

Newsletter

Friday 20th March



Melbourne Primary School

Grow, Explore and Achieve together

Mrs. Burdett's Weekly Update

What a wonderful week we've had at Melbourne Primary! There's so much to share with you all, and I'm delighted to update you on the exciting things happening across our school community.

First, I must say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved in Red Nose Day this week. The atmosphere was absolutely brilliant, and it was fantastic to see so many of our pupils embracing the spirit of the day. The jokes were absolutely hilarious – well done to all our prize winners for making us laugh so much. It's these special days that really bring our community together and create such positive memories for our pupils.

I was also thrilled to see so many parents and carers attend our Parent Consultation Evenings this week. These evenings are such a valuable opportunity for us to sit down together, discuss your child's progress, and look ahead at the next steps in their learning journey. If you weren't able to make it along this time, please do get in touch with the school office and we'll be more than happy to schedule in an individual appointment. We're always keen to work closely with families, and these conversations are really important to us.

On a really exciting note, our new outdoor gazebo has been installed by Playscheme this week, and we're absolutely thrilled about it! We're just waiting for the finishing touches to be completed on Monday, and then we'll be sharing some wonderful photos with you all so you can see this incredible new workspace. This is going to be a fantastic addition to our school and will really enhance the outdoor education offer we provide for our pupils. We're hoping that all of the building work will be completed over the Easter holiday, which means we'll be ready to get back out onto the field in the Summer term. It's brilliant to see our outdoor spaces developing in this way.

Finally, I'd like to encourage you all to come along and support Friends of School on Wednesday 25th March for their Easter Extravaganza. It's a wonderful event, and full details are provided in this newsletter. Your support really does make such a difference to our school community.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all ready for the last week of the Spring Term!.



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SUPPORT OUR EYFS/NURSERY PLAY & SENSORY AREA PROJECT BY SPONSORING A ROLL OF TURF FOR JUST £2!

TO GET OUR EYFS/NURSERY CHILDREN ENJOYING THEIR NEW PLAY AND SENSORY SPACE THIS SUMMER, WE ARE KINDLY BEING SUPPORTED BY ROLAWN TO BRING THE SPACE TO LIFE.

**NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR £600 TARGET AND GET GRASS IN THE GROUND!
ANY SURPLUS MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PROVISIONS FOR THE AREA.**

HEAD TO 'SCHOOL SHOP'

ON THE ARBOR APP

OR VISIT THE

OFFICE TO

SPONSOR A ROLL!





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 92%
Swan 100%
Mallard: 93%
Otter: 98%
Dragonfly: 99%
Heron: 96%
Kingfisher: 96%
Pheasant: 99%

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 – Lily P for your wonderful ability to blend and segment simple words orally.

MALLARD – Jax, for his growth during our choosing time to ensure he spends time in all areas!

OTTER – Lacey for being such a supportive friend

DRAGONFLY – Leah for always being a respectful, kind and helpful member of the class who loves to support others.

HERON – Billy for tackling all mathematical questions with gusto!

KINGFISHER – Oscar - for working hard in class and showing a mature attitude.

PHEASANT – Stan – For all of the progress you have made and the hard work you put in! Keep it up.

Our **WRITERS** of the week are:

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – Sofia for your super written work when taking part in our Drawing Club activities.

MALLARD – Teddy, for his creative ideas during our writing sessions and working so hard to improve his handwriting!

OTTER – George Cook for improving his independent writing

DRAGONFLY – Archie for working hard on his handwriting and presenting all his work to the best of his ability.

HERON – Stanley for continuing your learning at home by independently completing an information report about snakes.

KINGFISHER – Halle - for working really hard on her flash back story this week and keeping her focus.

PHEASANT – Bronte – For your original and creative ideas when writing our flashback stories.

Good time keeping means...

making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the school bell rings.



**Lost
Minutes**



**Lost
Learning**

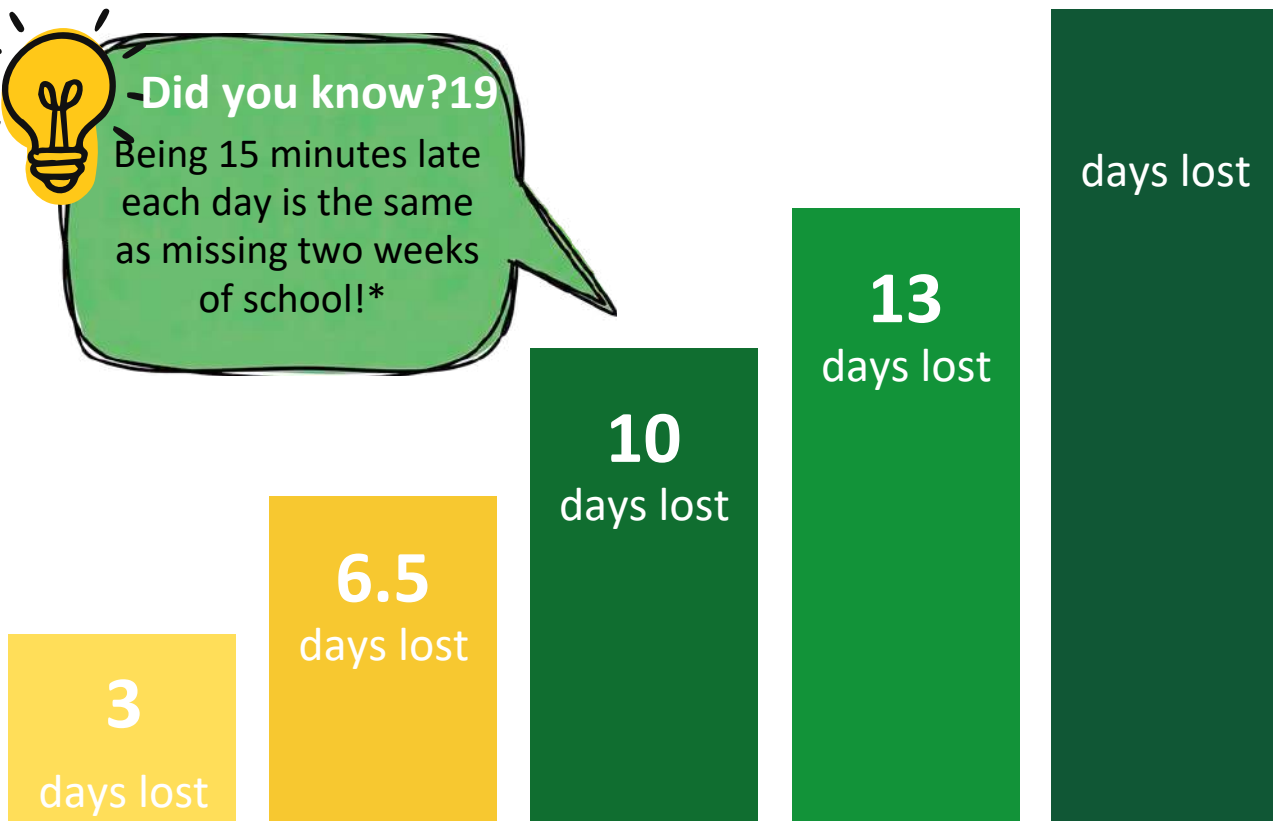


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Did you know? 19

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!*



**Every School Day Counts
but every minute is important**

*over one full academic year



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Dates for your diary

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

Eggstraveganza 25th March

Bag2School 7th May

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

School Disco 15th July

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

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

Autumn Term 1 Monday 7th September - Friday 23rd October

Autumn Term 2 2nd November - Friday 18th December





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Dear parents and carers,

You may have seen recent news reports about cases of meningitis linked to an outbreak in Kent. We wanted to provide reassurance that the risk in East Riding of Yorkshire remains very low, and there are no current indications of increased meningitis activity locally.

Public health teams continue to monitor the situation closely at a national and regional level, and we will share further updates if the local risk changes. At this time, no additional precautions are needed beyond routine awareness and vaccination.

Meningitis can affect anyone, but it is uncommon. Early symptoms can sometimes look like a flu like illness. It is important to seek medical advice urgently if you or your child develop any combination of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (fever)
- Severe headache
- Stiff neck
- Sensitivity to light
- A rash that does not fade when pressed (this may not always be present)
- Vomiting
- Cold hands and feet, pale or mottled skin
- Drowsiness or difficulty waking
- Confusion

If you are concerned you can seek support by calling NHS 111 if you need urgent advice, but the situation is not life-threatening or contact your GP practice regarding routine NHS vaccination.

Call 999 or go to A&E immediately if symptoms are severe, worsening quickly, or you suspect meningitis or sepsis. Should you need to present at a healthcare setting, please inform the reception team you suspect meningitis prior to entering the building so effective isolation can take place.

Good vaccination coverage is one of the reasons the risk in East Riding is currently low. Children and young people are offered protection against several strains of meningococcal disease through the NHS childhood immunisation programme, including:

- MenB (usually given to babies)
- MenACWY (offered to adolescents and young adults at school)

If your child or young person is up to date with their routine vaccinations, they are well protected. If you are unsure whether vaccinations are up to date, your GP practice can check and advise.

Vaccination continues to be offered to all those who are eligible as part of the national programme, parents will need to consent for their children to receive vaccination at school.



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Vaccination UK are the current provider in the East Riding. They have reassured us that settings eligible in the area have had a least one visit for MenACWY vaccination in the previous and current term with a follow-up visit scheduled for later in the year. Vaccination UK also run accessible outreach clinics in the community during holidays ([Catch-up clinics | Hull & East Riding](#)). You can contact the team by calling: (01482) 453 690 or emailing: hullandeastriding@vaccinationuk.co.uk should you have any queries. While outbreaks can be concerning, they are usually localised, and they do not mean there is a wider risk across the country. Public health teams continue to work together nationally to identify cases quickly and take appropriate action.

For further information please see:

- **NHS guidance on meningitis:** [Meningitis - NHS](#)
- **UKHSA news article on the current outbreak in the south east:** [Cases of invasive meningococcal disease notified in Kent - GOV.UK](#)
- **UKHSA blog – symptoms, risks, and how to protect yourself:** [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#) (This page will continue to be updated as new information becomes available.)

Thank you for helping us keep our communities informed and reassured. If further information is needed, we will ensure this is shared promptly.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the very sad news of two recent deaths in Kent linked to meningitis (strain B), we wanted to share some helpful information about meningococcal disease and the vaccinations available to protect against it.

Since 2015, the Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine has been included in the national childhood immunisation programme and is routinely given in infancy. Children born before 2015 would not have received this vaccine as part of the NHS schedule, although it is available privately.

The MenACWY vaccine, which protects against four strains of meningitis (A, C, W and Y), is routinely offered to young people in Year 9 through the school-based immunisation programme. If your child missed their Year 9 vaccination, we are able to offer catch-up appointments locally—please contact our team if you would like to arrange this.

For those who would like to learn more, a recent webinar for parents and carers about the DTP and MenACWY vaccines is available to watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj3ql-WLin8&t=28s>

If your child has not yet received the MenACWY vaccine, you can complete a consent form using the link below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/consent-forms-dtp>

Please note that the MenACWY vaccine is offered from Year 9 onwards and cannot be given before this stage.

If you have any concerns or would like further information about meningitis, we recommend visiting:

<https://www.meningitisnow.org>

Thank you for your continued support in helping to protect the health and wellbeing of all children and young people.

Vaccination UK



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



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Parents - Live Talks page

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A free SEND event designed to support parents,
carers, and young people navigating learning
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Saturday 28th March —10am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 31st March - 10am and 1.30pm

Friday 3rd April - 1.30pm

Saturday 4th April - 10am

Monday 6th April - 10am and 1.30pm

Friday 10th April - 10am and 1.30pm



Seedlings Holiday Club

Days for children aged5+

Fun active outdoor days for children aged 5 and

above where they will be free to choose from seasonal activities and crafts.

9.30am until 3.30pm

£30.00 per session

Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April

Wednesday 8th April and Thursday 9th April

New! Hands-on Twilight Lambing

Adults and Children over 10

Bea farmer for the night,starting at 6pm joininthe evening feeding time and help with all of the evening tasks. An up close experience for only 4 people

£20.00

31st Marchand1st April

Felt, Fleece and Firelight

Relive the simple joys of childhood in our handson experience,snuggle our sheep and lambs, bottle feed the lambs. This extended session offersthechance tocreate yourownfelt sheep around the campfire with the lambs joining us. We will share a 'farmhouse' picnic with tea and sweet treats.

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