

Weekly Bulletin

May 16th 2025



Year 6 proudly wearing their leavers hoodies

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 pupils, who tackled their SATs this week with determination, positivity and real self-belief. Thanks to all the staff who supported them so expertly, and to every child across the school who helped maintain a calm, quiet atmosphere for our oldest pupils.

At Meldreth, our Year 6 pupils arrived ready and excited for the challenge - and many even ended the week saying they'd enjoyed the experience! At Meldreth, we're equally committed to rigorous preparation but never lose sight of the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum. That's why, alongside focused learning recall, we make sure there's always plenty of fun, hands-on learning to keep everyone inspired and motivated.

Well done, Year 6!

Federation News

This week, the Governing Board held meetings with parents to discuss the federation proposal. Here are some of the questions they asked...

What are the benefits to Meldreth?

Cost savings have meant that:

- an extra member of staff was appointed
- current level of additional support for pupils maintained
- we are futureproofing school from turbulent financial times

Why Federation?

Looking ahead, schools budgets will not sustain the current staffing structure, changes need to be made.

Over past years, Governors have looked at joining an Academy trust and come to the decision that Meldreth leaders and Governors value the autonomy they have as a LA school.

Will this impact Meldreth financially?

School budgets will remain completely separate and we have planned for positive impact; maintaining our current staff structure without redundancies and class changes.

Can my teacher be sent to work at another school?

Class teacher contracts with each school will remain the same. Only leaders will have federation contracts, which will allow them to support other schools if this does not influence classes.

Could we still be forced to academise?

Yes, the DfE can change legislation, but with an existing federation we could consider forming our own primary academy.

Full details, including how to respond to the consultation, can be found [on our website](#). Your feedback is important - please take a moment to review the information and [share your views](#).

Year 4 LEGO® Robotics Day



Our Year 4 explorers put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test this week during LEGO® Robotics Day! Working in small teams, they:

- **Designed & Built:** They selected bricks and assembled working prototypes.
- **Coded & Controlled:** They used block-based coding to bring their models to life - making them move, steer and react to simple sensors.
- **Tested & Improved:** They were able to troubleshoot challenges, refine their designs and celebrate each success.

This hands-on experience developed teamwork, logical thinking and perseverance—all while they had tons of fun! We were amazed by the ingenious machines our Year 4 engineers created! [See more here](#).

Monkey Challenge Climbing Wall for the Recreation Ground



Meldreth Parish Council would like to put a Monkey Challenge Climbing Wall into the Recreation Ground. There is the possibility of getting a grant but we need your assistance, as we need to show public support. Please share this information with your contacts. More information can be found at www.finding-fitness.co.uk

Please leave your comments with the Parish Council by [emailing the Clerk](#).



FROZEN FRIDAY LOLLY SALE - To help keep cool, the PTA will be selling ice lollies after school on Friday 16th May. Lollies are 50p so make sure you bring some change with you at pick up!

TOMBOLA DONATIONS - Summer is coming and fete season is quickly approaching!

The PTA will be fundraising at Melbourn Summer Fete on Sat 14th June selling pocket money toys, balloons and running a tombola. To make this as successful as possible, we'd like to ask you for any donations of tombola prizes – any new, unopened gifts, toys, craft kits, toiletries etc. for kids or adults. We would really appreciate it if you could bring these into school after the half term holiday - drop off at the School Office.

CAMPING NIGHT - Saturday 14th June - After last year's very successful camping event in aid of the swimming pool, the PTA will be hosting another night full of fun, BBQ, swimming & camping. Watch out for further details on the PTA notice board.

KRISPY KREME SALE - Friday 20th June - The PTA committee is pleased to be bringing back our Krispy Kreme sale! Pre-order your delicious doughnuts on MCAS until Friday 13th June. Collection from the school gates.

DISCO - Friday 4th July - We are also very pleased to be able to confirm the date of our next disco. Come and join us KS1 from 4.30 - 5.30pm & KS2 from 5.45 - 7pm. Tickets available to buy on MCAS soon, £3 a ticket.

Summer B	Ivy S	Jamie C	Harry S	KaydenB	Elliot S
Alfie B	Ellie B	Freddie C	Oliver W	Aya T	Lily F
James M	Isabella C	Ethan F	Felicity F	Emma H	Sam HP
	Hawk Class		Curtis F		Ruby S

Please check [our website calendar](#) for upcoming events and important dates
From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!

Make, Praise & Story @ Meldreth Primary School Thursday 8th May

We welcomed the children and had some biscuits, very necessary after a busy day at school. Then we listened to a parable, which Jesus told people. Parables are stories Jesus used to help people understand something about him as God's son and about God's Kingdom. We heard about a tiny mustard seed, which grew into an enormous plant which all the birds of the air could shelter in. This reminds us that God's kingdom started off very small with Jesus and his followers and has spread into something very big and that everyone is welcome to share in this kingdom.

Then we had great fun making our tree and putting birds in it to shelter and be safe. You can pop into Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth to see this tree and if you look very carefully you might be able to find a tiny seed too! We had some little yoghurt pots which had been covered with paper and the children decorated them. Then we planted sunflower seeds in them. The children took these home to grow on and hopefully plant out in their garden. As they grow they will remind them of God's kingdom which grows from small beginnings. Also the birds will love the sunflower seeds when they ripen.



We run this group every second Thursday in term time from 3.10p.m. till 4.10p.m. and anyone who attends



Meldreth Primary School is welcome to join us. You just need to sign up using the school system please. Our thanks go to all who support who in this venture and particularly to Paula in the office who looks after the registration side for us.

We next meet on Thursday 12th June and we will be hearing about Pentecost and there might be cake too, we look forward to seeing you then.

COME ON CAMPING
SATURDAY 14TH JUNE
MELDRETH PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD
BBQ, BREAKFAST AND SWIMMING
JUST BRING YOUR TENT, DRINKS AND SNACKS

CAMP AREA

Camping - Swimming - BBQ - Breakfast
Adults £15 each - Children £7.50 each
All children MUST be accompanied by an Adult at all times
once booked please fill out the information form sent to you

Book your pitch through MCAS

Our Swimming Pool

We are extremely fortunate to have our own pool onsite

Pupils benefit from dedicated weekly swimming lessons during the summer half term helping them increase their confidence and skills in the water whilst creating happy memories and having fun with their friends.

We are asking each family at school to contribute £25* a year to help keep the pool running
*or whatever you can afford to give

Why the swimming pool needs your support

It is completely funded by the PTA - we receive no funds from school budget or the Local Authority.

The money to run the pool comes from fundraising and support from our school community.

We want to keep our pool for everyone to benefit from now and in the future.

Swimming is a life skill and helps with fitness and mental health. Everyone should have access.

Meldreth School pool has taught generations of children to swim

Amazing previous fundraising efforts across the school and the local community secured the current pool facility.

It is our mission to ensure we can continue to fund it.

We are so grateful to everyone who has previously contributed. We rely on ongoing support from our school community so we can budget for running costs, repairs and future improvements.

Pupils at Meldreth swim at least twice a week over 6 weeks - compare your donation to the cost of local swimming lessons which cost between £5-£20 per week.

Each year we pay for:

- Commissioning & decommissioning
- Oil for heating
- Water testing
- Chlorine and supplies
- Servicing & repairs
- Training for pool carers

Costs vary year to year
2023 - £4000!

Please help us keep the pool running by making a donation on MCAS now

Thank you!

Remember to complete a Gift Aid form (if you are eligible) so we can claim an extra 25% on your donation at no extra cost to you! Forms available to pick up from the office.

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