

Newsletter

Friday 27th Febraury



Melbourne Primary School

Grow, Explore and Achieve together

Mrs. Burdett's Weekly Update

What a fantastic start to the Spring term here at Melbourne Primary! I'm delighted to share that Year 5 and Year 6 have made a brilliant transition into the new build, and it's been wonderful to see them settling in so quickly. The energy and enthusiasm from our pupils has been absolutely brilliant, and I know they're going to love having these fantastic new spaces to learn and grow in.

We do have some groundworks ongoing at the moment, but we're confident that everything will be completed within the next three weeks. I know you'll appreciate that these final touches are important to us, and we're keen to get everything just right. Once we've finished, we'll be sharing our exciting outdoor plans with you all, so do keep an eye on future newsletters for updates on this.

Moving on to some important notices for parents. Parent evening letters will be going out today, and I'd ask that you please return these as soon as possible so you can secure an appointment with your child's teacher. These are such valuable opportunities to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements, so we do hope to see as many of you as possible.

We're also thrilled to be welcoming 'West End in Schools' to Melbourne Primary on Thursday, and this promises to be a fabulous celebration of World Book Day! It's going to be a really special event, and we'd love for your child to come dressed as their favourite book character. There's something magical about seeing our pupils dressed up and celebrating their love of reading, and I'm sure it will be a highlight of the term.

Thank you for your continued support as we move through this exciting period for the school. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and we're looking forward to sharing all the wonderful things happening here at Melbourne Primary with you in the weeks ahead.

Have a great weekend!



Clubs

Breakfast Club - 7.30-8.30am - £5

ASC - 3-4pm - £5

ASC - 4-5pm - £5

• Please book breakfast club and After School Club on ARBOR - if you have any issues with booking sessions, please contact the school office.

Enrichment Clubs

There will be a small charge for sessions to cover staffing and resources to keep the clubs running.

Reading at Home



Thank you to all of you who continue to engage with the digital reading log.

Your teachers should have now sent you a letter about the reading log. You will receive a link every Monday. Each child should aim to read and log 4 reading sessions a week.

Well done to those children who have achieved their target this week! We love seeing your reading progress.

Reminder to Parents

Please can we ask that children do not bring popcorn to school as a snack or part of their pack up. This is due to new government guidance on choking.



Cygnets 89.17%
Swan 92.78%
Mallard: 83.33%
Otter: 98.75%
Dragonfly: 97.8%
Heron: 98.48%
Kingfisher: 100%
Pheasant: 93.36%

Attendance and Awards!

The value award we are focusing on this week is the 'Grow' award. Well done to all the children who have been selected for this award!

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – **Evie** for growing in confidence when reading your school reading books.
Lily H for growing in confidence when reading your school reading books.
Xander for growing in confidence to explore play areas in the classroom more independently.
MALLARD – **Lucy** for being such a kind member of Mallard class, helping others and encouraging people to make the right choices!
OTTER – **Ella** for her amazing manners, thoughtfulness and positive attitude in class
DRAGONFLY – **Neve** for being so respectful, kind and making mature choices to support Miss Hopkin in her first week in Dragonfly class.
HERON – **Olivia M**, for a fabulous half term giving 100% to everything in class with such wonderful results! Superstar!
KINGFISHER – **Harry** for always being respectful, kind, and helpful in the classroom and being a wonderful role model for his peers.
PHEASANT – **Ruby** – for your excellent attitude to learning this week. Keep it up!

Our READERS of the week are:

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – **Harry S** for trying hard to read some words in your school reading books by sight and for your excellent ability to spot tricky words in sentences.
MALLARD – **Bear** for always sharing fantastic vocabulary and facts from his favourite information books!
OTTER – **Cooper** for making such great progress in his reading
DRAGONFLY – **Betty** for your input when mapping our model text and using your imagination to imitate.
HERON – **Beaux** for excellent, thoughtful writing over the past few weeks using adventurous vocabulary. Well done.
KINGFISHER – **Alfie** – for sharing his knowledge to discussions in reading lessons and answering questions with detail linked to the text.
PHEASANT – **Logan** – for sharing your reading with others and showing an interest in non-fiction!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March Parents Evening
(Please note there will be NO clubs on this week)

Tuesday 3rd - Monday 9th March Book Fair

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Friday 20th March Red Nose Day

Spring Term 2 2026 (Monday 23rd February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026)

Summer Term 1 2026 (Monday 13th April 2026 – Thursday 21st May 2026)

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Staff Training Day (school closed)

Wednesday 17th June, Thursday 18th June,
Friday 19th June and Monday 22nd June
Year 5 Bike ability

Monday 22nd June - Wednesday 24th Year 6 Residential

Summer Term 2 2026 (Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026)

Monday 20th July 2026 - Staff Training Day (school closed)

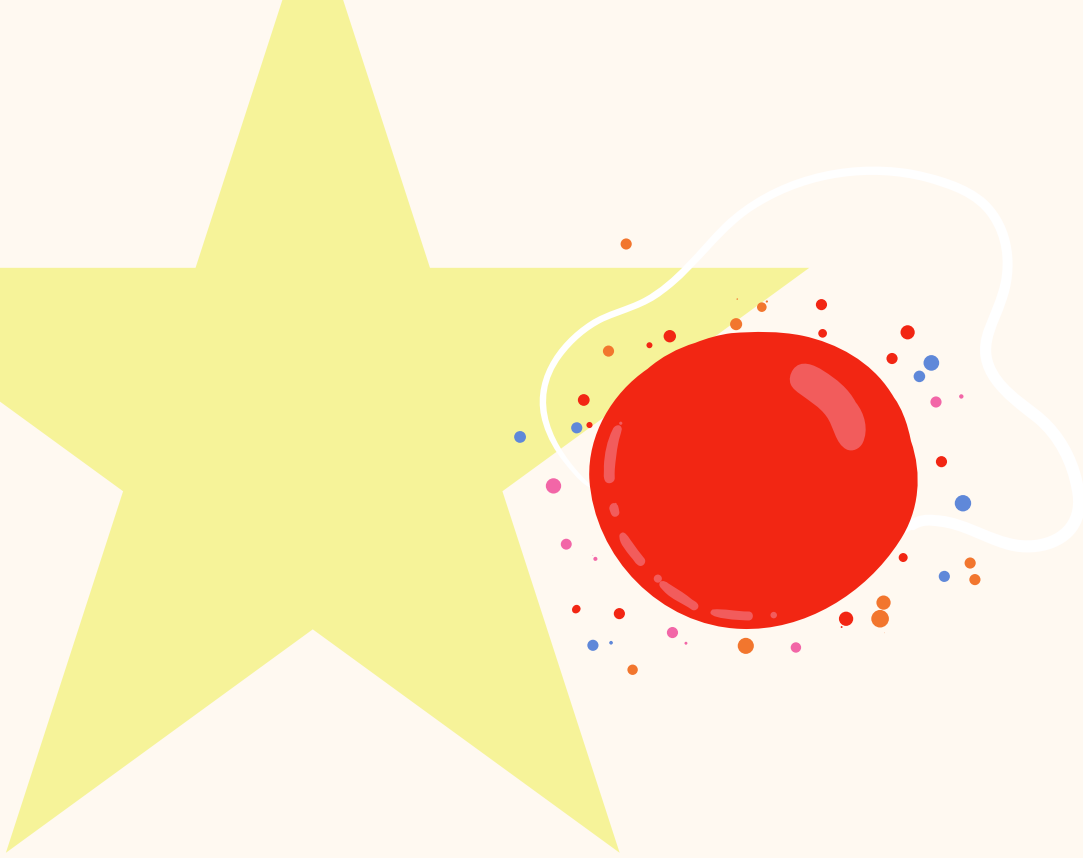


The banner features the Woldgate School logo on the left, the website www.woldgate.net in the center, and the Wonder Learning Partnership logo on the right. Below the logos is a photograph of a school hallway with a green bench and a glass door. A green box in the foreground contains the following text:

Cleaning vacancy available
15 hours per week, full year
Closing date 11th March 2026
Apply: www.wlp.education

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Wonder Learning Partnership
Educate. Empower. Engage. Enrich

Woldgate School
Everything we do should be worth
of great merit, character and value



Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March 2026 we will join thousands of schools up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for those who need it most. Because there is nothing like Red Nose Day. Let us come together and do something amazing. Let's make Red Nose Day the best day ever. Here is what we have got planned...

1. We ask children to wear something red and bring in a donation of £1.
2. We will be seeing which class is the funniest and ask children to come to school on the 20th with their favourite joke to share with their class. We will then have a joke off between classes to see which class is the funniest!

World Book Day!

Thursday 5th March



Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to be involved in World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The whole day will be dedicated to reading and book related activities. World Book Day's mission is to offer every child the opportunity to experience choosing and owning a book for free. As part of the event every child in school will receive a book token. World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. We also have the Scholastic book fair in school from Tuesday-Monday. Please come along and support the school.

West End in Schools Workshops

To celebrate World Book Day, all classes will be taking part in a literacy-inspired workshop delivered by West End in Schools. To help cover the cost of this exciting experience, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child. While this contribution is voluntary, please note that without sufficient contributions the workshops may unfortunately have to be cancelled. Payment can be made online via Arbor, which is our preferred option as we move towards a cashless school office. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque via the school office.

Dressing Up (optional)

All children are invited to dress up as a book character on World Book Day. This could involve a full costume or just a prop / hat (or similar) relating to a favourite book or character.

We are always impressed by the amazing and inventive ways the children dress on the day. We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this. If possible, please bring the book that relates to your book character to share with your class.



Book Fair

Tuesday 3rd March - Monday 9th March.

The scholastic book fair will be in school from Tuesday 3rd March - Monday 9th March. Come along and purchase a book to help the school with funds. Every book purchased earns rewards for school.