



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



Community



Respect



Perseverance

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

February 2026



EVENTS

It's been a busy Spring term so far with several visits and visitors into school helping to bring our curriculum to life.

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Adcote School to hear a talk from MG Leonard, author of the Beetle Boy and Adventures on Trains Series, as well as many other titles.

Throughout the school we also celebrated No Pens Day, helping to raise children's awareness and understanding of dyslexia, we thought carefully about our wellbeing in Children's Mental Health Week and we learned more about staying safe online during Safer Internet Day.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



Thank you to all those parents/carers who have been able to attend any of our Maths Workshops or Phonics Fridays in Reception so far this term. It has been lovely to see you in school, getting the opportunity to work with your children and hopefully these sessions are helpful for you in supporting the children at home.



SPORTS FIXTURES & EVENTS



As a school we like to keep active throughout the day, so as well as the children's curriculum PE lessons, we organise active games and sports at break and lunchtimes and we try to provide the children with as many opportunities to take part in sporting events as possible. Netball has taken centre stage this term but we have also been out for a swimming gala at Shrewsbury School, coming in 3rd place overall. Visit the [Sports Teams and Fixtures](#) page of our website to keep up to date!



SAFEGUARDING: OPERATION ENCOMPASS



Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the process of reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (the Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures, allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law.

This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide this.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child’s behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please see below for a list of upcoming events, followed by the term dates for this year and next.

- World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
- Seahorses Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers – Friday 20th March at 9.00am
- Year 3 Egyptian Day – Friday 6th March
- Year 2 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop – Tuesday 10th March at 2.00pm
- Starfish Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers – Friday 20th March at 9.00am
- Mother’s Day Breakfast – Friday 13th March
- Dance Club Performance at Theatre Severn – Monday 16th March
- Year 2 Park Hall Farm Visit – Tuesday 17th March
- Children’s Author, Catherine Wilkins visit to KS2 – Wednesday 18th March
- Parent/Carer Consultations – Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th March
- Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 26th March at 3.30pm
- Starfish Phonics Friday for Parents/Carers – Friday 20th March at 9.00am

TERM DATES 2025/2026

September 2025		October 2025		November 2025		December 2025		January 2026	
M	2 9 16 23 30	M	6 13 20 27	M	3 10 17 24	M	1 8 15 22 29	M	6 12 19 26
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W	4 11 18 25	W	1 8 15 22 29	W	5 12 19 26	W	3 10 17 24 31	W	5 12 19 26
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F	6 13 20 27	F	3 10 17 24 31	F	7 14 21 28	F	5 12 19 26	F	2 9 16 23 30
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School Day	190
School Holiday	58
Bank Holiday	8
PD Days	5

Autumn 1st Half	39 days
Autumn 2nd Half	34 days
Spring 1st Half	29 days
Spring 2nd Half	25 days
Summer 1st Half	28 days
Summer 2nd Half	36 days
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