



Melling News

SPRING TERM 30th JANUARY 2026



I don't know about you but I am always happy to see the end of January – I can't wait for the day when I arrive at school in daylight!

February is the month when we have an extra focus on Internet Safety – with so many news reports as to the dangers of Social Media for young people, I do hope you will make use of the resources below.

SMART TECH – SAFE CHOICES

In an ever-changing high tech society, we must all work together to keep our children safe online. Whilst at school we try to reinforce the 'Be safe online' messages, it is vital for you as parents/carers to be as up to date as you can be.

1. KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE WEBINAR PARENTS/CARERS

This is a really useful online webinar to join from the comfort of your own home!
<https://www.knowsleycics.org.uk/online-safety-parent-carer-session-january-2026/>

2. 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.
<https://www.mellingprimaryschool.co.uk/stream/newsletters/headline/1/-//>

3. 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.

4. VISIT THE E-SAFETY ZONE ON OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.mellingprimaryschool.co.uk/e-safety-zone-for-parents/>
 Lots of practical resources.

5. UK SAFER INTERNET CENTRE

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

DATES FOR DIARY

-9th – 13th February – Esafety Week – including a visit from Bullybusters to provide workshops for children on keeping safe online.
 -Monday 9th Feb 5pm Y6 Residential Parents' meeting
 -Friday 13th Feb – Y4 & Y5 trip to Horrible Histories
 -Friday 13th February break up for half term holiday
 Monday 23rd February return from half term holiday
 -Tuesday 24th Feb – Y3 Museum trip
 -Wed 25th Feb – Y2 trip Imagine That
 -WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING



TOP TIPS TO 'GO ALL IN' FOR ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO READ

TOP TIP 1 - DISPEL READING MYTHS
MYTH 1: Reading means big, long novels: Your child doesn't have to take on long works of fiction to experience the benefits of reading.

MYTH 2: Reading is boring: Think about the things they enjoy doing and find books that tie-in, perhaps about television, football, film or gaming series they like.

MYTH 3: 'Cool kids' don't read: Being able to tell your child that their favourite YouTuber or musician is a keen reader can help dispel the idea that it's not 'cool'.

MYTH 4: Libraries are silent and dull: Many libraries offer craft clubs, quizzes and storytelling groups that show libraries in a different light.



THANK YOU FROM WOODLANDS
 We have received a lovely letter of thanks for raising £204 from the sale of Christmas pin badges. As they say: 'The gesture maybe small, but the impact is huge'.
 Thank you Miss Roberts for organising.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CLASS ATTENDANCE % 5 TH – 9 TH JAN 26			
YR	90.3	Y3	97.3
Y1	85.2	Y4	95.3
Y2	94.8	Y5	98
Holidays of 5 days or more will incur a penalty fine.		Y6	94

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY.

MELLING PRE-SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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This month, our Eco Warriors are focusing on ways to improve our recycling habits – how we can make sure that we

don't waste anything. To help raise awareness, the Eco Warriors will be speaking to classes, and also making posters for our school to tell our children about the different things we can do to be more environmentally friendly.



Food Bank Friday



Thank you for your continued support with our Food Bank collection.

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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