

Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School

For the love of learning, friendship and faith



February 2026

Dear families,

The children have made a fantastic start to the new term and are enjoying their new curriculum topics. We are busy planning events and trips for the coming months and will keep you updated via our School Spider messaging service, please make sure you have downloaded the app so you don't miss any news.

Yours truly,

Fiona Ip

PTA Update

The PTA have been busy coming up with fun events & ways to raise funds to help support the school with resources and experiences for the children.

Great news, we've registered Melling St Wilfrid's CE Primary School PTA with #easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Sign up here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/melling-st-wilfred-ce-primary-school-pta/efg0dh/ca/1yUpvja/A2303/facebook>

We've also organised a 'Bags 2 School' collection date - 26th February. This is for any old clothes, textiles etc, just bag them up and drop them off, we get paid per weight and all the money raised goes to the PTA.

Valentine's Day Disco, Friday 13th February, 3.15-5.00pm £2 entry (includes food and drink). **Please book via School Spider**

Easter Bingo family night, 26th March, 6pm (full details to follow)

Swimming Lessons - Tuesdays

Children in Years 1 - 6 continue to take part in swimming lessons on Tuesdays at Hornby pool. We have a lot of boys changing at the same time & some of the younger children need a little help so going forward there will be a (female) member of staff in the boys changing room to help children if needed.

Nut Free School Reminder

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Due to a member of staff having a serious nut allergy we ask that nuts are not brought into school. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

After School Club

Bookings for After School Club can be made in the 'Booking & Payments' area of School Spider.

Tuesday - Club

Wednesday - Club with Becky

3.15pm - 4.30pm

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£3.00 per session / child

Isle of Man 2026

We are delighted to have secured the booking for the 2026 Isle of Man residential! This trip is open to children in years 5 and 6.

Monday 8th to Friday 12th June 2026

Approximate cost of the trip £400 per child (this will be finalised once the ferry costs are confirmed).

The School Day

8.45am - 3.15pm

Please ensure all children are here for a prompt start for the first lesson.

Children can be dropped off between 8:35 and 8:45 am and come straight into class. Before school childcare (no food served) is available every day from 8am and does not need to be booked in advance, just bring your child along. This is charged at £1.50 per child/day.

****PE****

This half term children will have:

Dance on Monday (PE kit not required)

Swimming on Tuesday (Y1 - 6)

PE on Friday (Reception - Y6)

PE kits can be kept in school for the week.

School Spider App

Please ensure you have downloaded the 'School Spider' app so you can make bookings/payments, complete surveys & permissions and receive messages from school. We use School Spider most days so it is important that you are able to access your parent account. Please contact the school office if you need any help logging in.

Dinner Money

If your KS2 child has school dinners the cost from September is £2.70 per day.

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website: Free school meals and pupil premium

All balances are now available to view and pay via School Spider. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your invoice, please speak to Rebeca in confidence.

Please check your parent account for outstanding invoices. Thank you

Absence Reporting & Attendance

****Absences can be reported via School Spider****

If your child is going to be absent from school please leave a phone message or email bursar@melling.lancs.sch.uk before 9am on the day of each absence. Absences can also be reported via School Spider. If a phone call/email is not received we will need to call you during the morning to find out where they are as part of our safeguarding responsibility. Please see our updated attendance policy on the school website.

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Diary Dates

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