Newsletter

Friday 2nd October

Melbourne Primary School

Grow, Explore and Achieve together

Mrs. Burdett's Weekly Update

It has been wonderful to walk around Melbourne Primary this week and witness the fantastic learning taking place across our school. I was particularly impressed to see our pupils engaged in their lessons, working through key questions and really challenging their own thinking. In Key Stage 2, it was brilliant to hear the children discussing their journal questions in maths in such depth, demonstrating how they are developing their mathematical thinking and pushing themselves to think deeper about the concepts they are learning.

We also had a visit from Megawatt on Wednesday, who came in to work with our Year 5 and 6 pupils on renewable energy. It was a timely reminder of what we can all do in the future to protect our planet, and I'm sure the children found the session both engaging and thought-provoking.

One of the highlights of the school year is our Young Voices choir, and I was delighted to hear them begin their practise on Monday. We have an impressive 40 members this year who will be representing Melbourne Primary at Sheffield Arena in February 2027. It's always such a great event, and the children absolutely love being part of it. The energy and enthusiasm they bring to these sessions is truly special.

This morning, we have been celebrating our pupils looking absolutely super smart for our school photographs. Despite the rainy weather, the children have done a wonderful job protecting their hair and looking their best for the camera. It's lovely to see them taking such pride in their appearance.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about our school jewellery policy. We ask that children do not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of small stud earrings only. This policy helps to keep our pupils safe and ensures that nothing gets lost during the school day. Your support in maintaining this policy is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of Melbourne Primary. I hope you all have a good weekend.

Vicky Burdett

Headteacher



Clubs

Breakfast Club - 7.30-8.30am - £6
ASC - 3-4pm - £6
ASC - 4-5pm - £6
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

Please see Arbor for available 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.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 1 Wednesday 9th September - Friday 23rd October

Autumn Term 2 2nd November - Friday 18th December

2027

Monday 4th January - Staff training day

Spring Term 1 - Tuesday 5 January – Friday 5 February

Spring Term 2 - Monday 15 February – Friday 19 March

Monday 3rd May - Bank holiday

Summer Term 1 - Monday 5 April – Thursday 27 May

Friday 28th May - Staff training day

Summer Term 2 - Monday 7 June – Friday 23 July

Monday 26th July - Staff training day



Cygnets & Swan :88%

Mallard: 94%

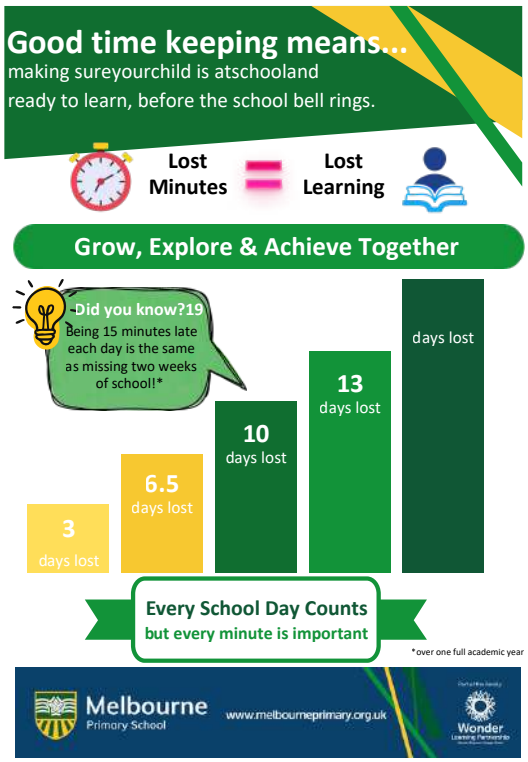
Otter: 94%

Dragonfly: 98%

Heron: 99%

Kingfisher: 99%

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 – Tommy for growing in independence and confidence at school.
MALLARD – Verity for coming into school with a big smile on her face and settling into year 1 so well.
OTTER – Evie for working so hard and showing great maturity.
DRAGONFLY – Charlie – for being a great friend on the playground and for brilliant all round behaviour
HERON – Alex for making excellent choices all week and progressing with his learning.
KINGFISHER – Jacob for always being respectful and kind to others and for solving problems with your talk partner.
PHEASANT –

Our READERS of the week are:

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS-
MALLARD – Arabella for her love of reading at home and school. Super blending, well done.
OTTER – Zara – For good reading outloud in class.
DRAGONFLY – John Patrick for his enthusiasm for reading and for reading along with our class novel
HERON – Leah for being an avid reader both in school and at home
KINGFISHER – Orla for reading consistently from home and always reading your reading target.
PHEASANT –

TIME TO START SCHOOL

Was your child born between
1 September 2022 and **31 August 2023**?

If you live in the East Riding you should **apply now** for a school place to start infant or primary school from **September 2027**.

Apply for a school place
no later than
15 January 2027
at **eastriding.gov.uk/apply-for-a-school-place**

Applications can be made on smartphones, tablets or desktops by registering an email address and completing the online form on our Citizen Portal. Application information and advice is available in our Guide for Parents. The benefits of applying online include an email with the results on National Offer Day - 16 April 2027.

If you can't apply online, you can ask for an application form from the School Admissions team and return it to County Hall, Beverley or to any East Riding Customer Service Centre by 15 January.

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TIME TO START SCHOOL

SHOW ROUND SESSIONS

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

3.15PM - 3.45PM

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

3.15PM - 3.45PM

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER

3.15PM - 3.45PM

EYFS OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

3.15PM

Please contact the school office to register your attendance

admin@mcps.org.uk

01759 318369

Family Help School and Community Practitioner's

Hello, my name is Adele and I am your Family Help School and Community Practitioner in the North area. I will be working in your school and within your community to offer a range of advice and support to families with any worries or questions they may have.



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.

We are here to offer support early, before worries grow and become harder to manage

Melbourne Primary School

The third Friday of the month:

18th September
16th October
20th November
18th December

13:00 - 15:00

If you are unable to attend the drop in's please speak to the school office to make alternative arrangements or for the details of the community drop in's.

Best Start Family Hub
For Children, Young People and Families

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OUR GOAL

Our aim is to provide support at the earliest opportunity, helping families address concerns before they become more difficult to manage.



OUR TEAM

Our Teams are based across East Riding and are linked to every school. They have built relationships within their communities to ensure you are getting the best support possible from a wide variety of early help professionals.

They are approachable, relational and reliable. They help understand what is going well, what might be difficult, and what support could make things easier for your child and family.





FEEDBACK

We value your feedback and would be grateful if you could take a few moments to share your thoughts about the support you have received. Your feedback helps us to continually develop and improve our service, ensuring that we are meeting the needs of families and providing the right support at the right time.

CONTACTS

You can speak to your school to find out how to get in contact with us.

FAMILY HELP SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY TEAM

We are here to listen, offer guidance, and help connect you with the right support at the right time.



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POCKLINGTON TENNIS ACADEMY

TENNIS AND MULTISPORTS

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

PLAY TENNIS | TRY NEW SPORTS | MAKE NEW FRIENDS | STAY ACTIVE & HAVE FUN!

OCTOBER HALF TERM DATES:

MON 26TH – THURS 29TH OCT

TUES 3RD – WED 4TH NOV

9am – 4pm

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL
THURS 29TH NOVEMBER



SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+

- Half Day Camp: 9am – 12 noon or 1 – 4pm (£25)
- Full Day Camp: 9am – 4pm (£35)
- Early Drop: 8.30am (£5)
- Late Collection: 4.30pm (£5)

BOOK 3 OR MORE DAYS IN ONE WEEK AND RECEIVE:

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07772 151545 | Sean@pocklingtontennis.com

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TOTAL ENERGY CLUB

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DEN BUILDING OR ARCHERY

THIS OR THAT?




WOW ACTIVITY OR FREE PLAY




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OFFER ENDS 4TH OCTOBER

- 50+ ACTIVITIES WEEKLY
- OFSTED REGISTERED
- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

*Based on all recent inspections at other Total Sports venues.

www.totalsportslimited.co.uk

Roaring Rascals Soft Play

We’re excited to introduce Roaring Rascals, a brand new children’s soft play and family venue opening in Pocklington on 10th October 2026! We’ve created a fun, safe and welcoming space where children can play, explore and have fun, while parents and carers can relax and enjoy our café.

🎉 **Opening date: 10th October 2026**

📍 **Pocklington**

🦁 **Soft play for children of different ages 0-10**

☕ **Café serving food and drinks**

🎈 **Party packages available**

🎟️ **Online bookings**

🌐 **www.roaring-rascals.co.uk**

📱 **Facebook & Instagram: Roaring Rascals**







MELBOURNE FRIENDS OF SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO THE

HALLOWEEN DISCO

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

£3.00 ON THE DOOR OR ARBOR.

Entry Includes Sweets and Drink Refills.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE TRIALLING BRING YOUR OWN NAMED BOTTLE FOR UNLIMITED REFILLS SO WE ARE ABLE TO CUT DOWN OUR PLASTIC WASTE.



EYFS & KS1 5:15 - 6:00
KS2 6:15 - 7:15



The Final Draw Result of the 25/26 School Prize Draw 🥁 ….

The October Draw results are:

1st prize. 🏆 Hazel Rhodes

2nd prize. 🏆 Kaiden Pararen

3rd prize. 🏆 Ariyana Parapen

Thank you all for supporting Friends of School and of course the monies raised all go towards funding the important little extras 🫶.

The total raised for FOS from the draw was £786!!

🏅 Got to be in it to win it! 🏅

Please watch out for this year's ticket request form coming out soon!

🙌🥰

TABLE TOP SALE!

Saturday 3rd October

2 – 5pm

Pocklington Scout Hut

Come along and bag a bargain!







CASH OR CARD PAYMENT ACCEPTED

Scouts

All proceeds support young people attending the Scouts' international trip to **GERMANY** in 2027



Stamford Bridge
Primary School

www.stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk

Part of the Family
Wonder
Learning Partnership



Teaching Assistant Level 2

SCP5 | 32.5 hours per week | Term time only | Fixed term contract to 31/08/2027

Closing date 11th March 2026 | Apply: www.wlp.education

WE'RE HIRING

SENIOR SCIENCE TECHNICIAN
&
SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

Immediate start (subject to DBS check)

Senior Science Technician SCP6

Science Technician SCP4

Closing Date: Wednesday 14th October 2026

APPLY:WWW.WLP.EDUCATION

Woldgate School

www.woldgate.net

Part of the Family
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Woldgate School
www.woldgate.net
Part of the Family
Wonder Learning Partnership
Casual Examinations Invigilator
Application Form: www.wlp.education
• Reliable and responsible colleague needed to join our examination invigilator team
• Play a key role in ensuring examinations are conducted in a fair, secure and controlled environment.
• All invigilators are employed on a casual basis and required to work during both internal mock and external examination periods throughout the academic year.
• SCP3 £12.85 p/h - SCP4 £13.05 p/h


Woldgate School
www.woldgate.net
Part of the Family
Wonder Learning Partnership
Care & Achievement Coordinator
37 hours per week, term time only
SCP11: £28,142 (Full time equivalent)
Closing date: 9am 12th October 2026
Apply: www.wlp.education

UNIFORMD

Save the environment whilst saving money and supporting Friends of Melbourne School.

Friends of Melbourne School now has an on-line second hand school uniform shop on the platform Uniformd. Please head along and have a look.

It's easy to see what we have in stock, and simple to place an order. Most of the items are listed with a zero price tag, so you are free to make a donation to Friends of School and receive the items of school uniform in return. Garments will be sent home from school with your child within seven days of you placing the order.

We have to pay an admin charge per transaction for us to use the platform, so we kindly ask that you make a minimum donation of £2 per item, and if possible, purchase more than one item at a time. If you are a uk tax payer, please tick the relevant box on the order form, and we will be able to claim gift aid on your donation.

Our stock list will be updated regularly, so if you don't see what you are looking for, please look again in a few days, or send us an enquiry using the "contact us" button on our page on the web-site.

Please pop along and have a look:
https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/melbourne-primary-school



New Technology Enhancing Teaching and Learning

One of the Wonder Learning Partnership's leading priorities is to ensure our staff, pupils and students have state of the art technology to enhance and improve teaching and learning. We are excited to share that each of our schools had a new interactive whiteboard installed in every classroom and we are thrilled with the impact these are having in engaging pupils in both primary and secondary education.

Our school teaching colleagues have also received new flip laptops providing more flexibility for delivering in-class teaching, screen sharing and interaction with the teaching and learning taking place.

We would like to say thank you to our Technology Project Group team for delivering on our strategy and who continue to research opportunities for our children's future learning.



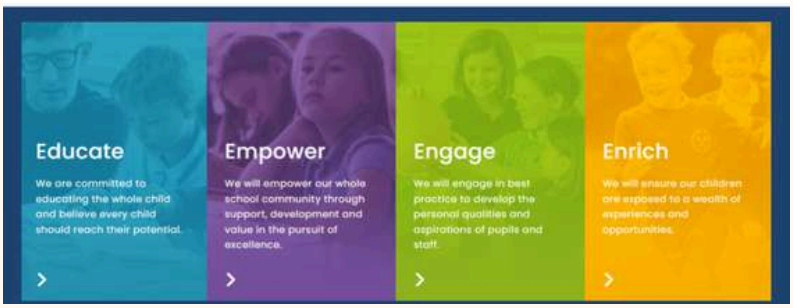


We are part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership. The Trust is passionate about working in partnership to provide the best education for our children along with ensuring colleagues are supported in career development.

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



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Wonder Priority: Wonder Culture

The health and wellbeing of colleagues and pupils



A Collaborative Culture

As part of a family of schools one of the many benefits is collaboration. Our Trust schools work together for the benefit of pupils, colleagues and the community.

Our collaboration goes beyond the classroom to provide opportunities for colleagues to share knowledge and expertise in leadership, operations, finance and more.

For example, our Big Conversation, a Trust-wide consultation led to three project groups working across some of our priorities. Together, these groups have made a huge impact across our Trust:

- Technology
- Culture, Health and Wellbeing
- Education beyond the Curriculum

We regularly bring together colleagues with the same job role from across our schools to share best practice and collaborate on future work or implementation of new processes. These meetings go a long way in allowing for smooth transitions and supporting colleagues.

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Online Safety Newsletter October 2026

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?
CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?
- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information
Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section: https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleycls.org.uk/october-2026/

AI companions



What are AI companions?

AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. **Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.**

Why are children using AI companions?

There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:

- To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?

Age restrictions: it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.

Inappropriate content: there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.

Emotional dependence: AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.

Relationships:repeateduseofAImayinfluenceachild's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.

Privacyandpersonalinformation:childrenshouldnotshare personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?

- Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai- chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/

Discord



Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to **chat to each other online**. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. **The App store rates it as 17+.**

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (**rather than using the game's own chat facility**). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:
https://discord.com/safety- family-center

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:
https://discord.com/safety- library

5 fun online activities



Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family. Why not try the following?

1. Playagametogether.
2. Takeafamilyquiz–itcouldbearoundthetopicofonlinesafety(e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learnsomethingnew–exploreBBCBitesize,NationalGeographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Createsomething–makeadigitaldrawingorvideo.
5. ReadanAudiobook.

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Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance, may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms.

As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information:
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends