



# Melling News

## SPRING TERM 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026



**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 2026 is a happy and healthy year for all. And yet...here we are in the middle of January already!!! A new year and a new term always bring busy and exciting times to look forward to.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.**



**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026?**



Melling Primary is proud to support The National Year of Reading. Watch this space in every newsletter to see what we are doing to show that **READING IS AMAZING!!!**



### DATES FOR DIARY

-Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January Film Night Y1 Y2  
-Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January Film Night – KS2  
-Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Film Night YR UNTIL 4.30pm (not 5pm)  
-2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February – Esafety Week – including a visit from Bullybusters to provide workshops for children on keeping safe online.  
-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February break up for half term holiday  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February return from half term holiday  
-WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

### FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT REMINDER

All children should be wearing full school uniform (all black shoes, shirt & tie in KS2) Children should not be wearing their PE kits unless it is a PE day.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CLASS ATTENDANCE % 5 <sup>TH</sup> – 9 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 26			
YR	99.3	Y3	96.6
Y1	84.8	Y4	92.7
Y2	94.5	Y5	96
Holidays of 5 days or more will incur a penalty fine.		Y6	96.3

**HOLIDAYS OF 5 DAYS OR MORE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND WILL LEAD TO A FINE**

### SAY HELLO – WAVE GOODBYE

We were so sad to say 'Good-bye' to our lovely Ms McGurk last week – we will miss her very much. We are delighted to say 'Hello' to Ms Lynch who will be working in YR (the children already know her as she used to serve our school lunches!)

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

We invited parents/carers to complete a questionnaire at the end of the Autumn term. You may be interested in the summary of those views. We are already formulating ideas as to how we can provide you with information as to expectations of writing and other aspects of learning.

My child is happy to come to school each day	100%
My child feels safe at school	100%
My child has settled into their new class well	100%
My child is given support with their wellbeing when needed	100%
I am well informed about what my child is learning	76%
I have had the opportunity to communicate with my child's class	95%
The school makes me feel welcome and staff are approachable	100%
My child is coping with the expectations of the year group	95%
The homework my child receives is appropriate for their age	95%
I know the expectation for writing in my child's year group	71%
I know how to support my child with their learning at home	90%

### ONLINE SAFETY PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

If Father Christmas brought a new device for your child – this session is a **MUST!!!**  
**Wednesday 28th January 2026 – 9.30am – 10.15am (Link sent to be sent out next week)**  
**Focus:** Guide to online gaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children

### MELLING PRE-SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

[mellingpreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:mellingpreschool@hotmail.com)

**BREAKFAST CLUB AND DOLPHIN (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUB BOOKINGS: ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE USING PARENTPAY – BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE UP TO 3pm ON THE DAY BEFORE A PLACE IS REQUIRED**

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



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