

Weekly Bulletin

January 16th 2026



At Meldreth Primary School, we know that reading is about much more than simply decoding words on a page. We encourage our children to actively engage with a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts to develop meaning, understanding and knowledge of the world around them.

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn during their time at school. Reading, listening to and talking about stories and information texts helps to build vocabulary, exposing children to words they may not hear or use in everyday conversation. A strong vocabulary is vital for reading comprehension and supports learning and progress across the entire curriculum. **Enjoy listening to your child read... be their favourite audience!**

You play a crucial role in supporting your child's reading journey. Please remember to use our [Boom Reader parent app](#) to log the reading you do with your child. From the app, you can switch to your child's view so they can spend their Gems on Boomer characters and collect reward cards each time they read. You can download the app and find out more using the link provided.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding our **Parent Consultation Evenings** this term on **Thursday 26th February** and **Monday 3rd March**. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and to receive an overview of their learning and development in school. We will let you know when booking is available.

New Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce that, following the recent parent governor election, Carlos Nogueira has been successfully elected as our new Parent Governor. We look forward to working with Carlos as he brings valuable insights and perspectives to our Governing board. Please join us in welcoming him to the governing body.

Transition to Melbourn Village College – SENCo Visit

Mr Luxton, SENCo at Melbourn Village College, will be visiting school on Thursday 5th February to support early transition planning for pupils in Year 6 who may be considering moving to Melbourn Village College in September 2026.

During his visit, Mr Luxton will be available to meet and greet parents on the playground **at the end of the school day**, providing an informal opportunity to ask questions and discuss transition support. We hope this will be a helpful first step in supporting a smooth transition for pupils and families.

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

We are excited to welcome the **Life Education Bus** to our school! The programme helps children learn about healthy living, staying safe, and building confidence through age-appropriate, engaging activities.

Thanks to the school and a generous donation from our local Rotary Club, the cost is mostly covered. We ask for a **voluntary contribution of £4.50 per child**, payable via your MCAS account.

This visit is a valuable opportunity for children to develop important health and wellbeing skills.

Explore Cambridge Museums After Hours – February Half Term

This February half term, museums across Cambridge are opening their doors after hours for a magical evening of fun! Families can enjoy torchlit trails, hands-on activities, crafts, storytelling and much more. Keep an eye out for a special social media competition celebrating 20 years of after-hours adventures for families.

The full programme and booking details will be available mid-January. To stay up to date and be the first to hear when it launches, [sign up for the Twilight newsletter](#).



Preschool News

This week, both our Butterflies and Caterpillar rooms have been very creative, developing skills across all areas of the EYFS. In Butterflies, group time focused on our winter theme and topic vocabulary, supporting communication and language and leading to a child-led discussion about ice skating. Plans were adapted to follow children's interests, with children learning about ice skating, watching their favourite Disney characters move to music, and creating movements to represent winter weather, promoting physical development and expressive arts and design. Literacy skills shone through as children created Percy the Park Keeper storyboards. The caterpillar's focus was on children's interests to support new children settling in and developing personal, social and emotional skills. Children explored playdough in colours of their choice, cereal sensory play, and explored the new sandpit for the first time.

A lovely week of learning, creativity, and child-led exploration across both rooms.

Toby C-S	Tobi E-J	Daisy F	Emma H	Fern Mc	Jessie G
Owen F	Clemence H	Arthur B-E	Evelyn E	Genevieve M	Dilys T-B
Ivaan S	Violet D	Elis X	Tilly B	Aidan C	Jess M
	Alice U		Oliver S		Amelia H

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

Make a Difference in 2026

Volunteer with Home-Start!

Want to change lives in your community?

We're looking for passionate people to join us in three vital roles:

- **Family Support Volunteers**
Offer a helping hand and a listening ear to local families.
- **Fundraising Volunteers**
Help us raise the funds that keep families thriving.
- **Trustee Volunteers**
Shape the future of Home-Start with your skills and experience.

Our next Family Support Volunteer training begins this February – your chance to make a real difference!

Be the support a family needs to thrive, and discover how helping others can transform your own life too.

To find out more or to sign up to our course you can visit our website:

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/home-start-volunteer/>

Alternatively feel free to email: admin@hsrsc.org.uk or call: 01763 262262

We would love to hear from you!



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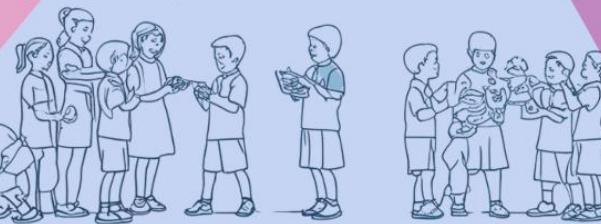
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Neurodiversity in Schools**

Online event for invited Cambs schools

Wednesday 21st January 2026, 1-2:30 PM

Worried about your child's sleep, toileting or eating or would just like some practical tips?

Come along to an online session with a video produced especially for PINS by an Occupational Therapist and the opportunity for discussion with Pinpoint and other parents.



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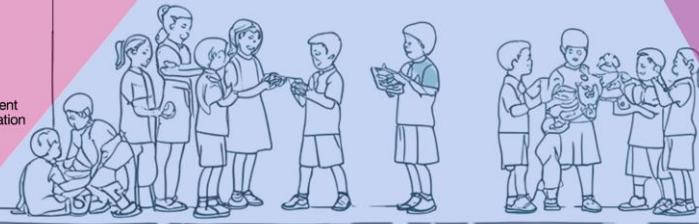
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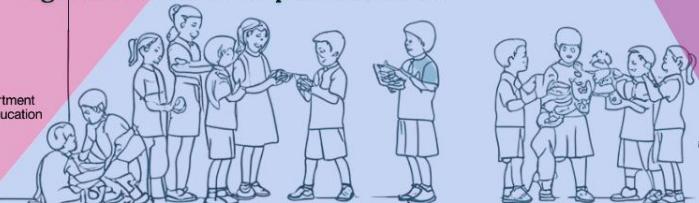
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Thursday 12th February 1.30-3PM

Does your child find it difficult to regulate themselves emotionally?

Do you wonder about ways to support them?

Come and join us in a judgement-free session on emotional regulation with other parents/carers



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