Newsletter

Friday 23rd October

Melbourne Primary School

Grow, Explore and Achieve together

Mrs. Burdett's Weekly Update

What a fantastic week it has been at Melbourne! Our Outdoor Learning Day yesterday was a real highlight, and I want to thank all the parents and carers who joined us. It was lovely to welcome you into school. The pupils told me it was 'the best day ever'. From shelter building to crossing the river, the day gave pupils the chance to learn in new and exciting ways. It was also great to see some really good team building taking place throughout the day.

This day was also the launch of our Outdoor Curriculum offer. You may have already spotted the board in the waiting area. Over the next few weeks, the Outdoor Curriculum will be available on our website, so please take a look when it appears.

I would like to celebrate our Year 3 pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed their Team Building afternoon with our Outdoor leader yesterday. They worked really well together and showed a great Melbourne team spirit. This afternoon forms part of our Residential programme here at Melbourne Primary, and it was a joy to see our pupils so engaged and supportive of one another.

Please remember to bring indoor shoes for your child. We ask that no Crocs or backless slippers are brought into school, due to health and safety when walking around the classrooms. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, I hope you all have a great half-term break.

We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 2nd November.

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 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: 97%

Mallard: 96.3%

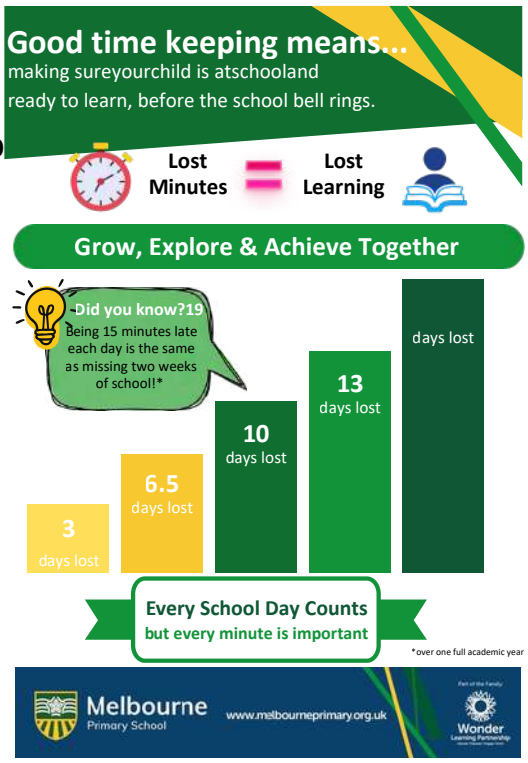
Otter: 91%

Dragonfly: 97.7%

Heron: 100%

Kingfisher: 97.3%

Pheasant: 99.4%



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 – Benjamin for growing in confidence at school.

MALLARD – All of Mallards for helping each other and having a great start to year 1.

OTTER – Jax for growing in his ability to slow down when completing work and produce some beautiful work in all lessons.

DRAGONFLY – Poppy for great teamwork and a positive attitude to learning

HERON – Annabella for growing in confidence throughout this half term.

KINGFISHER – Frederick for your growing independence and focus in lessons this week.

PHEASANT – Evie – for the progress you are making in year 6 with your can do attitude. Keep it up!

Our WRITERS of the week are:

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS- Alfie for your wonderful writing, all about you!

MALLARD – Evie for her great enthusiasm for writing and using our everyday writing toolkit to help her.

OTTER – River for his hard work to improve his handwriting and his creative ideas during our independent writing.

DRAGONFLY – Jack Wilkinson for a great story, using lots of great writing skills we have learnt in class.

HERON – Madison for an excellent portal story using many descriptive features.

KINGFISHER – Lucie for your use of our writing toolkit and sharing of ideas when innovating our class write.

PHEASANT – Alice – for your engagement in all aspects of reading from your own book to class discussions

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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OCTOBER HALF TERM DATES:

MON 26TH – THURS 29TH OCT

TUES 3RD – WED 4TH NOV

9am – 4pm

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THURS 29TH NOVEMBER



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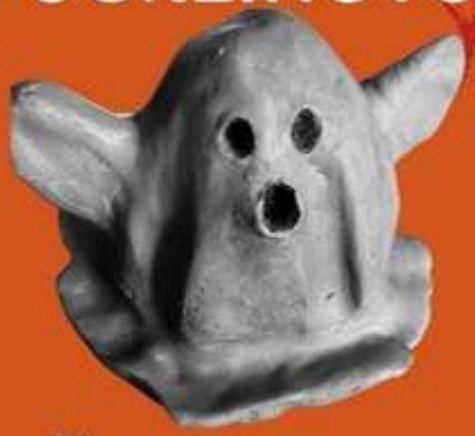
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THREAD AND PRESS CIC PRESENT

Clay creatures

FAMILY ARTS SESSION POCKLINGTON

£5
PER CHILD
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BOOKING REQUIRED

TUESDAY 27TH OCOTBER 2026

10AM - 12 NOON

Come and make clay Halloween creatures with us! A great family-friendly activity.

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SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+

Thread and Press CIC are ERMOS registered

BOOK AT WWW.THREADANDPRESS.CO.UK

NEW - KidslingoFUN French Clubs

atMelbournePrimary School

forReception,KeyStage1&KeyStage 2

Launching on Tuesday 15th September!*

Our multi-Award-Winning French clubs are an action-packed adventure of *FUN* music, game play, storytelling & drama!

CLUB DETAILS:

- √ Ourclubs will run on Tuesday (from 15 th September):
- √ 12.00-12.30pm – Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4,5& 6)
- √ 12.30-1.00pm – Reception & Key Stage1(Year 1 & 2)

*All club members receive a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION** to our **Kidslingo games website**.*

HOW TO BOOK – Go to the website - www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw

- √ Enter Club Location Melbourne Primary School, select the correct club & enrol.
- √ The club costs £5.00 per week. Payment is made termly by bank transfer and should be made when booking. Please get in touch if you would like to pay in two instalments.



Learning a new language at a young age helps children develop their cognitive skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and attention to detail. These skills lead to better academic performance and have a positive impact on pupils' overall mental health and well-being.

'Most Loved Creative & Academic Activity'
WINNER - What's On 4 Kids Awards 2025

Helen Westerby Kidslingo French York, East & Humber
helenw@kidslingo.co.uk 07815 765989 www.kidslingo.co.uk
Our tutors are fully trained, insured and hold DBS certificates.

Dates for your diary…



On **Friday 13th November** we will be joining the nations to support the BBC **Children in Need,** and we would love your support. On the day we ask that children and adults come to school **wearing spots**…anything goes… and **bring in a £1 donation** which we will collect and send off to this fantastic charity.



Once again we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**, which kicks off Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is ‘Break the silence’ .
The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children being **encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique**. Through the week the children will be learning how to ‘break the silence’ encouraging them to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and act together against bullying.

Get creative and design a

Christmas Card Celebrating POCKLINGTON and the Wolds

Let your imagination shine and bring some festive cheer!

Entries open
Sunday 24th October

Entries close
Friday 27th November



The winner will be announced at

Carols with the Mayor

on Friday 11th December at 6pm

The winner will receive a family ticket to this years Christmas production

A Christmas Sparkle

Entries to be sent to:
Pocklington Town Council Offices,
37 George Street, Pocklington, YO422DH

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

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Thank you so much to all those who are currently registered with EasyFundraising and are raising FREE donations for school when you shop online. Your support is really appreciated and so far we have raised nearly £2000 for school this way! Those small donations, from many people, really do add up & it's an easy, and FREE, way to support school.

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! You can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melbourneprimaryschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2

So you never miss an opportunity for a donation, you can use the Donation Reminder (available for phone and PC). Please click on the link below to set this up:

Donation Reminder Toolbar Download | Easyfundraising

Thank you so much for your support!

Friends of School



Free NHS Dental Care for Children Under 18

We are pleased to let you know that 543 Dental Centre is currently accepting new NHS patients under the age of 18 for dental care.

We believe that looking after your child's teeth from an early age is important in helping them maintain good oral health throughout their lives. Regular dental visits allow us to monitor your child's dental development, provide preventative advice and identify any problems at an early stage.

As part of your child's NHS dental care, we can provide:

- Regular dental examinations
- Advice on brushing and maintaining good oral hygiene
- Fluoride and preventative treatments where appropriate
- Dietary advice to help prevent tooth decay
- Fissure sealants where clinically appropriate
- Treatment for dental problems when required
- Advice and support for parents and children on maintaining healthy teeth and gums

We encourage parents and guardians to register their children for regular dental care and to attend routine appointments, even when there are no obvious dental problems. Regular visits can help identify potential problems early and support good oral health as your child grows.



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How to register

Ifyou would like your child toreceive NHS dental care at our practice, please contact us on 01482 565488 or visit the practice at 543 Dental Centre, 543-549 Anlaby Road, Hull, HU3 6HP

Our friendly reception team will be happy to answer any questions you may have, provide further information about NHS availability, and guide you through the registration and appointment process.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our practice and supporting them in achieving and maintaining a healthy, happy smile.



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01482 565488 www.543dentalcentre.co.uk







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.



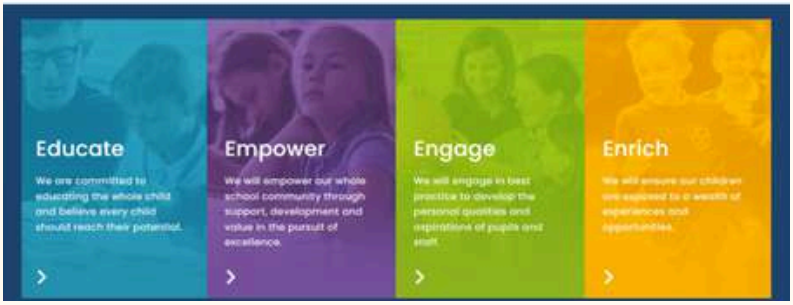


We are part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership. The Trust is passionate about working in partnership to provide the best education for our children along with ensuring colleagues are supported in career development.

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





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 Nov 2026

Spotify Parental Controls

Spotify is a music streaming service. You must be aged over 13 to access it. If under 18, parent/guardian consent is required. However, under-13s can access Spotify through a **managed account** set up by a parent or legal guardian.

Since July 2026, Spotify has provided parental controls for managed accounts on both free and premium plans. These controls:

turnmessagingoff.
turnexplicitcontentoff.
turnvideosandcanvasoff.
allowyoutoblockspecific artists or tracks.

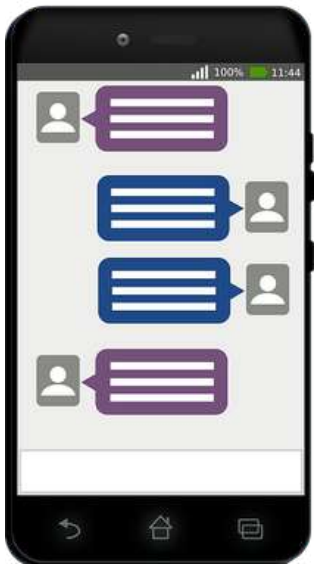
Further information

Read the news announcement here: https://newsroom.spotify.com/2026-05-13/managed-accounts-free-tier-expansion/

Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information: https://www.spotify.com/us/safetyandprivacy/parental-guide

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

Online Grooming



What is Online Grooming?

Online Grooming is when an adult builds a relationship online with a child to manipulate, exploit, or abuse them.

How does Grooming take place?

Groomers often use fake profiles to pretend they are someone they are not, for example they may claim to be younger than they really are or pretend to be a person of influence. They will use flattery and attention to build trust and friendship. They may use online games or social media to initiate contact but then encourage your child to switch to a different app to chat with privately - usually on an app that offers limited or no parental controls and/or encrypts messages.

What can I do?

- ☐ Use appropriate parental controls.
- ☐ Set privacy settings.
- ☐ Show them how to use any blocking or reporting tools.
- ☐ Chat to your child regularly about what they do online and who they communicate with. Remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are.

What are the signs that my child is being groomed?

- ☐ Being **secretive** about who they are talking to.
- ☐ They become **withdrawn** from family and friends.
- ☐ Appearing **anxious or upset** after receiving messages.
- ☐ Receiving unexpected **gifts**.

Find out more here: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/offender-gaining-trust

What should I do if my child is being groomed?

- ☐ If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.
- ☐ Stay calm and reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- ☐ If you are worried about online abuse or the way somebody has been communicating with your child online, report it to CEOP: (https://www.ceop.police.uk).

Further information

- ☐ https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets- talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-grooming/

COM Networks

COM Networks are online communities where harmful and deeply disturbing behaviour occurs, including child sexual abuse, cybercrime and extremism. These networks operate on mainstream messaging apps, gaming platforms and through social media. **It is important to be aware that such networks exist and understand the risks they can pose to children.** Introductions to COM Networks can begin with harmless conversations on a game or social media platform, but then as trust builds, groups will gradually introduce harmful content, extreme challenges and pressure to prove loyalty. Some groups use threats, humiliation or the threat of exposing private information to control members. Images, messages or personal details may be used to blackmail victims.

What should I look out for?

- **Increased secrecy**
- **Emotional or behavioural changes**
- **Unfamiliar language:** using new expressions or discussing extreme content, opinions or beliefs.
- **Unexpected gifts**

Sky News investigation into COM Networks (and links on popular sites such as Roblox and Discord)

You may have seen Sky News' investigation into COM networks. The report highlights findings from a six-month investigation that found self-harm-themed avatars, clothing and related content available on the gaming platform Roblox, including items that could be **accessed by children as young as five years old**. The report can be viewed here, **please be aware that it contains upsetting content**:
https://news.sky.com/video/inside- robloxs-dark-side-sky-news-finds-self-harm-avatars-available-to-young-children-13592551

How can I protect my child?

- Have regular and open conversations with your child. Ask your child what they do online and who they communicate with.
- Reassure them that they can always ask for help, even if they have shared something personal or broken a family rule.
- It is important to remember that threatening to confiscate their devices may make them less likely to talk to you when something goes wrong.
- Regularly review privacy settings and set up appropriate parental controls on all devices your child is using.
- Ensure your child understands the risks of sharing personal information or intimate images online.

Further information

- https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/professional-resources/sadistic-online-exploitation/
- https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/understanding- com-networks/

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WhatsApp Channels and Parental Controls

Users must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Children under 13 can access WhatsApp through **a parent-managed account.**

WhatsApp Channels

WhatsApp Channels are a one-way broadcast tool to send updates to followers. Channels can be found in the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will **not be age appropriate and may include adult content.** If your child has their own WhatsApp channel, then you need to be aware that they are **public. Anyone can view and follow a channel and anything you share on your channel is public.** We would recommend that parental controls are used to prevent children creating and accessing WhatsApp channels.

Parent Managed accounts

Parent managed accounts are required for those under 13. These accounts have additional safety restrictions and do not allow access to features such as Channels, Meta AI and location sharing. You also have control over which groups they can join.

Parental Controls for Teenagers

For users aged 13 to 17, WhatsApp offers parental control settings to limit access to certain features such as Channels.

For more information, visit:
https://www.whatsapp.com/parentalcontrols

Rage Bait

Have you heard of this term? Rage bait is when somebody deliberately posts online content to make people feel angry or frustrated to generate views and engagement. Find out more here: https://findmykids.org/blog/en/rage-baiting