



### A message from Mr Mitchell, Assistant Headteacher

As we head towards the end of the academic year, the energy and enthusiasm across Melksham Oak have been truly inspiring. Our Year 10 and Year 12 students have been out on work experience, gaining valuable insights into the world beyond the classroom. At the same time, we've welcomed over 250 pupils from local primary schools for our Year 5 taster days, giving them a glimpse of the exciting opportunities that await them at Melksham Oak through a range of engaging lessons and opportunities during social times.



Our Year 6 transition day was another highlight, with students spending the day at Melksham Oak, familiarising themselves with their new environment ahead of September. We also hosted a year 6 Parents' Presentation Evening to share key information and support a smooth transition for our newest families.

Metallica!

The Summer Cabaret was a fantastic celebration of talent, full of music, performance, and even had Mr Cooper singing along to

Behind the scenes, our dedicated site team is preparing for a busy summer, which includes the revamp of our Year 7 outdoor space—an exciting enhancement for our younger students. Meanwhile, this week's INSET days saw our teaching staff collaborating across our trust to develop an ambitious, cohesive curriculum. This new approach will strengthen the learning journey from Reception through to Year 13, making the most of every one of the 570 weeks a child spends in a White Horse Federation school.



We still have spaces on our parent tours for the 14<sup>th</sup> July so please do book on one and see our amazing school.

Book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/eAEn0wZNfg>



### Volunteers Needed for our Careers Education – Can you support?

Do you work for a company that could support our Careers Education events and help inspire our young people of the future?

We are in constant need for employers and employees across all subjects and sectors to align curriculum learning with employer engagement.

If you know of anyone that can help, please contact Miss Ceri Tranter, Head of Careers Education on [TranterC@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:TranterC@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk) or call 01225 792700 Ext 712

### Student Newspaper Team

We meet on Wednesdays at lunchtime in U48 and are always looking for budding journalists and writers and photographers.

A Group of Year 9 students describe how they feel about progressing into Year 10 – the regret of having to drop subjects such as Art and Drama mixed with the excitement of a new learning journey ahead.

In Year 9 halls, the whispers grow,  
GCSE choices — time to glow!  
Goodbye to subjects I couldn't stand,  
No more tests I never planned.  
Freedom's sweet and options wide,  
A future path I get to guide.  
Art or French? Or maybe Chem?  
New beginnings from the stem.

But still, a tug pulls at my heart,  
From lovely lessons I must part.  
No more laughs in drama's light,  
Or sketching dreams in art at night.  
The class that felt like home each day,  
Now slowly drifts and fades away.  
Though I chose the path ahead,  
Some doors must close — and that I dread.

Jacob Vincent  
9A



## Sports Day – 17<sup>th</sup> July

Aim of day:

- To have fun and experience something new
- To develop team work and motivate and encourage others.

In the morning tutor groups will rotate through fun activities and friendly tournaments

In the afternoon the whole school will gather on the school athletics field for the house relays.

Please ensure your child comes prepared for day, they must have a water bottle, sun cream and a hat. Trainers to be worn with School PE kit. All Jewellery and watches removed and long hair tied back for safety. House colour ribbons, face paint and glitter will be able to be purchased on the day with all profit going to charity.

£1 Ribbons and face glitter and 50p for an ice pole.



# It's time to Buy your Sports Day Raffle Tickets!

Draw  
Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> July

**£2 FOR 5 ENTRIES**

2025 Prizes



1. The Pump Room Bath Jane Austen Tea for 2. Value £89
2. The Garage on the Hill free MOT
3. Theatre Royal tickets Bath x 2.
4. Melksham Town FC Season ticket
5. 3 course meal for 4 @ The Water Meadow
6. The Milk Churn £30 voucher
7. Wagamama Trowbridge £30 voucher & Cookbook
8. Cholderton Farm tickets
9. Nando's Trowbridge Voucher
10. Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens 2 tickets
11. Hamburger Hill Paint Balling Vouchers
12. Boomerang 2 adult x 2 children entries
13. Cumberwell Park 4 ball voucher for 18 holes
14. The Egg Theatre Bath tickets
15. INK'D Tattoo Melksham £40 voucher
16. Aziz Barber £17 voucher
17. Sports Bug Optimum Rugby Ball
18. Sports Bug Aerobie Pro
19. Briggs's Barber Shop hair cut child
20. The Picnic Basket lunch voucher (£10)
21. Ooh Lar Laur Beauty £10 voucher
22. Briggs's Barber Shop hair cut adult
23. The Toy Shop (Melksham) Gift
24. Melksham Community Campus Family Swim pass
25. Hartley Farm Cream tea for two vouchers
26. Tops hair £25 gift voucher
27. Wine and Chocolate
28. Imagine Photography Experience day voucher
29. The Kings Arms voucher

Be in it to win it!

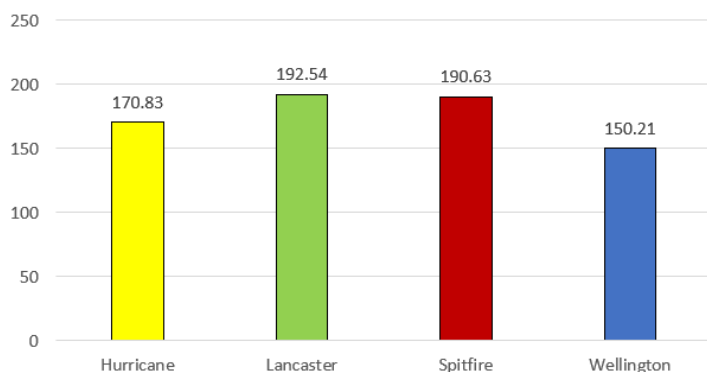
Top 3 tutor sales get to use the inflatables at break time too!

On sale for cash at students entrance in the morning  
THURS FRI MON TUES WED  
Can also be purchased on parent pay.



## Merits

Average Merits per Student this year



### Merits this week

Hurricane:	474
Lancaster:	670
Spitfire:	460
Wellington:	351

## Key Contacts

In the first instance please contact your child's tutor, who will be best placed to answer your query or direct you to the best person who can give you an answer. Details of the pastoral team are below:

### Pastoral Manager

Ms A. Berry

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### Heads of Year

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with a subject line of FAO: <staff  
name>

### Head of Careers Education

Ms C. Tranter

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## Upcoming Events



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Next Steps Careers Fair

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Sixth Form Taster Lessons for Y10 (for those who have signed up lesson timings will be on Arbor)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Period 5 and 6** – Sixth Form Afternoon for Y10 Taster lesson students

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Last day of term early closure at 12:40pm



**Year 5  
Taster Days**

Melksham Oak  
Community School

Ambition | Pride | Respect

THE WHITE HORSE  
FEDERATION

**Year 5 Taster day on 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Experience a day of **creativity**, experiments and **discovery**.

- Please wear primary PE kit and trainers
- 9:15am arrival for 9:30am start
- Returning to your primary school at 2:10pm



*Your primary school teachers will be accompanying and organising travel to and from Melksham Oak Community School on your taster day.*

## Open Morning Tours Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Come and see what Melksham Oak can offer your child on one of our guided tours.

- Guided tours at: 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am & 12:00pm
- Come and see our school in action
- Visit lessons and meet our students

Book now: <https://forms.office.com/e/eAEn0wZNfq>



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[admin@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk)



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## Family and Community Learning

### Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing

#### Online Course

Booking essential



- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
- Explore positive psychology

**Friday 19 September 10am - 12pm or  
Friday 14 November 10am - 12pm**

**Booking closes one week before the course**

Contact [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>  
Call the FACL team on 01225 770478  
or scan the QR code



Our courses are free if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt, including resettlement schemes), have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military or ex-military family, foster carer/care leaver/carer, have a disability or learning difficulty.

**Wiltshire Council**



# **RECRUITING NOW**

**u13 Girls**  
**Yrs 7 & 8**  
**(from Sept)**

- *No monthly fee*
- *No experience needed*
- *Fun and friendly environment*

**FOR FURTHER INFO  
CONTACT:**

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