Weekly Bulletin



12th December 2025



With their own wonderful interpretation of the Christmas story, the children in Puffin, Swift, and Wren delivered a fantastic show for everyone. Sticking to tradition, we met Mary, Joseph, and an exhausted donkey, trekking round and round in search of somewhere to stay - thanks in part to a very persuasive donkey seller!

One by one, the donkeys were sold to special travellers passing by. With each sale, the donkey seller unknowingly played a part in a much greater story. Eventually, he followed the travellers to Bethlehem, where he witnessed the extraordinary arrival at the stable.

Stars and angels spun gracefully across the stage, and the Kings arrived bearing gifts after their long journey. The performance featured brilliant dance moves, confident acting, superb singing, and an audience full of very proud parents and relatives. Take a look at some photos from our play.

What a treat we had today! Andy from Theatre of Widdershins visited our school and filled the hall with wonder as he performed his enchanting show Snow White, Rose Red, Bear Brown. From the moment the lights dimmed, the children were completely spellbound. Laughter, gasps, and wide-eyed amazement rippled through the audience as Andy brought the story to life with his beautifully crafted puppets, lively storytelling, and irresistible humour.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported PTA fundraising events over the past year. Your contributions directly funded this visit, allowing our children to enjoy a high-quality, creative arts experience right here in school. Opportunities like this ignite imagination, build confidence, and create memories that last long after the final bow.

A heartfelt thank-you to Andy for sharing his talent with us. We cannot recommend Theatre of Widdershins highly enough, and we hope to welcome Andy back again in the future for more magical storytelling.



Join us for our festive Christmas Event on **Saturday 13th December** from 2pm! Come along for seasonal fun, treats, and holiday cheer for all the family. Don't miss out on the festivities!

Next week in school...

The **School Christmas Post Box** will be open for business until 9am Monday next week. Christmas stamps (stickers) have now closed for this year, but you can still post any cards.

Next Tuesday, 16th December, Osprey, Kite, Kestrel and Hawk classes will be performing their annual Christmas Carol Service, which starts at 5pm that evening.

Please deliver children in their school uniform (costumes for Osprey class) to the parish room at the back of the church no earlier than 4:45pm and join the festive gathering in the church. Please plan ahead as parking and seating is extremely limited at the church and ensure that your child is warm enough for the service. At the end of the service, there will be a silver collection for the school

Our **Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 17th!** If you haven't booked yet, please do so by Sunday evening, so our catering team can prepare for everyone. Children may wear Christmas Jumpers with their uniform to school!

Police School e-scooter information

Police remind the public that privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads and spaces. Only authorised council-run rental schemes are permitted, and these require riders to be over 18, hold a driving licence and are covered by insurance. Private e-scooters cannot be insured, making their use in public unlawful. We are seeing more collisions involving e-scooters, which are often hard to see due to their dark colour, low lighting and narrow profile.

Children are particularly at risk due to inexperience, peer pressure, carrying passengers and taking unnecessary risks. If stopped, riders may face fines, penalty points and seizure of the scooter.

Parents and carers are urged to prevent children from using private e-scooters. With Christmas approaching, they should not be bought for use in public areas. Charging them also carries a fire risk. Thank you for your support in keeping the public safe. PC 1854 BODDINGTON Casualty Reduction Officer.

Christmas has arrived in the Butterflies and Caterpillar rooms! The children enjoyed a festive week of crafts, mark-making, tuff-tray activities, cling-film painting, Pop-up Pirate, playdough and outdoor sand, water and bike play. They also loved yoga, dancing and watching the fantastic KS1 nativity.

Both rooms showed great social development through shared stories, buddy reading with Year 6 and joint sessions. Imaginative play thrived in the gingerbread bakery, winter wonderland, Peppa Pig World, pirate ship and dinosaur-themed areas. The children were excited to find "Chocolate the Elf," and Butterflies each chose a knitted snowman or Father Christmas to take home. A busy, joyful and festive week!

Starting School

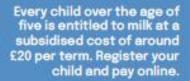
Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will start school in the September following their fourth birthday, meaning they will usually be four turning five during that school year. The application window for primary school places is open until 15 January 2026. Please avoid leaving your application until the last minute, as late applications are only considered after all on-time places have been offered. Click here to make your application now.

Please check <u>our website calendar</u> for upcoming events and important dates

From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!



Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

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Make Praise & Story @ Meldreth Primary School

We are a group of people from Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth and All Saints' Church, Melbourn and we come in to run an after-school club once a month. We usually work on a joint activity with the children which will be on display in Holy Trinity Church and then we make an individual craft so the children have something to take home with them. We also hand out a few activity sheets related to our topic for the day for them to take home. Usually, we have a biscuit or two which helps give an energy boost after a busy day at school.

We met on the 11th of December and had fun hearing the story of the nativity which we told using books and a knitted nativity set. Then we made a large collage of a Christmas tree decorated with baubles made from old Christmas cards.

To take home we made angels to put out around our house. This was to remind us that angels are God's messengers and it was angels that told Mary and Joseph that the baby to be born was special. He would be God's son and his name would be Jesus.





If you would like to know more about this <u>club</u> please contact Pat Smith on 01763 262575 or e-mail reader.asmhtm@gmail.com.