lunch with a special family member in school is always a highlight for our children! To ensure every child has this opportunity during their time in the Infant School, we run a programme of family lunches throughout the year:

- Reception children: Grandparent Lunches (Autumn Term)
- Year 1 children: Mother/Significant Female Lunches (Spring Term)
- Year 2 children: Father/Significant Male Lunches (Summer Term)

This year's Grandparent Lunches for Reception children will take place daily from Monday 16th November to Monday 23rd November, from 11.55am to approximately 12.30pm. Each family may book up to two places. These can be used on the same day (subject to availability) or on different days.

Where a Reception child has an older sibling in Year 1 or Year 2, they will also be able to attend the lunch. Unfortunately, younger siblings cannot attend due to health and safety requirements.

While we would love to offer school meals to visiting grandparents, our kitchen is unfortunately unable to accommodate this. We therefore ask all guests to bring a packed lunch. Please ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products.

A booking link will be emailed to Reception parents and carers on Friday 23rd October. Bookings will close at the end of the day on Wednesday 11th November. After this date, we will be unable to make changes or accept additional bookings.



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South Derbyshire Neurodevelopmental Community Hubs

Join the South Derbyshire ND Community Hubs at Melbourne Infant School's Parents Evening!

An advisor from the ND Hubs will be attending the next parents evening at Melbourne Infants to provide FREE information about our service and how we support neurodivergent families living in South Derbyshire both pre and post diagnosis.

Join us this parents evening:

Wednesday 21st October 2026
3.30-6pm

@ Melbourne Infant School

For more information
about our service
and events please
visit our website!

Get in touch now

 01332 228744 (9am-5pm Monday-Friday)

 ch@citizensadvicemidmercia.org.uk

 www.autisminformationservice.org.uk





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Governing Board – Co-opted (Community) Governor vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Co-opted Governors to join our Governing Board.

Co-opted Governors are appointed directly by the Governing Board, and are governors from the local community who have the knowledge, experience and skills to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

"I enjoy being a school governor at Melbourne Infant School as it gives me the opportunity to contribute to the school and raise standards for all of the children who attend"

"I am passionate about supporting the future development of school"

"I get to be involved in aspects of school life & support children's learning and development"

Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. Specific training is available to fulfil the role of School Governor and playing a part in this important role may help both personal and professional development.

Successfully appointed governors attend a minimum of three governor meetings a year (which typically take place during the evening), plus committee meetings during the term; along with occasional training sessions and school visits which will typically take place during the school day. We widely welcome applications to join our governing board and recognise the importance of having a board which is reflective of our local community. We believe this is important, because recognising and valuing diversity helps us to improve our school and reflects the needs of everyone in our school community. We currently have skills gaps in our governing board for HR and Secondary/Further Education, and would very much welcome volunteers from members of the local community with these skills to join our friendly and supportive Governing board.

If you have a relative, friend or neighbour who is not a parent at the school, and who could spare around 20 hours per term to help make a valuable contribution towards improving our school, please do encourage them to get in touch with the school for more details:

MIEmail@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Our Parent Governor vacancies are currently fully occupied. As and when a Parent Governor vacancy becomes available, details will be published in our newsletter in the first instance.



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Upcoming dates for your diary

The upcoming dates for our Autumn 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 our website](http://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) 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](http://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk).

w/c 19th October

Date	Activity
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2) - all classes apart from Seahorse and Salamander class
Friday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival Assembly (children only) and donations for Padley Centre

Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

We will be holding an "Extreme Reading" contest over October half term: more details to follow!

Premier Education will be running a holiday club at Melbourne Infants during the October half-term holiday. Please click/tap the poster to book.

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUB...

Venue: Melbourne Infant School

Dates: 26th October - 29th October

Times: 08:30am - 15:30pm 08:30am - 12:00pm 12:00 - 15:30pm

Price: £18.83 - Full day £9.42 - Half Day

Ages: 4-11

Additional info:

PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

Each day brings something new - from archery and fencing to dodgeball, cricket, and loads more. With a mix of sports, team games, and seasonal crafts, there's never a dull moment.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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NOVEMBER

w/c 2nd November

Non-Fiction November starts!

Date	Activity
Monday 2 nd November	INSET Day - School closed to children
Wednesday 4 th November	National Child Measurement Programme - Reception children Parents Evening (Date 2 of 2) - all classes apart from Seahorse and Salamander class
Friday 6 th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am Celebrating all birthdays from 17 th October - 6 th November



Derby Parent Support Group
is now going to be held **monthly** this will be
the first **Friday** of the month.

Term Time only 9.30-11am

2nd October
6th November
4th December

**The Richard Shaw Centre 20 Royal Scot
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Craft and Rhyme with Attie Lime

At Melbourne Library on

Saturday 7th November 2026, 10.30am-11.30am

Booking Essential – Book your place by calling in to Melbourne Library,
email melbourne.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or phone: 01629 533363

Listen to Attie share poems from her popular children's poetry books - there will be
giggles, riddles, and plenty of joining in!

Followed by a craft activity

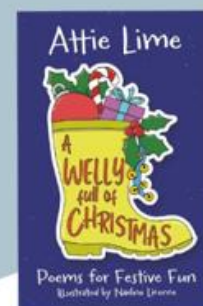
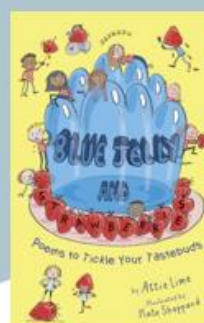
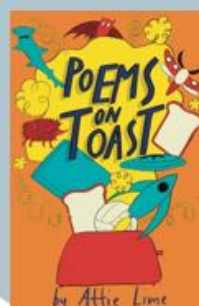
Ideal for age 5+ (older and younger siblings welcome)

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Blue Jelly and Strawberries - winner of the Special Recognition Award, Children's Literature
Festivals 2026

Poems on Toast September 2026



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Nursery Rhyme Week

Date	Activity
Tuesday 10 th November	HeroTown visit for Nursery & Reception children (children only)
Thursday 12 th November	Michael Rosen Day
Friday 13 th November	World Kindness Day
	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 16th November

Friendship Week

Date	Activity
All Week	Grandparent Lunches - Reception children
	Friendship Week
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 20 th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Children in Need Day (non-uniform day)

w/c 23rd November

UK Parliament Week

Date	Activity
Monday 23 rd November	Last day of Grandparent Lunches - Reception children
Tuesday 24 th November	Author Visit
Friday 27 th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

DROP IN SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

9AM -10AM



MELBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL

- ✓ TO OFFER A SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO SHARE CONCERNS AND ASK QUESTIONS
- ✓ TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL ADVICE ON A RANGE OF TOPICS
- ✓ TO SIGNPOST FAMILIES TO RELEVANT LOCAL SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPORT





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w/c 30th November

Date	Activity
Monday 30 th November	Christmas Decorating - Year 2 children/parents/carers (more information to follow) PTA Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 1 st December	"Add-Vent" - Year 2 children / parents / carers, 9am (more information to follow) Experience Advent - EYFS: PM (more information to follow)
Friday 4 th December	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am



DECEMBER

w/c 7th December

Date	Activity
Monday 7 th December	Last date for Monday Stay and Play After-School Club
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Crafts, 2pm (more information to follow)
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Star Student Assembly, 9.05am PTA Christmas Fayre (more information to follow)



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w/c 14th December

Date	Activity
Monday 14 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 - Carol Concert: 4pm (ticketed event)
Tuesday 15 th December	Reception Nativity Performance: 9.30am (ticketed event)
	Year 1 and Year 2 - Carol Concert: 2.30pm (ticketed event)
Wednesday 16 th December	Cathy Lester Music Concert (for parents/carers of children who taken part in music lessons in school)
	Christmas Dinner
	Year 2 children singing at Wednesday Club during the morning
Thursday 17 th December	Visit to Parish Church (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) - 1.30pm
Friday 18 th December	Non-uniform day
	Talent Show (children only)
	Christmas Magic Show (children only)