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Weekly Bulletin	
Week Ending:	**Friday 2nd October**

What a busy week in school! Children looked so smart in their school photos: the proof slips have been sent home with children today. Thank you to the Year 1 and 2 parents who were able to come along to Breakfast with Books: we raised £100 which will go towards English resources.

Our Parents Evenings are now open for booking. We will be joined on our first Parents Evening (Wednesday 21st October) by South Derbyshire Neurodevelopmental Community Hub, who support families and neurodivergent children. Representatives from the Hub will be available to speak to throughout the evening; no appointment needed and all are welcome.

I would like to extend congratulations to our Year 1 and 2 Class Ambassadors: as voted for by their classmates and who were presented with their badges in assembly today. Our Ambassadors represent their class when visitors come to school and help with important jobs. Our Reception children will also have the opportunity to stand as Ambassadors later in the term, when they have had the opportunity to settle into school.

Next week in school…

Monday 5th October - Reception Teddy Bear Sleepover
A Library Teddy Bear Sleepover will take place for Reception children!

READ MORE

Monday 5th October – Deadline to book/consent for Halloween Discos (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
If you would like your child to attend the Halloween Disco, please consent and make payment on ParentPay by the end of the day on Monday.

READ MORE

Friday 9th October – Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
Any child who has celebrated a birthday from Saturday 3rd to Friday 9th October will be celebrated in Friday's assembly.

Friday 9th October - Halloween Disco (Year 1 & Year 2) until 4.15pm
If you have booked for your child to attend the disco, please collect your child from their classroom at 4.15pm.

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Coming soon…	
Halloween Disco – (Reception) – Friday 16th October until 4pm If you have booked for your child to attend the disco, please collect your child from the Dragonfly classroom at 4pm.	
Harvest Festival Donations 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 from Monday 12th – Wednesday 21st October: a list of requested donations is included in today's bulletin. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.	

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 19th October. Please click or tap here to complete the survey.

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	Teddie		*Dragonfly*	Mila
Hummingbird	Alfie		*Hummingbird*	Mia
Salamander	Eloise		*Salamander*	Rosie
Chameleon	Rose		*Chameleon*	Evie
Narwhal	Theo		*Narwhal*	Ivy
POLO	Isabelle K		★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★	

Well done to Rose in Chameleon class who was our Good Choice Award winner.

Birthday Reminder: All birthdays from Saturday 3rd to Friday 9th October will be celebrated in next week's Star Student Assembly, on Friday 9th October at 9.05am. 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!).

This week's Spelling Award went to Salamander class for the second week in a row; as they have been practising on Spelling Shed the most during the week! Please encourage your child to practice their spellings on Spelling Shed to be in with a chance of winning! If you need a reminder of your child's login details for Spelling Shed, please contact the School Office.

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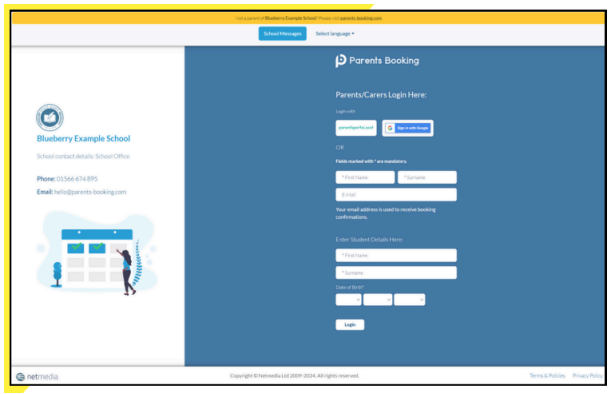
Parents Evenings – booking now open



Our Parents Evenings will take place on Wednesday 21st October and Wednesday 4th November. Slots will be available from 3.30pm until 6pm.

Bookings for Parents Evenings are now open, and will close at the end of the day on Sunday 18th October.

Invitations to Parents Evening have been sent by email, from Parents Booking (noreply@parents-booking.co.uk) titled "Parents' Evening Notification". The email containing the booking link was sent to the first priority parent/carer contact. (The parent/carer who you stated for school to contact first in case of an emergency). If you have not received your booking link, or if you would like to check who the first priority parent/carer is for your family, please contact the school office. Click on the link in the email to be taken to the login page. To login, type your email address into the login web page and press Login. You will be emailed a "magic login" link, which you can then click on to login (without requiring a username and password).

Parents' Evenings

Name of Group	Parents' Evening	Date	Start	End
Parents Evening - Autumn Term	Parents Evening - October/November 2025 ** Suggest Bookings For Me Make/Edit My Own Bookings View My Appointment Schedule	Wed 22nd Oct 2025	15:30	18:00
		Wed 5th Nov 2025	15:30	18:00

Once logged in, select "Make/Edit My Own Booking" to be taken to the booking page, where you can view all available slots and select "book" to confirm.

You will not receive an automatic email confirmation that your slot is booked. You can click "Email your bookings" after booking, and a confirmation email will be sent to you. You will be able to log back in to the Parents Evening booking system at any point until bookings close (on Sunday 18th October) to modify your booking slot. If you experience any problems in using the booking system, please contact the School Office by telephone on 01332 862325.

Separated Parents - In line with our Separated Parents policy (available on our website) school will consider separate appointments for Parents Evening but by prior agreements only or where there are specific circumstances that the school are aware of meaning that separate appointments will be required. If you require a separate appointment, please contact your child's teacher.

SEND: Parents/carers of children on the SEND register will be invited to a meeting prior to parents evening by the teacher to discuss the SEND provision and targets.

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Library Teddy Bear Sleepover – Reception children – Monday 5th October

On Monday 5th October, a Library Teddy Bear Sleepover will take place for our Reception children – where children can bring in a teddy bear to have a sleepover in our school library! Children will need to bring a teddy bear or soft toy into school on 5th October; the toy will have a sleepover overnight and be returned to children the next day. A label has been sent home with your child, where they can fill in details such as their toy's name and favourite food! Please ensure that the teddies/soft toys have their name label completed and affixed to them so that they can make their way back home. Spare labels can be found at the end of this bulletin.

During their sleepover, the teddies will choose a book from the library for children to take home and enjoy. Children will then visit the library each week to choose a new book. Please ensure library books are put back in bags ready to be changed each week.

Halloween Discos – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

We be holding Halloween discos to help raise much needed funds for our school. Your child will be offered snacks and a drink and the opportunity to dance away the afternoon with their year group!

Children can attend school in Halloween clothing or in non-uniform on their disco date so that they are disco ready. Please ensure clothing is spooky, rather than scary! Some of our children can find masks or scary costumes frightening, and we want to ensure everyone has fun.

The dates/times of the discos are:

- Friday 9th October – Year 1 and 2 children – 3-4.15pm
- Friday 16th October – Reception children – 3-4pm

Your child will be dismissed from their classroom at the end of their disco time. If your child normally attends Scallywags after school club on Fridays, your child will be collected after the disco by Scallywags so they are still able to party. The cost of the disco will be £4 per child (subsided for families eligible for Pupil Premium;) payable on ParentPay.

Parent helpers are needed for the disco: if you are able to help from 2.45pm until the end of the disco (this will include setting up and clearing up afterwards) please email the school office at MISemail@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk. If you have older children in the infant or junior school they will be able to help with you: unfortunately we can't have any younger siblings at the disco.

You must give consent for your child to attend the disco. Please consent and make payment on ParentPay by the end of the day on Monday 5th October.

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Vacancies at Melbourne Infant and Nursery School

We are currently have a number of opportunities for fun, kind and friendly people to join our team here in school.

- **Teaching Assistant (fixed term until December 2026)**
  Working 8.45am-12 noon, Thursdays and Fridays
  Find out more here

- **Teaching Assistant (fixed term until August 2027)**
  Working 1.00pm - 3.20pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
  Find out more here

Candidates are very welcome to apply for both Teaching Assistants positions should they wish; applications for one position only are also very welcome.

- **Clerk to Governors**
  Working on a variable basis throughout the year: including attendance at around 10 Governor meetings per year which start at 6.00pm
  Find out more here

The closing date for all roles is 14th October. If you would like any more information about any of the positions, or would like to arrange to have an informal chat about any of the roles, please contact the school office.

Well done to our school kitchen!

A big well done to our amazing Kitchen team. They had an unannounced inspection from the Food Hygiene team and have once again achieved a 5-star rating in their Environmental Health inspection.

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Harvest Festival Donations

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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 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 5th October

Date	Activity
Monday 5th October	Reception: Library Teddy Bear Sleepover
Friday 9th October	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
Friday 9th October	Halloween Disco – Years 1 and 2 – after school

w/c 12th October

Date	Activity
Friday 16th October	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
Friday 16th October	Halloween Disco – Reception – after school

w/c 19th October

Date	Activity
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2)
Friday 23rd 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!

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

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NOVEMBER

w/c 2nd November
Non-Fiction November starts!

Date	Activity
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 4th November	Parents Evening (Date 2 of 2)
Friday 6th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am *Celebrating all birthdays from 17th October – 6th November*

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w/c 9th November
Nursery Rhyme Week

Date	Activity
Thursday 12th November	Michael Rosen Day
Friday 13th November	World Kindness Day
	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 16th November
Friendship Week

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

w/c 23rd November
UK Parliament Week

Date	Activity
Tuesday 24th November	Author Visit
Friday 27th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 30th November

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

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 ((more information to follow)
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	PTA Christmas Fayre (more information to follow)

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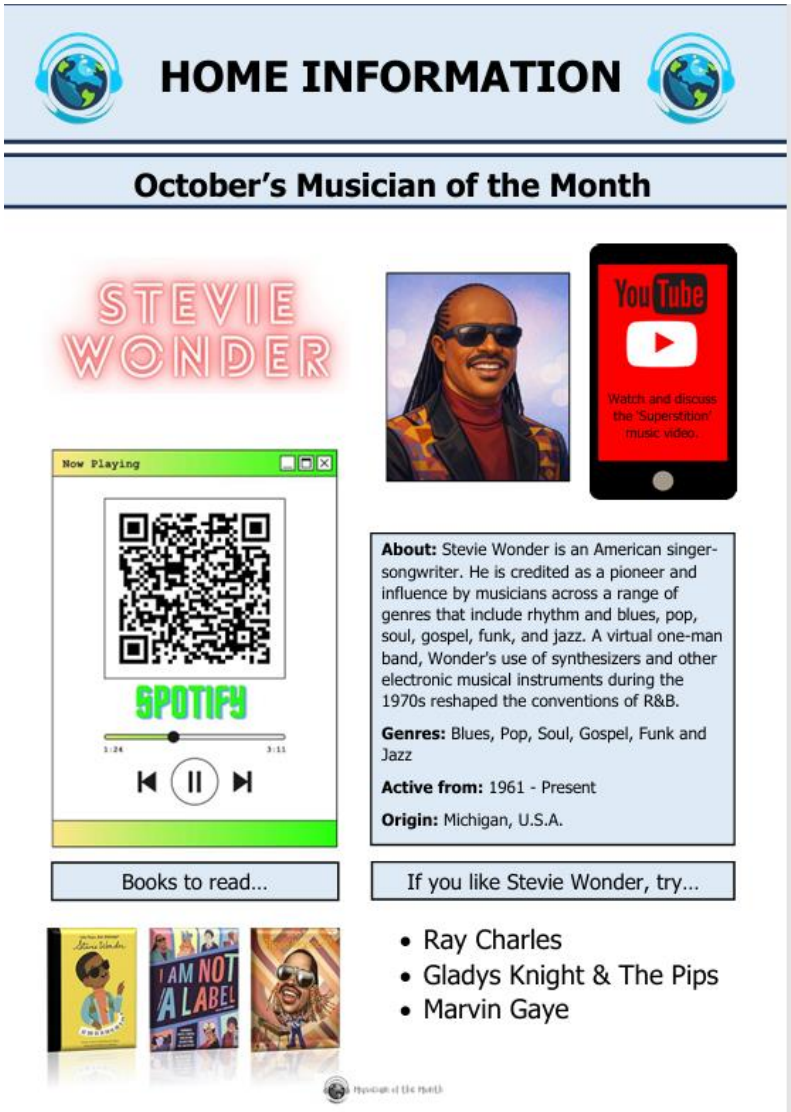
w/c 14th December

Date	Activity
Monday 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)
	Christmas Dinner
	Year 2 children singing at Wednesday Club during the morning
Thursday 17th December	Visit to Parish Church (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) – 1.30pm
Friday 18th December	Non-uniform day
	Talent Show (children only)
	Christmas Magic Show (children only)



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Name:_____ Class: Dragonfly

Melbourne Infant School Teddy Bear Sleep Over

My Teddy's name:_____

My Teddy's favourite animal:_____

My Teddy likes to eat:_____

My Teddy likes to read books about : (sport, dinosaurs, farms, etc)

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