



Melling News

AUTUMN TERM 7th SEPTEMBER 2026



Here we are at the start of another exciting term ahead. We are delighted with the way in which the children have returned to school – all looking so very smart in their pristine school uniforms, and obviously very ready to learn. A special well done to our Y3 parents for helping their children get used to ties So, here we are... we start the year as we finished the last with our school motto:

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE - BE PROUD

GENTLE REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

UNIFORM: Summer uniform is acceptable during Autumn term only if the weather is unseasonably warm. All black shoes must be worn; no jewellery; no tattoos or hair braids.

PE KITS: Only school PE kits – navy blue shorts or joggers in colder weather (no lycra 'short' shorts please); light blue polo T-Shirt or school logo T-shirt.

LARGE SCHOOL BAGS/PENCIL CASES: We communicated with you at the end of the Summer term to ask that no large school bags; large water bottles or pencil cases be sent into school – on the whole this has been supported, if not please ensure that they do not return into school next week. Many thanks for your help and support with this – we have very full classes and such organisational systems really do help.

(If a reminder is needed we may send a tick list home with issues that may need to be addressed)

FLU IMMUNISATION – ALL CHILDREN

Your child is due their flu immunisation this term – Thursday 15th October. You will soon receive a link via Parentmail that you will need to complete. You can choose either the nasal spray (recommended for best protection) or the injectable flu vaccine if required. If you don't want your child to receive their flu vaccine please complete their form with a NO to avoid receiving further follow up calls and text.

Contact the School Immunisation Team on 0151 247 6130 if you have not received the information

DATES FOR DIARY

-THURSDAY 10th SEPT MAGHULL HIGH OPEN EVENING
-THURSDAY 17th SEPT MARICOURT OPEN EVENING
-THURSDAY 24th SEPT OPEN EVENING DEYES HIGH
- WED 16th SEPT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
-WK BEG 5th OCT Y5 BIKEABILITY
-THURS 8th OCT 2.15 KS1 HARVEST ASSEMBLY
-FRI 9th OCT KS2 HARVEST ASSEMBLY
-THURS 15th OCT FLU VACCINATIONS WHOLE SCHOOL
-FRI 24th OCT BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
-MON 2nd NOV RETURN FROM HALF TERM HOLIDAY
-WED 4th NOV – FRI 6th NOV Y4 CHET
-THURS 19th NOV CHILDREN IN NEED DAY
- FRIDAY 20th NOV SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONLINE PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
- WED 25th NOV – FRI 27th NOV Y5 CHET RESIDENTIAL

SAFEGUARDING OUR DUTY OF CARE

Your children are entrusted into our care and we have a responsibility to protect their welfare. 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 the partner agencies in the interest of seeking the best support for the child. These situations are dealt with sensitively, confidentially and always in consultation with parents. Mrs Ainsworth, Mrs Hargreaves & Mrs Jones 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 – we will be alerted by police if there has been a domestic abuse incident within a family, whether children were present or not.

STAFFING UPDATE

I wrote to you earlier this week to inform you of the absence of Mrs Jones, Mrs Freeman and Miss Scotland. As I said Mrs Beth Taylor will take on some of the SENCO role (she will be in school on Tuesdays) and she will be in regular contact with Mrs Jones. Mrs Hargreaves can be contacted about any SEND issues in YR, Y1 and Y2. I will be back to working 5 days and so will be in on Mondays whilst Mrs Jones is absent. This will be a challenging time for the staff in Melling and I trust we can rely on your care, consideration and patience.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASS

Please spend some time looking through the 'Strong Start' powerpoint for your child's class. You will find it on the class page for their year group on the website.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - FIRST WEEK BACK

CLASS ATTENDANCE %			
YR		Y3	93.4
Y1	91.1	Y4	92.8
Y2	92.7	Y5	90.9
Holidays of 5 days or more will incur a penalty fine.		Y6	96.7

This is quite a disappointing start to the school year, considering it was the first week back and our attendance target is 97%. Congratulations Y6!

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.

OURSCHOOLSAPP

We were informed at late notice over the Summer holiday that our app company is no longer providing the app service. We are in negotiations with our website company to source a new app platform.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND DOLPHIN (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUB BOOKINGS:

ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE USING PARENTPAY – BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB UP TO 3pm ON THE DAY BEFORE A PLACE IS REQUIRED; BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BEFORE 2.30pm ON THE DAY

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