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Weekly Bulletin	
Week Ending:	**Friday 27th November**

This week in school has flown by; and our Christmas Activities begin in earnest next week! Please don't forget that Monday is a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations: see more on this, and everything else happening next week, below.

Next week in school…

Non-uniform for Chocolate Donations – Monday 30th November
Monday 30th is a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations for the PTA Christmas Fair. Please ensure children have sensible shoes and a coat.



PTA Movie Night – Monday 30th November
If your child is attending movie night, please collect from classrooms at 4.30pm.

Year 2 – Christmas Decorating – 2pm, Monday 30th November
If you have received confirmation of your place for Christmas Decorating, please sign in at the school office at 2pm on Monday.



Year 2 – "Add-Vent" – 9am, Tuesday 1st December
Parents/carers are invited for a special "Add-Vent" maths challenge with the children! The session will last approximately one hour and younger siblings are very welcome to also attend. Sign up here or simply sign in at the school office.



Reception – "Experience Advent" – Tuesday 1st December
Representatives from Melbourne Parish Church will be visiting our Reception children to talk about Advent.



Author Visit to School – Wednesday 3rd December (rescheduled)
Author Andy Seed will be visiting, and will have signed books available to purchase for £10. These can be purchased after school from Andy, or in advance by completing the form on Dojo and returning it with cash in a named envelope.



Last opportunity to purchase Christmas Performance Tickets (Reception, Year 1 and 2) – 9am, Friday 4th December
Please book on ParentPay.



Salamander Parents Meetings – Friday 4th December
Please sign in at the main school entrance for your booked appointment for Salamander's Parents Evening meetings.



STAR Student Assembly - Friday 4th December, 9.05am
Our next Star Student assembly will be on Friday 4th December, celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 28th November to Friday 4th December.



RockSteady Concert - Friday 4th December, 2.30pm
Parents/carers/family members of children who take RockSteady lessons in school are welcome to attend: please sign in at the main school entrance.



Our school week in numbers:

Dojo points awarded for our STAR Standards:	Attendance:
1,348	**90.44%**

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Coming soon…	
Last opportunity to purchase tokens for the PTA Christmas Fair – Wednesday 9th December Please pay on ParentPay. Cash & card payments will also be available at the fair!	
Christmas Crafts – Thursday 10th December Parents/carers/family members are very welcome into school for fun Christmas Crafts with the children! Crafts will start at 2pm (2.30pm for Nursery).	
PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 11th December The PTA are busy making arrangements for their very popular Christmas Fair: please read on to find out more!	

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	Theodore		*Dragonfly*	George D
Hummingbird	Imogen		*Hummingbird*	Harrison
Salamander	To be announced next week		*Salamander*	Blake
Chameleon	Arthur		*Chameleon*	Eilidh
Narwhal	Otis		*Narwhal*	Arthur F
POLO	Max B		★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★	

Well done to Lev in Narwhal class who was our Good Choice Award winner.

Reception Class Ambassadors

A big well done to Layla and Oscar who were appointed by their classmates as the Reception Class Ambassadors.

Winter Viruses

Unfortunately it is that time of year again where the winter viruses have arrived in Melbourne. In school, we follow infection prevention and control measures as standard. Should children show signs of being unwell during the school day, we will contact parents/carers to arrange for them to be collected. The main symptoms of the illnesses being reported in school are high temperatures, coughs and sickness/diarrhoea.

We would ask for your support by keeping your child off school if they are unwell; and/or if they are dependent on medicine such as Calpol to get through the day and/or reduce their temperature. We are mindful of the need to balance school attendance with protecting all of our school community from illness. Useful information from the NHS can be found here: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

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Santa's Grotto at the PTA Christmas Fair



The PTA have organised a Santa's Grotto for children visiting the Christmas Fair. Every child visiting will be able to say hello to Santa, have a photograph taken and will be given a small gift (gifts will be aimed towards Infant school age children). The cost of the grotto will be £5 for the first child, and £2.50 for any subsequent children, which is payable at the fair by cash or card. To book click or tap here: https://buytickets.at/melbourneinfantschool/2524810

PTA Christmas Raffle

Every child in the school will shortly be given books of raffle tickets for the PTA Christmas Raffle to take home. Tickets are priced at £1 each. We have been grateful for the support of a number of local businesses who have generously donated prizes.

Payment by bank transfer is preferred: payment details are on the raffle tickets. Completed ticket stubs should be returned to the school office by 4:00pm on Friday 11th December (date of the Christmas Fayre): please also return any unsold tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December and prizes will be available to collect at the Christmas Performances.

PTA Christmas Fair – Help / Donations Wanted!

The PTA would welcome any parent/carers who may be free to help on either:

- Thursday 10th December from 2.30pm; to put up a marquee in the school car park;
- Friday 11th December; to help at the fair itself. Whether you can help to set up the fair during the afternoon, or help at the fair from 3.20pm onwards, any help is welcome!

If you can help, please email the PTA: melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

Teddy Donations / Wine Donations wanted!
Two of the most popular stalls at the Christmas Fair are the Teddy Tombola, and the Wine or Water stalls! The PTA would be grateful for any donations of clean, good condition soft toys/teddies, or wine, to help fill the stalls! Please drop off any donations to the school office.

Pre-paid tokens – available on ParentPay
Pre-paid tokens to spend at the fair are also now available to purchase on ParentPay until Wednesday 9th December. Cash and card payments will also be available at the fair; change will be limited for cash payments.

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Breakfast and after-school clubs: from January-March 2027

We are pleased to be able to confirm the breakfast and after-school club arrangements for the Spring term (from January-March 2027).

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue to be run by Premier Education based here at the Infant School, from 7.30am every school day. Bookings can be made online.

Breakfast Club is also now available to book for Nursery children; please email Premier Education directly to enquire/book: hdean@premier-education.com

After-school clubs

Our popular Stay and Play school-run after-school club will run from Monday – Thursday from January. Collection options for the club are 4.30pm or 5pm daily.

Parents/carers whose children currently attend Stay and Play club have been emailed details of how to re-enrol.

We are delighted to also open up Stay and Play to our Nursery children; with collections available at 4pm, 4.30pm or 5pm. Please book by using the online form link below.

In addition to Stay and Play, we will also continue to offer other sports-based clubs.

	After-School Club	Year groups open to	Finish Time	Run by	How to enrol
Mondays	Stay and Play	All year groups	4pm (nursery only), 4.30pm OR 5pm	School	Complete our online form
Tuesdays	Stay and Play	All year groups	4pm (nursery only), 4.30pm OR 5pm	School	Complete our online form
	Karate	Year 1 and 2	4.30pm	Maximum Response Karate	Click here for enrolment form
Wednesdays	Stay & Play	All year groups	4pm (nursery only), 4.30pm OR 5pm	School	Complete our online form
Thursdays	Stay and Play	All year groups	4pm (nursery only), 4.30pm OR 5pm	School	Complete our online form
	Gymnastics	Reception, Year 1 and 2	4.30pm	Premier Education	Click here to book online

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All our Christmas activities and dates – by year group – can be found in this bulletin. Further reminders will follow in each weekly bulletin and on Class Dojo.

We recognise that the Christmas period can be particularly expensive and support is available for any families who need it. Please simply message the school office on Dojo, or pop in, and we will ensure – in confidence - that your child is included in all PTA and school Christmas activities without any need for payment or donations.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: NURSERY

w/c 30th November

• Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

w/c 7th December

• Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2.30pm) ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

- *Seahorse Nursery children who do not attend Seahorse nursery class on a Thursday are welcome to join us for Christmas Crafts, accompanied by their parent/carer.*
- *The Christmas Craft session for other Infant School children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) starts at 2pm.*

• Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm) ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

• Seahorse Christmas Songs (Wednesday 16th Dec at 2.30pm)

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

- *Seahorse Nursery children who do not attend Seahorse nursery class on a Wednesday afternoon are welcome to join us for Christmas Songs, accompanied by their parent/carer.*

• Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

• Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm)

👥 Family helpers to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

• Talent Show (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

• Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

🎟 Booking Required ★ Whole School Event

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: RECEPTION

w/c 30th November

- **PTA Christmas Movie Night (Monday 30th November until 4.30pm)** ★

👥 Children only 🎟 Pre-booked only

- **Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November)** ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

- **"Experience Advent"**

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

w/c 7th December

- **Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2pm)** ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

- **Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec)** ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

- **PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm)** ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

- **Nativity Performance (Tuesday 15th Dec at 9.30am)**

👥 Parents/carers 🎟 Book on ParentPay: ticket sales open from Fri 20th Nov until 9am on Fri 4th Dec

There will be two tickets available per child; tickets cost £4 each (subsidised for families eligible for Pupil Premium). Younger siblings aged 4 and under are welcome to at no charge sitting on an adult's knee. We may be able to offer additional tickets to other family members nearer the time of the performance.

- **Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec)** ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

- **Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm)**

👥 Family helpers to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

- **Talent Show (Friday 18th December)** ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

- **Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December)** ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

🎟 Booking Required ★ Whole School Event

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: YEAR 1

w/c 30th November

• PTA Christmas Movie Night (Monday 30th November, until 4.30pm) ★

👥 Children only 🎟 Pre-booked only

• Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

w/c 7th December

• Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2pm) ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

• Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec) ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

• PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm) ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

• Carol Concerts (Monday 14th Dec at 4pm AND Tues 15th Dec at 2.30pm)

👥 Parents/carers 🎟 Book on ParentPay: ticket sales open from Fri 20th Nov until 9am on Fri 4th Dec

*There will be two tickets available per **child** – not per performance - tickets cost £4 each (subsidised for families eligible for Pupil Premium). Younger siblings aged 4 and under are welcome to attend either performance at no charge sitting on an adult's knee. For the 4pm performance, a small number of seats for school-aged siblings can be booked on ParentPay from 20th November. We may be able to offer additional tickets to other family members nearer the time of the performance; look out for updates. Scallywags are unable to collect children after the 4pm performance.*

• Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

• Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm) ★

👥 Family helpers of children to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

• Talent Show (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children 🎟 Sign up online

• Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December) ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

🎟 Booking Required ★ Whole School Event

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES: YEAR 2

w/c 30th November

- **Christmas Decorating (Monday 30th November, 2pm)**

👥 Parents/carers/siblings of Year 2 children who have received the confirmation email

- **PTA Christmas Movie Night (Monday 30th November until 4.30pm)** ★

👥 Children only 🎟 Pre-booked only

- **Non-uniform for chocolate donations (Monday 30th November)** ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

- **Add-Vent (Tuesday 1st Dec, 9am)**

👥 Parents/carers/siblings of Year 2 children 🎟 Register online

🎟 Booking Required
★ Whole School Event

w/c 7th December

- **Christmas Crafts (Thursday 10th Dec, 2pm)** ★

👥 Parents/carers/siblings ☆ No booking required

- **Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11th Dec)** ★

👥 Children only ☆ No booking required

- **PTA Christmas Fair (Friday 11th Dec, from 3.20pm)** ★

👥 Everyone welcome ☆ No booking required

The PTA welcome volunteers to help at the Fair; any length of time welcome! Please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com

w/c 14th December

- **Carol Concerts (Monday 14th Dec at 4pm AND Tues 15th Dec at 2.30pm)**

👥 Parents/carers 🎟 Book on ParentPay: ticket sales open from Fri 20th Nov until 9am on Fri 4th Dec

*There will be two tickets available per **child** – not per performance - tickets cost £4 each (subsidised for families eligible for Pupil Premium). Younger siblings aged 4 and under are welcome to attend either performance at no charge sitting on an adult's knee. For the 4pm performance, a small number of seats for school-aged siblings can be booked on ParentPay from 20th November. We may be able to offer additional tickets to other family members nearer the time of the performance; look out for updates. Scallywags are unable to collect children after the 4pm performance.*

- **Wednesday Club Singers (Wednesday 16th Dec, AM)**

👥 Family helpers to walk Year 2 children to/from club 🎟 Register online

- **Christmas Dinner (Wednesday 16th Dec)** ★

👥 All children ☆ No booking required

- **Parish Church visit (Thursday 17th Dec, 1.30pm)**

👥 Family helpers to walk children to/from church 🎟 Register online

- **Talent Show (Friday 18th December)** ★

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- **Non-uniform day (Friday 18th December)** ★

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Upcoming dates for your diary

The upcoming dates for our Autumn term, and our Spring term dates, 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 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.

NOVEMBER

w/c 30th November

Date	Activity
Monday 30th November	Christmas Decorating – Year 2 children/parents/carers
	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations
	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 1st December	"Add-Vent" – Year 2 children / parents / carers, 9am
	Experience Advent – EYFS: PM
Wednesday 3rd December	Author Visit (rescheduled)
Friday 4th December	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm
	Salamander Parents Evening



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DECEMBER

w/c 7th December

Date	Activity
Monday 7th December	Last date for Monday Stay and Play After-School Club
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Crafts, 2pm / 2.30pm Nursery
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	PTA Christmas Fayre



w/c 14th December

Date	Activity
Monday 14th December	Year 1 and Year 2 – Carol Concert: 4pm (ticketed event)
Tuesday 15th December	Reception Nativity Performance: 9.30am (ticketed event)
	Year 1 and Year 2 – Carol Concert: 2.30pm (ticketed event)
Wednesday 16th December	Cathy Lester Music Concert (for parents/carers of children who taken part in music lessons in school) – 9.15am
	Year 2 children singing at Wednesday Club during the morning
	Christmas Dinner
	Seahorse Nursery Class Christmas Songs – 2.30pm
Thursday 17th December	Visit to Parish Church (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) – 1.30pm
Friday 18th December	Non-uniform day
	Talent Show / Christmas Magic Show (children only)

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Premier Education will be running a holiday club at Melbourne Infants on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December. Please see their website or picture below for details.



JANUARY

w/c 4th January

Date	Activity
Monday 4th January	First Day Back at school following Christmas Holiday
Friday 8th January	"Spellabrations" - Year 2 (more information to follow)

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w/c 11th January

Date	Activity
Tuesday 12th January	Big Bubble Theatre Workshops (All year groups; children only)
Friday 15th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 12th December to Friday 15th January)

w/c 18th January

Date	Activity
Monday 18th January	Maths Event – Year 1 (more information to follow)
Tuesday 19th January	Mosque visit – Year 2
Wednesday 20th January	Mosque visit – Year 1
Friday 22nd January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 25th January

Date	Activity
Friday 29th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Julia Donaldson Day – children can dress up as their favourite Julia Donaldson character or attend school in non-uniform

FEBRUARY

w/c 1st February

Date	Activity
All Week	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 2nd February	Year 1 and 2 Ramadan Workshops
Friday 5th February	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	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 Bingo Night (more information to follow)

w/c 8th February

Date	Activity
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
	PTA Flip-A-Thon (more information to follow)
Friday 12th February	INSET Day – School Closed to children

Premier Education will be running an INSET Day Holiday club for Infant school children (and any Junior school aged siblings) on Thursday 12th February: look out for information in the new year

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

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w/c 22nd February

Date	Activity
Wednesday 24th February	Book Fair begins
Thursday 25th February	Year 2 Trip to the National Space Centre
Friday 26th February	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 6th – Friday 26th February)
	Last day of Book Fair

MARCH

w/c 1st March

Date	Activity
Monday 1st March	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2) – for Chameleon class only
Wednesday 3rd March	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2) – for all classes apart from Seahorse and Chameleon class.
	South Derbyshire NeuroHub attending Parents Evening
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
	"Booknik" - after school (more information to follow)
Friday 5th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	PTA Mother's Day Shop (more information to follow)

w/c 8th March

Date	Activity
All Week	Science week
	Mother's Day / Significant Female Lunches – Year 1 children (more information to follow)
Wednesday 10th March	Parents Evening (Date 2 of 2) – for all classes apart from Seahorse class
Friday 12th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 15th March

Date	Activity
Friday 19th 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 22nd March

Date	Activity
Tuesday 23rd March	Maths Missions – Year 2 (more information to follow)
Wednesday 24th March	Maths Missions - Year 1 (more information to follow)
Thursday 25th March	Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.45pm

Easter Holidays: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April