Autumn Term 2 - Week 1

Headlines

From little sparkles to shining stars....

Friday 6th November 2026 | www.melthamceschool.co.uk | office.meltham@kirkleeseducation.uk







A warm welcome back to school after the half-term holidays - I hope you had a good break and have enjoyed the Halloween and Bonfire fun together safely. It's a pleasure to see the children return and we have had a very positive start to the new half-term in classes across school. Of course it is a big term in school with the run up to Christmas: lots to learn and all of our traditional SHOUTOUT performances to enjoy both here in school and in St. Bart's church in the village.

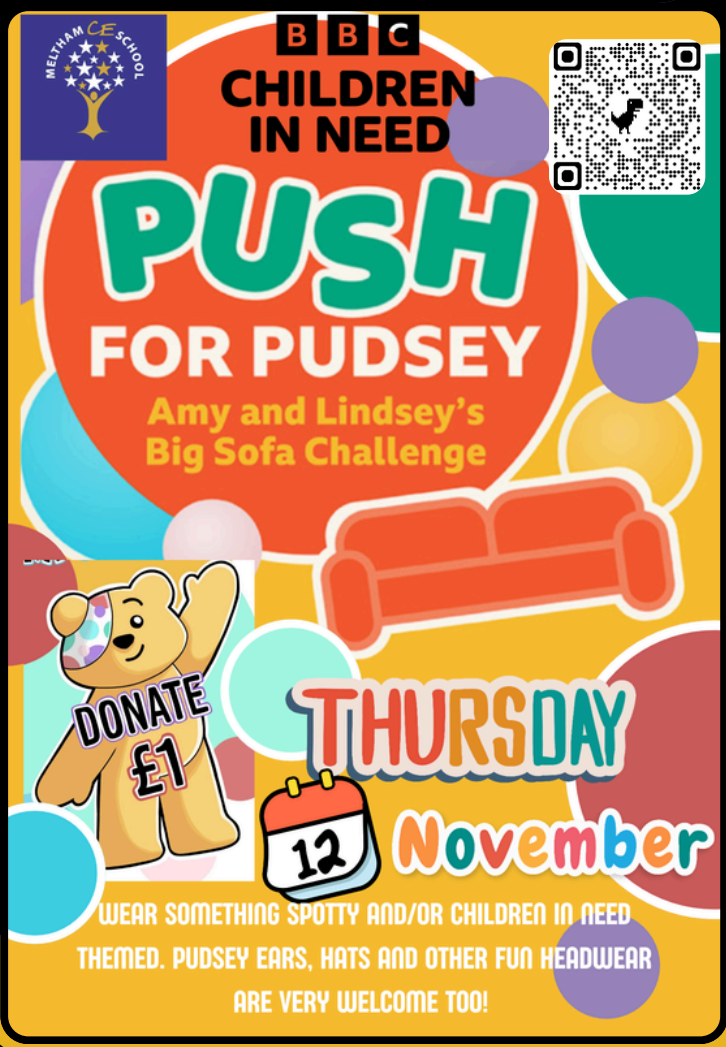
Good Luck!

A sad farewell to Andrew Pogson who leaves us this week to start a new chapter and a new career path. Good luck and all the best Andrew, you will be very much missed! We hope you have some happy memories to take away with you.

Parents Evening

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th November.

Don't forget that Parents Evenings are next week. We look forward to seeing you here at school over the course of the week. If you are yet to book an appointment, few are left - but a call to the school office will hopefully manage to find you a last minute place.



STANDOUT | SHOUTOUT | BREAKOUT

Eco-Schools Distinction | 2026 - 2027











Poppy Appeal 2026

School will continue to support the Poppy Appeal this year with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion. They will be available in school up until 11th next week:

- Snap Bands £1.50
- Wrist Bands £1:00
- Zip Pulls £1:00
- Pencils 50p
- Stickers 20p
- Traditional Poppies for a donation



Jewellery Reminder

Please remember that children should not wear necklaces, bracelets, rings or dangly earrings in school. Earrings should be studs and retainers worn for PE.

Safeguarding Arrangements

Please ensure that if your child is in Reception or years 1 to 4 that you inform school by telephone or email, if someone other than the expected adult is collecting them. Please inform school in good time. If it is a late change, please ring us on 01484 850671. Thank you.

office.meltham@kirkleeseduation.uk

We still have spaces left in the following clubs:

Afterschool Clubs Autumn Term 2 2026

Monday	Kirk Jacobs	Footy Tots	Y1&Y2	20 pupils	5 weeks	2nd November - 14th December 2026. Excluding 9th November (Parents evening) & 30th November (School closed).	£18.75
Monday	Lorna Butters	Arty Explorers	Y1 - Y6	20 pupils	5 weeks	2nd November - 14th December 2026. Excluding 9th November (Parents evening) & 30th November (School closed).	FULL
Tuesday	Kirk Jacobs	Sports Stars	KS2	20 pupils	5 weeks	17th November - 15th December 2026	£18.75
Wednesday	Mrs Henderson	Netball	Y5-Y6	20 pupils	6 weeks	4th November - 16th December 2026. Excluding 11th November (Parents evening)	£6.00
Wednesday	Rick Fox	Football academy & Sports Club	Y3 - Y6	20 pupils	6 weeks	4th November - 16th December 2026. Excluding 11th November (Parents evening)	£22.50
Wednesday	Ruth Patterson	Forest School	KS2	15 pupils	3 weeks - 3.15-4.30pm	25th November, 2nd & 9th December 2026	£18.00
Thursday	Rick Fox	Go Girls! Football	KS2 Girls	20 pupils	7 weeks	5th November - 17th November 2026	£26.25
Friday	Kirk Jacobs	Multi Sports	Y2 - Y6	20 pupils	5 weeks	5th November - 17th November 2026. Excluding 27th November (School closed) & 4th December (School fair).	£18.75









Congratulations!

Last half-term's Shining Stars were chosen by their teachers for going the extra yard in class with learning, in showing our Christian Values and living our school vision. We are very proud of all 14 children! I wonder who it will be this half-term?

Reception: Robyn & Aria
Year 1: Logan & Mari
Year 2: Eva & Eleanor
Year 3: Serin & Darcie
Year 4: Isla & Sophie
Year 5: Florence & William
Year 6: Lucie & Martha

Can you help?

Can you or someone you know help? In school we have a number of projector slides dating back to the school's opening over 60 years ago. If anyone has the means and the time, we would love for the images to be digitised in order to preserve the history of the school in a format we can access. If you do have the time to help us out, or know someone who might, please contact the office and they will put you in contact with Mr. Aspey. Thank you.

As winter approaches and temperatures drop, energy prices can become a further strain on already tight budgets. Below is a link to Home Energy West Yorkshire's free impartial huidance on home energy:
https://www.homeenergywestyorks.co.uk/

Energy Neighbours are a Kirklees project supporting communities and households. You can download the app that shows energy saving tips and lets you see how much you are saving. You can download the app here:
https://energyneighbours.app/#home
Our Eco Committee's energy and water saving tips for this fortnight are below!

Eco-Schools
Distinction | 2026 - 2027





UNIFORM EXCHANGE



We 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!

Sad News

Last week school learned of the death of one of its former teaching staff, Mrs. Georgina Rothery, who worked here for many years as a Key Stage One teacher and SENDCo.

Many of our long serving staff have been particularly touched by her passing, and I'm sure there are some parents out there who will remember her fondly.

Georgina leaves behind a loving family and many happy memories as well as standing as an example of hope, happiness and positivity in the face of adversity.

Meltham CE Primary School offers its prayer for Georgina and her family, and staff or families who may wish to pay their respects have been invited by Paul, her husband, to donate to Yorkshire Cancer Research.

https://www.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk/donate/help-fund-research-that-saves-lives-in-yorkshire

Dates for your Diary

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

- **Mon 9th Nov** - Anti Bullying Week in school
- **Mon 9th Nov**- Parents Evening
- Mon 9th Nov - Nasal Flu vaccinations in school for those who have consented
- **Wed 11th Nov** - Parents Evening
- **Mon 16th Nov** - Y6 trip to Robin Wood
- **Thurs 19th Nov**- Sing up! assembly
- **Fri 27th Nov - School Closed for teacher training**
- **Mon 30th Nov - School closed for teacher training**
- **Fri 4th Dec** - FOM School Christmas Fair (details to follow)
- **Wed 9th Dec** - KS1 Christmas performances to parents
- **Thurs 10th Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- **Mon 14th Dec** - EYFS Nativity to parents (details to follow)
- **Wed 16th Dec** - Y3&4 Carols in St. Bart's Church (details to follow)
- **Fri 18th Dec** - Singing in the playground (9:15am)
- **Fri 18th Dec - School closes for Christmas**
  Mon 4th Jan 2027 - School reopens for Spring Term

Attendance

Our whole school target is 96%

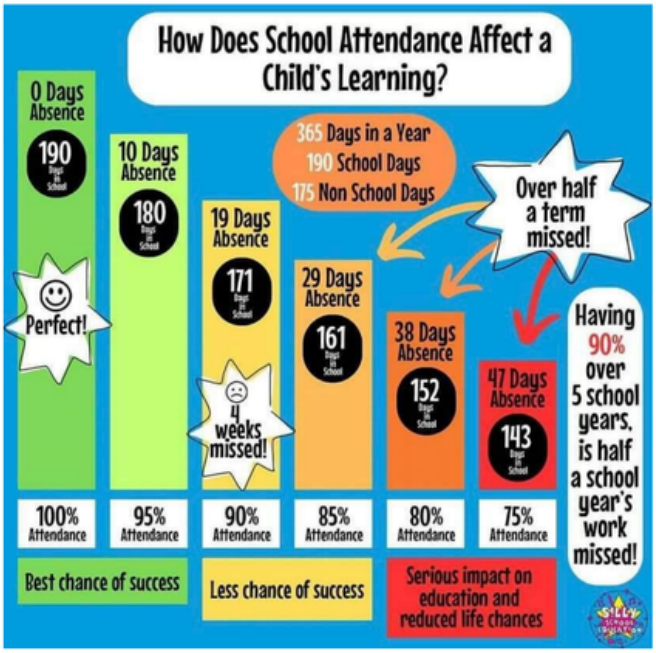
This week our whole school attendance was 96.2%

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.



@MELTHAMCESCHOOL

We are on Instagram

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.