

# Weekly Bulletin

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2026



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and that 2026 has started well for you. As at the beginning of every year, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you for the many wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched by the thought and care that went into the gifts and messages we received.

The spring term is always our shortest term, but there is still so much to pack in! Please do keep an eye on our website calendar and newsletters for dates of upcoming events. In return, we kindly ask that you remember to inform the office if your contact details change, or if your child will be absent due to illness, as this is a legal requirement.

It has been wonderful to see the new learning taking place in school this week. An exciting term is planned, with fairy tales and dragons, as well as explorations of the world through the ages - from Ancient Egyptians, Roman invasion to medieval castles. There will be plenty of opportunities for 'learning together for life' at home too. Please check your child's class webpage over the next few weeks for more information and inspiration. We encourage you to take some time to read through the planned learning and consider any suggestions for extending topic work at home.

## Life Education Bus Visit – 21st to 23rd January 2025

We are pleased to announce that our school will be visited by the Life Education Bus. This service works in partnership with Coram Life Education, a charity providing engaging, age-appropriate health awareness education for primary-aged children. Their programmes help children understand how their bodies function, how to keep themselves safe and healthy, and develop essential decision-making skills regarding their health. They also focus on building self-esteem and personal confidence.

The cost of this visit is largely covered by the school and a generous donation from our local Rotary Club. However, **we kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £4.50 per child,**

which can be paid via your MCAS account. We hope this valuable experience will help our children make informed choices about their health and wellbeing.



## Winter School Closure

It is the time of year to test our communication methods. Do you get our text and email messages and weekly newsletter? You can now update the information that we hold in school for your child through the MCAS portal.

In the event of extreme weather, whenever possible, **school will remain open**. When heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, we will try to inform you by 7.30am if the school is to be closed. Any closure will be announced **via text and email from school and a message will appear on our school website**.

Once school is open, we will remain open until the end of the school day at 3.10pm. If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. **Please do not telephone in these circumstances**, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. It is our aim to open school every day but the safety of our children and our staff are our main considerations when making difficult decisions.

## Important

At our School we are proud to wear our school uniform. Please remember that **only school shoes, not boots** are part of our safe footwear for school. For safety reasons children must wear the appropriate footwear for school in order to fully take part in school activities.



## Preschool News

This term at preschool our topic focus will be Winter and Welcoming Spring, with lots of exciting, hands-on experiences planned. We look forward to watching the children's continued development, curiosity, and joy as the term progresses.

We are delighted to welcome many new children to both our Caterpillars and Butterflies rooms and are so pleased you have joined our preschool family. Some of our older children (now very big!) have also made the transition from Caterpillars to Butterflies, and all children are settling in beautifully.

This week, both rooms have enjoyed outdoor play and making the most of the snow, alongside firework painting and glitter activities to reflect on New Year celebrations. Our Caterpillars have also been exploring a variety of messy play activities, always a firm favourite at Meldreth Preschool!



Lily C	Carter H	Hannah B	Joseph W	Destinee C	Alfie W Sebastian C
Rose P	Dexter P	Frankie W	Ivy I	Anna F	Adele O'R
Luca R	Bella F	Freyja T	Victoria-Grace A	Lily G	Luca A
	Isabella C		Vinnie L		Fearne W

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

