



Melling News

SPRING TERM 7th FEBRUARY 2025



LAST WEEK OF HALF TERM (SPRING 1)

Well, here we are at the mid-way point of our school year when hopefully we can begin to look forward to lighter nights and warmer days. We break up on Friday 14th February and return to school on Monday 24th February.

SAFE INTERNET DAY TUES 11th FEB

Keeping safe online is just as important as keeping safe in real life. Although we discuss online safety throughout the year, we have a closer look at this topic during Safer Internet week. The theme this year is 'Too good to be true: protecting yourself and others from online scammers'. The message is essential for us all – please do all you can to support this discussion at home too.

READ THE ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Each month we post a newsletter onto the website (the Newsletter page) that is dedicated to providing information about various issues relating to children's safety online. It is full of ways in which you can help your child have a safe online life. **You will receive one about 'Scamming' on Tuesday of next week.**

VISIT THE NSPCC WEBSITE

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Very useful information: Talking to your child about keeping safe; Well being; parental controls.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-safer-internet-day>

MELLING PRE-SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 6th MARCH

We will of course be celebrating World Book Day on 6th March. To keep it simple and to ensure nobody feels the pressure to buy a book character costume, we are giving children the option to come to school in their pyjamas (with a cuddly toy of course!), or to dress up as a book character (previously owned costumes recommended – why don't you swap with someone!). We will be doing the sponsored World Book Day parade so look out for a sponsor form after half term.



"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."

JK Rowling

A HUGE WELL DONE TO STAFF & CHILDREN

As you are aware, we have several members of staff absent from KS1, two of whom are teachers. I would like to say a huge thank you to the members of staff who have taken on a range of additional or different responsibilities to ensure that our children's learning has not been adversely impacted. A special word of thanks goes to Miss Cant (Y1) and Mr Jambors (Y4 & Y5) who have worked exceptionally hard, who have shown incredible team spirit and who have done all they can to help Melling children to continue to be the best that they can be. The staffing situation is likely to continue after half term.

I would also like to say how proud I am of the children in KS1 who have coped so well with several changes in staffing this half term.

DATES FOR DIARY

10 – 14th February – Bikeability in Y5 all week

Tues 11th February – Y4 Tales & Toast

Tues 11th February – SAFER INTERNET DAY

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

Mon 24th February – Return to school

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day

Thurs 13th March – Y3 Tales & Toast

Thurs 13th March – Swimming Gala

Friday 21st March Inset Day – school closed for online parent teacher meetings

Wed 26th March – open day for parents to come and see children's work

Mon 31st Easter activities week

Friday 4th April LAST DAY OF TERM

1.30 FINISH

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CLASS ATTENDANCE % SEPT - FEB

YR	95-3	Y3	94-7
Y1	93-1	Y4	95-5
Y2	93-6	Y5	92-8
Holidays of 5 days or more will incur a penalty fine.		Y6	94

HOLIDAYS MUST NOT BE BOOKED IN MAY OR JUNE AS THIS IS WHEN STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS TAKE PLACE



BE THE BEST TEAM

I am delighted to say that I met with the Be the Best Team last week (stepping into Mrs Grainger's shoes whilst she is absent). We have reps from Y2 to Y6 classes who will be the voice of their peers – reporting back any issues that need addressing in school. We have already identified 2 main priorities: to reduce the amount of **litter** on the playground and to resurrect **Foodbank Friday** gate collections. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

BREAKFAST CLUB AND DOLPHIN (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUB BOOKINGS: For places email: afterschoolclub.melling@schools.sefton.gov.uk

For contacting the staff: 07872 468723 PLEASE **DO NOT** TEXT TO BOOK A PLACE

IF YOU HAVE BOOKED A PLACE AND NO LONGER REQUIRE IT – IT IS VITAL THAT YOU LET THE STAFF KNOW

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE...BE PROUD



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