



Melling News

SPRING TERM 10th JANUARY 2025



WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of myself, the staff and the governors, I would like to wish all of our Melling Primary families a very happy new year and hope that 2025 is a happy and healthy year for all. The staff wished for me to send a big 'thank you' for the cards, gifts and Christmas wishes from families at the end of last term. **HUGE WELL-DONE & PAT ON THE BACK TO ALL FOR GETTING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK IN SUCH DIFFICULT WEATHER CONDITIONS – SUCH RESILIENCE – PROUD OF YOU!!!** We enter a new year and a new term and as always this term promises to be a busy and exciting time for all of us.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

OUR DUTY OF CARE

Your children are entrusted into our care and we have a responsibility to protect their welfare. All situations are risk assessed e.g. educational visits and visitors to our school. From time to time school can be made aware of or staff may become concerned about a child who may be at risk of harm. In these situations, information will be shared with our partner agencies in the interest of seeking the best support for the child. These situations are dealt with sensitively, confidentially and almost always in consultation with the parents/carers. Mrs Ainsworth and Mrs Hargreaves are our Child Protection Officers and if you have any safeguarding concerns, please see them – all matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. We are also part of the Operation Encompass Programme – if there are any incidents of Domestic Abuse that are known to the police, school will be informed so that we know to support those children who may have been affected by the incident/incidents.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2025

Do you or someone you know have a child who will be due to start school in September 2025? If you do, remember that applications must be completed on Sefton or Knowsley's online Admissions form by **Wednesday 15th January**. Sefton and Knowsley Council will not consider allocating a place unless there is an application. Spread the word!

MELLING PRE-SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

mellingpreschool@hotmail.com

DATES FOR DIARY

Tues 14th January – Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum

Tues 4th February – Y2 Trip to Walker Art Gallery & World Museum

10 – 14th February – Bikeability in Y5 all week

Tues 11th February – SAFER INTERNET DAY

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

Mon 24th February – Return to school

STAFF ABSENCES

We are experiencing an unusual level of staff absences at the present time. Many thanks for your support, patience and understanding. As always we are doing all we can to ensure our best provision for all.

BREAKFAST CLUB NOTICE POLITE REMINDER

Children attending Breakfast Club should arrive before 8.30am if a breakfast is required.

THINK PHARMACY FIRST

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows pharmacists to provide advice and where appropriate, supply NHS medicines for the following conditions for:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you or they may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Your GP surgery may also refer your child (or you) to the service if you contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CLASS ATTENDANCE % AUT TERM

YR	96.3	Y3	95.4
Y1	93.9	Y4	96.8
Y2	94.2	Y5	93
Holidays of 5 days or more will incur a penalty fine.		Y6	95.2

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning. Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

"On days when I've felt as though I have nothing left to give to my kids, I've been able to sit next to them and open a book. We start reading, and the world looks different."

Maria Russo



QUESTIONNAIRES – WRAP AROUND CARE

Please look out for a questionnaire asking for views on needs for any future provision. It would be useful if any parent using the service now and maybe needing to use the service in future, could complete the questionnaire and return it to school.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND DOLPHIN (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUB BOOKINGS: For places email: afterschoolclub@melling.schoools.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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