

Newsletter

Friday 27th March



Melbourne Primary School

Grow, Explore and Achieve together

Mrs. Burdett's Weekly Update

What a tremendous half-term we have had at Melbourne Primary! I am delighted to report that our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have settled beautifully into the new build. The transition has been seamless, and it has been wonderful to witness the fabulous teaching and learning taking place across the school. The results we are seeing are truly excellent, and I am immensely proud of the progress our pupils are making. As we move forward into the Summer term, we look forward to continuing our educational journey together and building on these strong foundations.

This half-term has also brought some exciting developments to our school grounds that I am thrilled to share with you. Our polytunnel has been installed on the school field, and we cannot wait to develop this area with some of our budding young gardeners. This will be a real focus for us during the Summer term, and it is an area that we will continue to develop in future years. It is wonderful to have a dedicated space where our pupils can learn about growing, nurturing plants, and understanding where our food comes from.

We have also had our gazebo fitted on the school field this week, which will serve as an outdoor classroom space. This addition will significantly enhance our outdoor learning offer, and we very much welcome the better weather so that we can utilise this area to best effect. There is something truly special about learning in the outdoors, and this new space will provide our pupils with wonderful opportunities to engage with nature and their learning in a fresh way.

None of these exciting developments would have been possible without the tremendous support of our Friends of School. I met with the FOS team on Wednesday, and I want to extend a huge thank you to them for organising a brilliant Easter Extravaganza. Their tireless support means the world to us, and I very much look forward to working alongside them on the outdoor area projects that lie ahead. Without their dedication and hard work, we simply would not be able to put many of our projects into play. They truly are invaluable to our school community.

As we break up for Easter, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you enjoy a well-deserved break with your families. We look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 13th April 2026, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

From everyone at **Melbourne:**

THANK YOU!



We are incredibly grateful for the amazing response to our **SPONSOR A ROLL** project. Thank to your generosity, along with the skilled help of some of our parents, we have already transformed the EYFS play area and sensory garden with new turf. Your support has also made it possible for us to further enhance the provision in this area during the summer term.



FROM THIS



TO THIS!



COMPOST DELIVERY



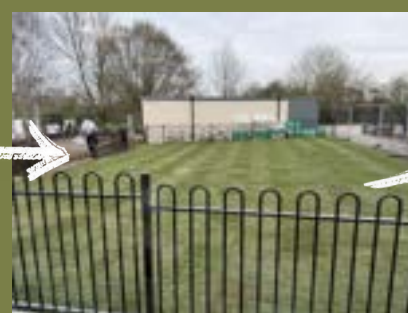
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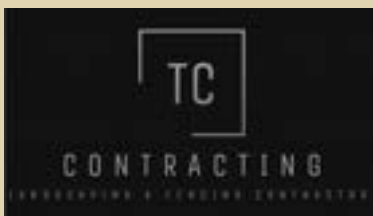
LAYING THE TURF



PREP WORK



SENSORY GARDEN AREA





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 95%
Swan 98%
Mallard: 92%
Otter: 95%
Dragonfly: 96%
Heron: 95%
Kingfisher: 96%
Pheasant: 96%

Attendance and Awards!

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

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – Robin for exploring different ways to use your voice when trying to read with expression.

MALLARD – Aida for always challenging herself, exploring new ways of learning and always sharing her knowledge with the class!

OTTER – Lacey for being such a supportive friend

DRAGONFLY – Georgina for exploring the use of sketching techniques and colour to create atmospheric perspective.

HERON – Ash for completing excellent research on the River ____ and using this to create an informative Non-Chronological report.

KINGFISHER – **Caelan**- for sharing his knowledge with his peers, building on answers and asking questions to extend his learning.

PHEASANT – **Oliver L** – for exploring new secondary schools, working hard in all subjects and working in the new classrooms.

Our READERS of the week are:

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – Alex for trying to read some of the words in your school reading book by sight and for your super reading comprehension skills.

Polly for trying to read with pace and understanding.

MALLARD – Evie, for working so hard to improve her reading this half term and blossoming into a fluent and confident reader

OTTER – George Cook for improving his independent writing

DRAGONFLY – Finlay for his enthusiasm for reading the class text and commitment to reading at home.

HERON – Lily for her continued thirst to read new books and a much improved score in her recent star reader quiz.

KINGFISHER –

PHEASANT – Edward – for quietly showing your love of reading and using ideas from your reading to make it increasingly creative.

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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Wonder
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Dates for your diary

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

Year 4 Swimming Friday 17th April - 26th June

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

Family Help Drop In

This Easter half term- Wednesday 1st April 9:15-11 am
at Pocklington Library



Come and chat to your local School and Community Practitioner.

Visit our drop-in session for a range of advice, tips and resources to support you and your family.

- Understanding your child's feelings and behaviours.
- Supporting your child's emotional health.
- Find out about other services that are available to support you.





FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page

Sparks LEARNING FESTIVAL



A free SEND event designed to support parents,
carers, and young people navigating learning
differences in Hull and East Yorkshire.
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
THE EDGE HUB, HULL 12-3PM

FIND THE RIGHT SUPPORT FOR YOUR FAMILY

Drop in and meet the experts, discover resources, and connect with local charities - all in a welcoming and inclusive space.



BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS

Please book a ticket for every person attending

tickettailor.com/events/dyslexiasparks

DYSLEXIA



SPARKS



Spring At AcornHollow

FamilyActivitieswith a difference...come alongandjoin in thefun....there is somethingforall thefamily!

Family Lambing Experience

Meetour sheepand lambs,bottlefeedour pet lambs and enjoy some sheepish activities.

£15.00 for 1 child + 1 adult.

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.

£50.00 per adult

www.acornhollow.co.uk

Acorn Hollow, GoodmanhamDale,Goodmanham, York, YO43 3NA



FOR AGES 4 1/2 - 13

THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

TOTAL ENERGY

at Pocklington School

50+ Total Energy Activities Every Week
2 Choices Every Hour - Active & Creative Options



Arty | Crafty | Sporty | Adventure | Fun

This School Holiday
Open Daily 8:00 AM - 5:30pm

SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY



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VENUE & KEY INFORMATION

Pocklington School

Open to Children from All Schools

DAILY STRUCTURE

Early Drop-Off	8:00–8:45
Standard Day	8:45–4:00
Extended Day	4:00–5:00
Super Extended	4:00–5:30

Flexible Drop-Off Window: 8:45–9:15

Children may arrive anytime within this window.

A SPECIAL FEATURE EVERY WEEK

From large-scale inflatables and Silent Disco to Forest School sessions and Wet Wednesdays

Special features vary by venue.
See our website for the full weekly rota.

TRUST & BOOKING

Ofsted Registered

Accepting Childcare Vouchers

Tax-Free Childcare Accepted

Flexible Booking Options - Book Individual Days or Full Weeks

BOOK ONLINE

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Educate | Empower | Engage | Enrich

One Family

We are part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership. The Trust is passionate about working in partnership to provide the best education for our children along with ensuring colleagues are supported in career development.

Our Trust is child centered, driven by an absolute desire, to know and care for each child as an individual. To nurture their individual talents and to create within them a love of learning. Exposing them to the true majesty, awe and wonder of creation. We take pride in:

- Recognising locality, rurality, community.
- Respecting the foundation, history and identity of each school.
- Ensuring every child can attend an exceptional local school.
- Providing every school who shares our mission a choice and home.
- Serving the greater good, the needs of others and our vocation as Servant Leaders.
- Being an advocate for those who we serve.

Learn more about our Trust: www.wlp.education

Educate

We are committed to educating the whole child and believe every child should reach their potential.



Empower

We will empower our whole school community through support, development and value in the pursuit of excellence.



Engage

We will engage in best practice to develop the personal qualities and aspirations of pupils and staff.



Enrich

We will ensure our children are exposed to a wealth of experiences and opportunities.

