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Weekly Bulletin	
Week Ending:	**Friday 6th November**

I hope all of our families had a lovely and restful half-term break!

Now that we have completed our first half-term of the school year, we would welcome the views and feedback of our parents/carers as we reflect on school life and continue to make improvements for our children and families. Your feedback is very important to me as Headteacher, and I would be very grateful if each parent/carer could take the time to complete our short survey. Please click or tap here to complete the survey, which is open until lunchtime on Friday 27th November.

Next week in school…

HeroTown visit – Nursery & Reception – Tuesday 10th November (AM)
Our Nursery and Reception children have been lucky enough to been invited to HeroTown – an interactive role play centre and soft play – during the morning of Tuesday 10th November! Staff will be walking children to and from HeroTown.

Poppy Appeal – poppies available to purchase until Wednesday 11th November / until stocks last
Children will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy from the Poppy Appeal in school. Please send your child in with a small cash donation (minimum £1 recommended) if you would like your child to buy a poppy.



Children in Need Day – non-uniform – Friday 13th November
We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Children can come to school in an outfit of their choice as long as they have suitable footwear and a coat for outdoor play. A donation would be appreciated for this very worthy cause: please do so online by clicking or tapping here.



STAR Student Assembly - Friday 13th November
Our next Star Student assembly will be on Friday 13th November, celebrating all birthdays from Saturday 7th to Friday 13th November.



Christmas Artwork – return artwork by Friday 13th November
Children have designed 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 13th November at the latest if you choose to make an order. Orders and payment must be made online: the order form contains further instructions.



PTA "Special" Letter – deadline extended to Friday 13th November
The deadline to order PTA "Special" Festive Letter has been extended until Friday 13th November: you can find more information on ParentPay and Dojo.

Our school week in numbers:

Dojo points awarded for our STAR Standards:	Attendance:
668	**95.07%**

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Coming soon…	
Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November Monday 16th November is Odd Socks Day, and all children are invited to attend school wearing odd socks to celebrate difference!	

Year Specific Messages

RECEPTION CHILDREN	
Grandparent Lunches – bookings close on Wednesday	This year's Grandparent lunches will be run for Reception children daily from Monday 16th November to Monday 23rd November. The booking link has been emailed to Reception parents/carers and can also be found on the Class Dojo. Please book by Wednesday 11th November.
Transition Parent/Carer Survey – thank you for your feedback!	Thank you to Reception parents/carers who took the time to complete the transition survey before the half-term break. 100% of responses agreed or strongly agreed that children have settled well into school; that transition activities aided transition into school and that communication before starting school was good. Thank you also to those of you who provided suggestions for future years; the suggestions and feedback are very useful and will be taken on board to shape next year's transition.

YEAR 2 CHILDREN	
Junior School Applications now open	Applications for children to transfer from year 2 at infant schools to junior provision in September 2026 opens from 9th November. You can apply for a junior school place for your child(ren) via the Derbyshire County Council website. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2027. More information can be found by clicking or tapping here. Melbourne Junior School are holding Open Days: please see details below.



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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	Oliver		*Dragonfly*	Eleanor
Hummingbird	Louis		*Hummingbird*	Rory
Salamander	Noah		*Salamander*	Avery
Chameleon	Hudson		*Chameleon*	Robin
Narwhal	Jack		*Narwhal*	Max
POLO	Zach		★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★	

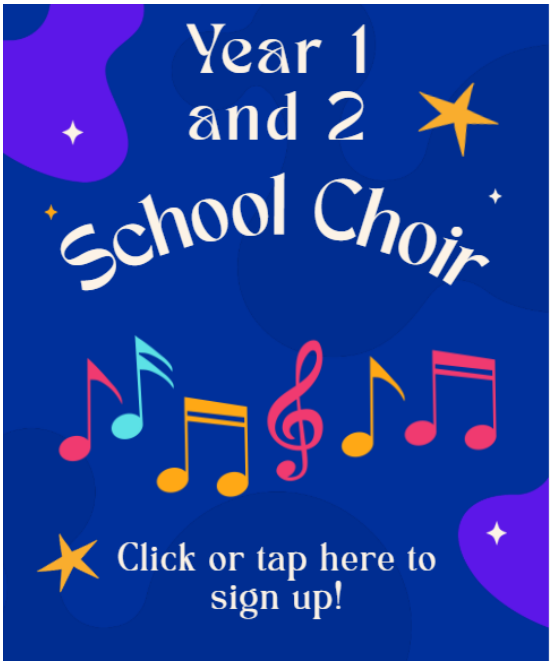
Well done to Max in Narwhal class who was our Good Choice Award winner.

School Photographs by Wrates Photography

Individual school photographs taken by Wrates Photography have arrived and will be sent home with children shortly. If you have any questions about your order, please contact Wrates: https://www.wrates.co.uk/contact or see their online help section here.

School Choir – Year 1 and 2 children

We are hoping to start a choir in school for our Year 1 and 2 children, which will take place weekly in school at lunchtimes. Please talk to your child about taking part, and click/tap the picture to sign up!



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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 9th November
Nursery Rhyme Week

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

w/c 16th November
Friendship Week

Date	Activity
All Week	Grandparent Lunches – Reception children
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

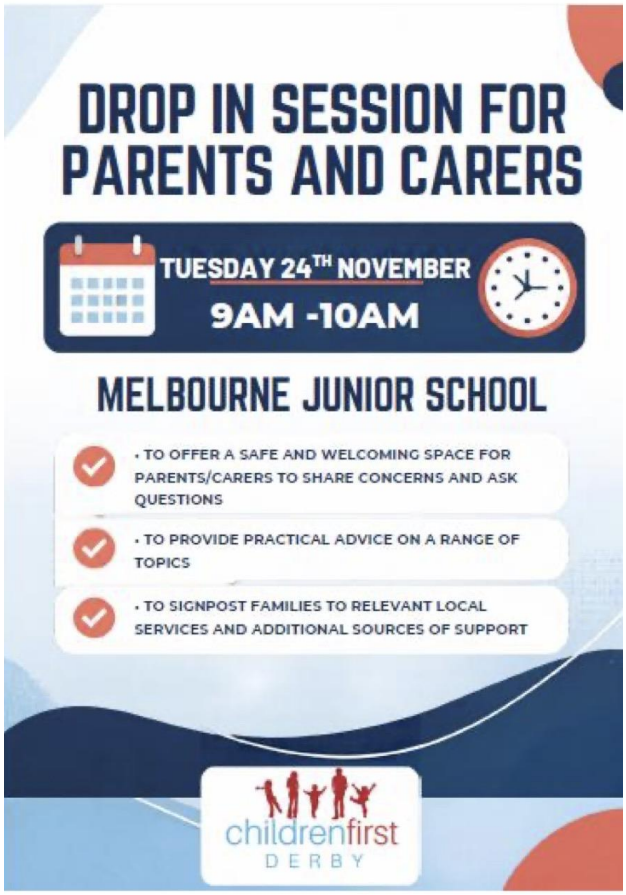
w/c 23rd November
UK Parliament Week

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

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w/c 30th November

Date	Activity
Monday 30th November	Christmas Decorating – Year 2 children/parents/carers (more information to follow)
	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations
	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 1st December	"Add-Vent" – Year 2 children / parents / carers, 9am (more information to follow)
	Experience Advent – EYFS: PM (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) / 2.30pm Nursery
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) – 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 (children only)
	Christmas Magic Show (children only)

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

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

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w/c 25th January

Date	Activity
Friday 29th January	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am
	Julia Donaldson Day – non-uniform, 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

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

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

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MARCH

w/c 1st March

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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
Sponsored read over Easter Holidays – more information to follow