Newsletter

Friday 25th September

Melbourne Primary School

Grow, Explore and Achieve together

Mrs. Burdett's Weekly Update

What a fantastic week we've had at Melbourne Primary! As I write this, our Year 4 pupils are experiencing something truly special on their residential visit to York. The sun has shone throughout, and they've been making the most of every moment. They've explored the Yorkshire Museum, walked to The Dig to uncover historical artefacts, and as we speak, they're completing a 'Roman Battle' workshop. It's wonderful to see their faces light up as they discover history coming to life before their eyes.

Our residential programme is at the heart of what we do here at Melbourne Primary. It's designed to ensure every child has the opportunity to experience something new, broaden their skills and develop essential qualities such as independence and teamwork. These experiences play a key role in shaping confident, well-rounded individuals and are a vital part of our commitment to providing a rich and inspiring education for all. Moments like these, away from the classroom, create memories that will stay with our pupils for years to come.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the wonderful roles and responsibilities that our pupils take on throughout the school. We have a variety of positions, ranging from our Head Students and Eco-Warriors to our Digital Leaders and School Council members. These roles are instrumental in developing our pupils' leadership skills and giving them a genuine voice in school life. We're currently in the process of selecting the new school council members for 2026-27, and I'm excited to see who will step forward to represent their peers. Over the course of the year, the children will be sending updates regarding how they support key areas in school, so do look out for their contributions in future newsletters.

Before I finish, I'd like to draw your attention to a couple of important dates. Please do take a minute to have a look at the diary dates for the full year. We'll keep you up to date with any changes as they arise. One key date for your diary will be Thursday 22nd October in the morning, when we'll be launching our 'Outdoor and Canal Curriculum'. This is an exciting initiative, and we would love you to take part in some outdoor, fun activities with us! It's a wonderful opportunity to engage with your child's learning in a different way, so I do hope you'll be able to join us.

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 :94%

Mallard: 98%

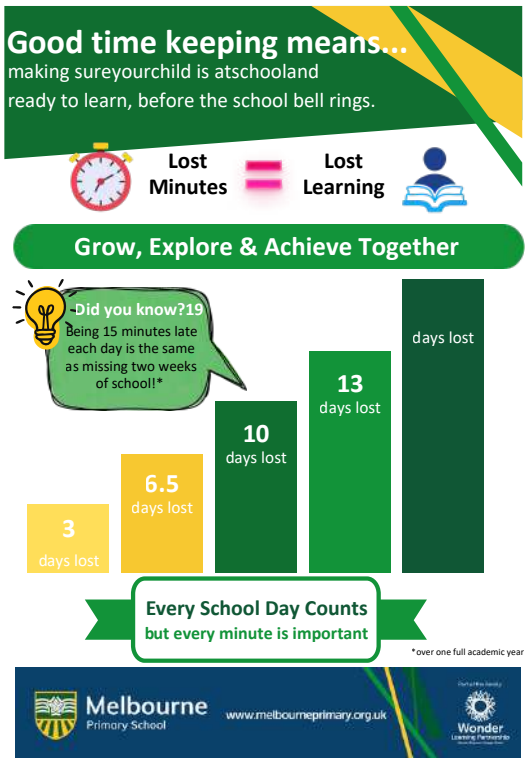
Otter: 99%

Dragonfly: 98%

Heron: 99%

Kingfisher: 100%

Pheasant: 100%



Attendance and Awards!

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

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – Lily P for your wonderful Rosie's Walk Drawing Club work.
MALLARD – Freddie for working hard to achieve the best that he can in everything he does.
OTTER – Arthur for working so hard to achieve great progress in his handwriting
DRAGONFLY – Jaxon for great effort in lessons and independent work
HERON – George – for a mature attitude to learning in Year 4.
KINGFISHER – Lois for your skilful writing, using alliteration, repetition and powerful adjectives to create an image for the reader.
PHEASANT – All of Y6 for trying hard with their practice SATs papers

Our Writers of the week are:

CYGNET AND SWAN CLASS – River for your written work all about your family.
MALLARD – Freya for using the phonemes she knows to create a long list of items from the book 'The Snail and the Whale'.
OTTER – Edith for her hard work since start Melbourn to improve her sentence structure and grammar
DRAGONFLY – Arthur for writing some fabulous sentences independently.
HERON – Audrey for great discussions around how to improve sentences using proper nouns and adventurous vocabulary.
KINGFISHER – Charlie for using your imagination and creative writing skills to create a life like poem.
PHEASANT – Oscar for taking the time to write up his comprehension answers in full sentences, well done!

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

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

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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 HOLIDAY CAMP

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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)
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- Late Collection: 4.30pm (£5)

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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**



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



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.



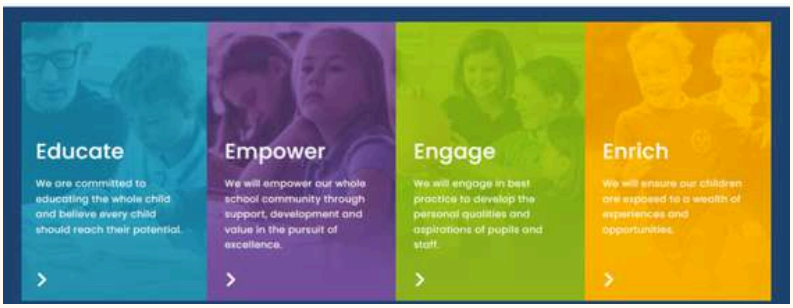


We are part of a wider family of schools in the Wonder Learning Partnership. The Trust is passionate about working in partnership to provide the best education for our children along with ensuring colleagues are supported in career development.

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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