



Autumn Term Week 7

# Headlines

*From little sparkles to shining stars....*

Friday 16th Oct 2026

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Two more very busy weeks have whistled by with lots to look back on proudly in school. We have enjoyed class assemblies from both year 2 and Year 3, who showcased their learning to parents and the rest of school so beautifully, highlighting our STANDOUT and SHOUTOUT drivers with aplomb.



In Year 5, our children have visited Cliffe House for their two day residential this week and it's been both mine and Mrs. Turner's pleasure to spend time with the children outside school. A few late nights (so I'm sorry if we've delivered one or two overly tired children to you this week!) but lots of great experiences to keep and to treasure.

A big thank you also, to everyone who supported our book fair in school. This helps us keep our stock current and refreshed and helps keep children focussed on their reading and love of books.

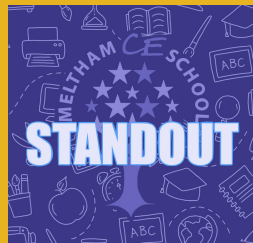


## Friends Of Meltham Christmas Cards

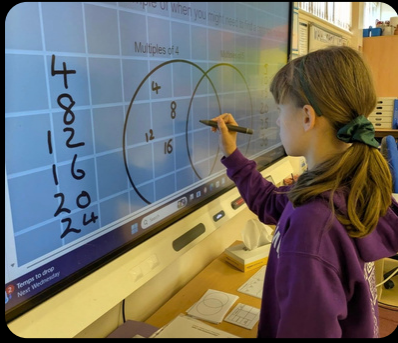
This term, we are participating in the 'Christmas Design Project' by Cauliflower Cards to encourage pupils' creativity and raise funds for our school. Your child has created a design at school which can be professionally printed as a card, gift label, wrapping paper or mugs.

Children will bring home their design and order form; if you'd like to place an order, please do so online using the unique code on the order form. Artwork will be sent home by Wednesday 21st October, please return all artwork to class with orders by Friday 23rd October 2025. Orders will be delivered to the school and sent home by early December. Please place your order directly through the Cauliflower website: <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop>

Thank you for your support, The Friends of Meltham (FOM)



# What school is currently working on



At Meltham CE Primary School, we are committed to continually reflecting on our practice, celebrating what works well and identifying where we can make further improvements. Using our self-evaluation, assessment information and feedback from our school community, we have identified five key priorities for this year:

- **Developing confident writers:** Strengthening handwriting, spelling, grammar and composition so that every child becomes a confident, capable and independent writer.
- **Building on strong early reading:** Maintaining our successful phonics provision and ensuring children continue to develop their reading fluency and confidence as they move through school.
- **Inclusive, effective teaching:** Helping every child to succeed through high-quality teaching that meets individual learning needs and maintains ambitious expectations for all.
- **Building mathematical confidence:** Sustaining strong progress in maths while developing fluency, particularly in times tables, and strengthening mathematical understanding.
- **Ensuring every child thrives:** Identifying and addressing barriers to learning so that all children, including those who may need additional support, have the opportunity to achieve their best.

These priorities build on our existing strengths and reflect our commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring that every child is supported, challenged and encouraged to shine.





# Good luck Mrs. Osborne

Mrs. Osborne, our part-time class teacher in class 2, will be starting her maternity leave from Monday 2nd November 2026. We are delighted for Jenny and her family as she prepares for the arrival of her new baby, and we know that you will join us in wishing her a very happy and special time with her family. Mrs Mottram will cover the majority of her teaching time, ensuring that the children continue to have a familiar face and a consistent approach throughout the school week. For one day each week, Mrs Kirsty Henderson will teach the class.



Kirsty is a highly experienced Early Years teacher who has previously led Early Years provision in another school. She has also worked here at Meltham very successfully as part of our Year 1 team last year, so is already familiar with our school, our children and our approach to teaching and learning.

We are very confident that the children will continue to receive excellent care, support and learning opportunities during Jenny's maternity leave. Please join me in wishing Jenny a wonderful maternity leave and lots of happiness and good luck with her new baby. We look forward to hearing all about the new arrival!



## School Choir

As Mrs Osborne is about to start her maternity leave, we are asking if there is anyone in the school community that would like to volunteer to help lead our amazing school choir on a weekly basis?

The timings are 12.30 - 1.15pm on a Wednesday lunchtime. We have a dedicated choir of around 50 children who just love to sing a wide variety of songs! We also occasionally visit Greenacres and enjoy performing at some of our school evening events - the children are always keen to perform and learn new music. Please let school know if this is something that you would be interested in - we would love the school choir to keep running!

Please contact the school office if you have the time to help support our choir continue to SHOUTOUT! and a member of staff will get back to you.



We have been collecting for the harvest over the past few weeks, so thank you if you donated. This morning Mrs. Turner and the School Council have delivered the collected goods to Meltham Food Bank where they will make sure they go towards supporting our community through the winter months.



# UNIFORM EXCHANGE

## WE CAN PROVIDE:

- ✓ Polo / Cotton Shirts
- ✓ Jumpers / Cardigans
- ✓ Blazers
- ✓ Trousers / Shorts
- ✓ Skirts / Pinafores
- ✓ Summer Dresses
- ✓ PE / Sports Kits
- ✓ Shoes / Trainers
- ✓ Socks / Tights
- ✓ Bags and Coats

(some items are limited)



SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
**REQUEST UNIFORM**  
OR FIND DONATION INFORMATION



## CAN YOU DONATE OUTGROWN UNIFORM?

Please donate clean, good-quality school uniform, PE kit, shoes, trainers, bags and coats. Find your local collection point or hand donations in at school.



[www.uniform-exchange.org](http://www.uniform-exchange.org)

Charity No. 1177750



We now have our very own rack of new and nearly new school uniform, kindly provided by **Uniform Exchange**. The rack will make its debut at our Book Fair, starting this afternoon in the hall after school. You are welcome to help yourself to any items you need — completely FREE of charge. Please take only what you need right now, so that we can make sure there is enough for everyone who may benefit. A huge thank you to Uniform Exchange for helping us to provide this fantastic resource for our families!



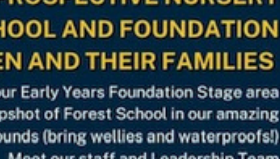
### MELTHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION STAGE 2026 OPEN MORNING MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026 10AM - 12PM



**OPEN TO ALL PROSPECTIVE NURSERY  
AGED, PRE SCHOOL AND FOUNDATION  
STAGE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

An opportunity to enjoy our Early Years Foundation Stage area  
Experience a snapshot of Forest School in our amazing  
grounds (bring wellies and waterproofs!)

Meet our staff and Leadership Team  
Ask questions

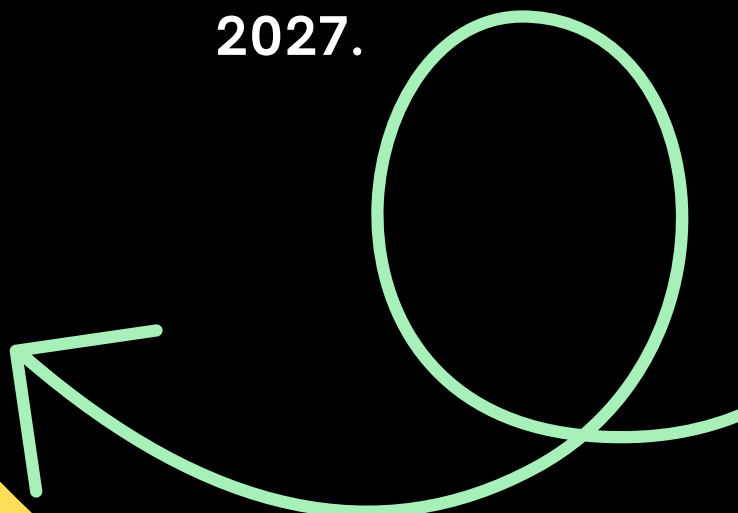


**SPACES ALSO  
AVAILABLE IN  
VARIOUS  
YEAR GROUPS**

Book your free place now or to request more information

Contact the office 01484 850671 or email  
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Next Monday is our  
Reception open morning.  
Please spread the word  
to any parents of  
prospective Reception  
children for September  
2027.



# Dates for your Diary

Please note that changes may be made to the advertised dates.

- **Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** - Friends Of Meltham School Disco (details to follow)
- **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - Y6 assembly to parents
- **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - Shining Stars Assembly
- **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - school closes for half-term holiday
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** - school reopens for the new half-term
- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Anti Bullying Week in school
- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Parents Evening
- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Parents Evening
- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Y6 trip to Robin Wood
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Sing up! assembly
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - School Closed for teacher training
- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov** - School closed for teacher training
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** - FOM School Christmas Fair (TBC and details to follow)
- **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - KS1 Christmas performances to parents (TBC)
- **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** - EYFS Nativity to parents (TBC and details to follow)
- **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Y3&4 Carols in St. Bart's Church (TBC and details to follow)
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Singing in the playground (9:15am) TBC
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - School closes for Christmas
- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027** - School reopens for Spring Term



## Eco Update

The new Eco Committee held its first assembly on Tuesday. Miss Ingham and I were incredibly proud as members confidently shared this year's eco plans with the whole school. This year, our focus areas are Marine, Water and Energy.

The Eco Committee also celebrated our achievements over the past five years, including earning Green Flags, receiving awards, and inspiring more than 700 children to take action for the environment.

We are excited to take part in Cut Your Carbon November for the fourth year running. Throughout November, everyone is encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint through simple everyday actions.

Complete one or more challenges and return your form to school by Monday 7 December to be entered into a prize draw to win a WWF Adopt an Animal package. Forms will be sent home next week.

We will also be encouraging our staff to make carbon-cutting pledges throughout November. Keep an eye on our Instagram pages and the dedicated Eco School section of the school website for updates (<https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/eco-school/158403>)!

## Haircuts are not medical appointments

It has been brought to our attention that a number of children have been collected early (and arrived late) as a result of medical appointments that were in actual fact, haircut appointments. Every minute of school time is important for children's learning and social development. Please do not take children out of school for hair appointments and ensure medical appointments are made outside of school time wherever possible.

Following the half-term break, the office staff will begin requesting proof of medical appointments in order to secure authorised absence for children attending appointments during the school day. For genuine scheduled appointments, we will of course authorise absence. The office will send further communication out after half-term. Thank you.

## Attendance

Our whole school target is **96%**

This week our whole school attendance was **96%**

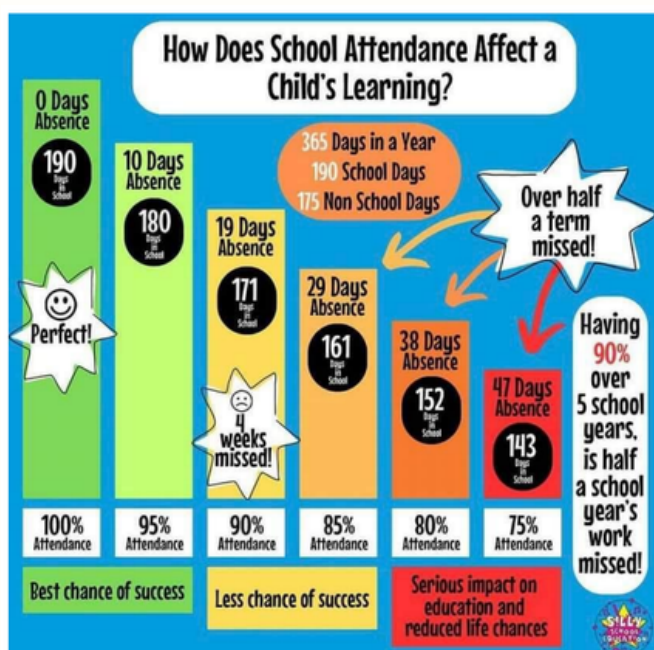
Congratulations to for attendance winners for the week: **Class 5**

## Absence Requests

All requests for term-time absence should be submitted in writing on an absence request form in advance of any travel arrangements being made, and should be at least two weeks prior to the absence. This can be found on our website under the Parent Information, Attendance or requested from the school office.

Please be aware that there are very few exceptional circumstances for absence that Mr. Gibbins or Mrs. Turner can authorise.

## Punctuality and attendance



This speaks for itself...

Please make sure you are on time and in school. Make sure you follow school procedures for illness which can be found on the attendance link under Parent Information on the website.

Remember that missed school also impacts on childrens' friendships and self-esteem and even arriving just 10 minutes late means crucial learning is missed and can leave children feeling singled out on entering class.

## Jewellery in PE, Dance and Games

Please ensure your children do not come to school wearing earrings on PE days.

Please remove them before school to avoid time missed removing them, especially if your child is in Key Stage 1 or not yet able to do so themselves.

Many of the children wear retainers which are small plastic tubes which sit within the piercing to ensure holes do not close up and these are a great idea if this is a concern for you.

Please be aware that children may be asked to sit out of lessons if they are unable or reluctant to remove piercings.

PE is a very important part of our curriculum and we would appreciate your support in making sure the correct jewellery is worn at the correct times. Further guidance on uniform policy can be found, as ever, at the foot of this newsletter.

**MELTHAM CE SCHOOL**

# Helping Us Keep Every Child Safe

Meltham CE (C) Primary School is an **Allergy Aware School**

Most children can enjoy all foods without concern, but for some pupils even a tiny amount of an allergen can cause a serious allergic reaction. You can help us keep every child safe by following these simple guidelines.

### Please do

- ✓ Check that packed lunches and snacks **do not** contain peanuts or tree nuts.
- ✓ Label lunch boxes and water bottles clearly.
- ✓ Encourage your child **not** to share food or drinks with others.
- ✓ Talk to your child about being **kind** and **respectful** towards children with allergies.

### Please don't

- ✗ Send birthday cakes, sweets or other edible treats into school for the class to **share**.
- ✗ Include foods containing **peanuts** or **tree nuts** in packed lunches or snacks.
- ✗ Assume a food is safe without **checking** the ingredients.

**WORKING TOGETHER**

Our school works closely with families and Kirklees Catering to provide a safe environment for pupils with allergies. While it is impossible to remove all allergens completely, everyone can play a part in reducing risk.

Thank you for helping us make **Meltham CE (C) Primary School** a safe and inclusive place for every child.

# KS2 TUCK SHOP

**THURSDAY BREAKTIME KEYSTAGE 2 PLAYGROUND**  
ALL SNACKS MUST BE EATEN IN THE CLASSROOM AFTER BREAK

**ZOMBIE FRUIT BARS £1**

**BOB SNAIL ROLL UPS 40P**

**FRUITINA STRIPS 60P**

**SMOOTHIES 60P**

**BEAR LITTLE PAWS 60P**

**SCRAPPLES CRISPS 80P**

THE KS2 TUCKSHOP IS OPERATED BY THE ECO COMMITTEE AND HELPS CREATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE OUR AMAZING WORK HELPING THE PLANET

ALL SNACKS ARE FRUIT BASED, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN FREE AND FREE FROM MAJOR ALLERGENS. PLEASE LOOK UP PRODUCT DETAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE ARE SUBJECT TO STOCK AND SUPPLIER AVAILABILITY

**MELTHAM CE SCHOOL ECO**

**Eco-Schools**  
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We are on Instagram

Kirklees Families Together have asked schools to share the link below. Parenting can, I know very well, be hard at the best of times. At more difficult times, the challenges can sometimes feel insurmountable and on occasion, we all need help. The families together link shares a free online parenting class open to all: [Free online parenting classes | Family Lives](#)

Kirklees  
**Families Together**

# Our School Uniform



At Meltham CE Primary we wear our uniform with pride. It gives us a sense of belonging to our school and creates an identity for our school in the community. We are very lucky because we are given the choice of 3 colours for our sweatshirts - red, blue and black. We can also wear shorts, trousers, a skirt or a dress - whatever we feel most comfortable in.

A uniform prevents children from having to worry about what clothing they should be wearing. When everyone wears the same clothes this acts as social leveller with children wearing the same uniform no matter what their family background or income.

If you need support with school uniform or other items, please ask at the office and/or come and have a look at our Uniform Exchange Rack in the hall.

## Uniform

A sweatshirt or cardigan, in black, red or royal blue. It can be plain or embroidered with the school logo

A plain white polo shirt

Plain grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt

Practical plain black shoes

Black, white or grey socks or tights

In the warmer weather children may choose to wear school-style summer dresses in either blue or red

A warm and preferably waterproof coat in a plain dark colour for cold and wet weather playtimes.

## PE Kit

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on the day they have their PE lesson

A plain white t-shirt (no logo)

Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms

A plain dark hoody

Black trainers/pumps

No sports kits, branded clothing or crop-tops are to be worn

## Forest School

Plain dark coloured clothing suitable for outdoor work depending on the weather that day

No sports kits, branded clothing or crop-tops are to be worn

A change of footwear: a clean pair of shoes for indoors, and wellies/old trainers for muddy outdoor work with a plastic/kit bag in which to take dirty footwear home

## General Information

- Foundation Stage and KS1 pupils require a book bag which can be plain or with the school logo.
- KS2 children may bring a small plain rucksack style bag □ Long hair must be tied back at all times and hair accessories must be kept to a minimum.
- No jewellery other than watches and earrings for pierced ears are allowed □ If children have pierced ears, no more than one pair of earrings may be worn and these must be small, plain and flat. Bright colours are not permitted and the earrings must be removed by the child before PE although plastic retainers may be worn.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish. Children doing so will be asked to remove it □
- No crop-tops or strap-style tops to be worn in school (including on non-uniform days, at Forest School and clubs).
- No open-toed sandals or high-heeled shoes to be worn in school (including on nonuniform days, at Forest School and clubs).
- Coats and footwear should have fastenings that are simple for children to manage with minimal assistance
- A sunhat or cap should be provided for hot and sunny weather.
- Parents/ carers must ensure that all belongings are clearly named or labelled and school cannot be held responsible for lost clothing or possessions.