

Weekly Bulletin

3rd October 2025



Our Year 5 Playleader Training

As the autumn term is now well underway, it's been wonderful to see how settled and enthusiastic the children are in their learning. Classrooms are full of energy, curiosity, and creativity, and we're proud of how hard everyone is working across the school. October is always a busy and exciting month. From harvest celebrations to parent consultations and upcoming autumn activities, there's so much to look forward to. It's also a time when we begin to notice the changing seasons - a perfect opportunity to explore nature, reflect, and build on our school values of kindness, respect, and responsibility.

This week we have been awarded **Modeshift STARS Award**, recognising our achievements in creating, delivering, and tracking the effectiveness of our Travel Plans.



Puffin, Swift & Wren classes - [CHECK NOW](#).... is your child eligible for Additional School Funding?



Y6 SATs Meeting

Hawk class parents - please join us for a meeting on Thursday 6th November at 5pm where you can collect revision guides for your child and discuss our approach to assessing your child, SATs and how you can support at home.

Harvest Celebrations

On Friday 24th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival assembly in school for the children. From Thursday 23rd October, we are asking families to bring in a donation of a non-perishable food items to their child's classrooms: Tinned meat (e.g. chicken, ham, corned beef), Tinned fish (e.g. tuna, sardines), Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Baked beans, Pasta and rice, Pasta sauces, Instant noodles, Soup (tinned or packet), Breakfast cereals, UHT milk (long-life), Tea bags and coffee, Biscuits and snack bars, Tinned puddings or custard.

This year, we are proud to be supporting **Meldreth's Emergency Winter Food Bank**, which provides vital help to local families during the colder months. The Food Bank is open on Tuesday's weekly at the Elin Road Community Centre, from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents into school for our Harvest celebration this year. However, we will be sharing a **video** featuring the children's contributions, so you can still join us in celebrating this important occasion. **Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.**

Football News!

In an absolute thriller of a match, Meldreth football team won against local rivals, Melbourn. It was an extremely close, hotly contested game, where first Meldreth took a 2-0 lead into half time, but were then pulled back to 3-2 with only minutes to spare. Showing great determination, Meldreth managed to claw back victory in the dying minutes to win 4-3 by the end of the match. Both teams deserve a huge amount of credit for the resilience, spirit and team work they displayed, and our new cohort of Year 5 players all enjoyed outstanding debuts. 2 goals from striker **Aubrey H** and 1 a piece from wingers **Finn W** and **Luca A** meant our attacking line goes into our next game against Great Abington brimming with confidence! Well done to **Arthur S, Jamie T, Rufus B, Callum S, Vinnie T, George T and Reggie P.**

Computing Club

Computing Club were thrilled to virtually welcome a team of computer scientists from many different fields of expertise and engage in a live conversation with them through the 'I'm a Computer Scientists Get Me Out Of Here!' school outreach programme. Our students enjoyed asking them a range of questions from 'How do you protect against hackers?' to 'What is the most powerful technology you use?' We received glowing feedback from the moderator, who was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and knowledge.

Parent Consultation Meetings – Save the Dates!

We will be holding our Autumn Term **Parent Consultation Meetings** on Thursday 20th and Monday 24th November. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, strengths, and next steps with their class teacher.

Appointments will be available to book online via your MCAS app soon, and you will receive more information on how to book shortly.

If you are unable to attend on the scheduled days, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's learning journey!

Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation – Friday 10th October

Please look out for an email from the school office in the coming week with information about this year's nasal flu immunisation programme. **All children** from Reception to Year 6 are eligible to receive the free vaccination, which is a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Flu can be a serious illness and may lead to complications, so we strongly encourage all families to consider taking part. Please complete and submit the consent form by Wednesday 8th October to ensure your child can take part. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy this winter.



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

URGENT: Book Now – Parent Info Session on Neurodiversity!

Join us **NEXT Tuesday 7th October at 1:30pm** for a vital session led by *Pinpoint* on how we're supporting neurodiverse students at school. **All parents welcome** ➡ [Sign up here.](#)

Stanley B	Skye P	Max R	Lily D	Ronnie D	Max B
Miley H	Riley B	Jack M	Elliot S	Bella H	Belle B
Lily G	Esther C	Myra M	Violet D	Olivia W	Bethan D
	Bethany P		Alice U		Isabella C

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



MELDRETH PRIMARY SCHOOL **OPEN MORNINGS**

Friday 3rd October

Friday 14th November

Monday 1st December at 9:30am

"Pupils are motivated to succeed. In lessons, pupils work hard and try their best at all times. This helps them to achieve well."

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Come and visit our friendly school in action and meet our team to answer any questions you have - everyone welcome.

To book a place call 01763 260432 or email office@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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