

# Weekly Bulletin

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026



This week, we welcomed the Life Education Bus to our school. The programme supported children in learning about healthy living, staying safe, and building confidence through engaging, age-appropriate activities.

The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and provided a valuable opportunity for them to develop important health and wellbeing skills.

Thanks to the school and a generous donation from our local Rotary Club, the majority of the cost was covered. We kindly asked for a voluntary contribution of £4.50 per child, payable via your MCAS account, and we would be very grateful if you would consider contributing if you are able.

## 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.

## Travelling to and from school

At Meldreth Primary School, staff and governors agree that all children up to the end of Year 4 (ages 8–9) must be collected from school by an adult.

In Years 5 and 6, some families choose to support their child in developing independence by allowing them to walk home alone or to walk to a nearby agreed pick-up point. In these cases, parents must give permission via MCAS, allowing the school to release their child without an adult.

Following a recent parent survey and further discussion in school, we would like to remind families that **all children must be collected from after-school clubs by an adult**, regardless of year group. More information can be found in the *Travelling to and From School* section of our website. We understand that permissions may change as children grow in confidence, so please inform the school office if this applies to your child.

Parking can be challenging during busy drop-off and pick-up times, which can lead to congestion. Please help us keep everyone safe by parking considerately:

- **Use our new Park and Stride option at The British Queen**
- **Do not enter the school car park between 8:30–9:10am and 3:00–3:30pm**
- **Please respect our neighbours when parking**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

## Universal Infant Free School Meals

Government-funded school meals are available for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

This Department for Education (DfE) initiative aims to support child development, improve academic performance and encourage healthy eating.

### Do I need to apply?

You do not need to apply for a free school meal if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. All pupils in these year groups are automatically entitled to a free meal.

### Important information for families on a low income

If your family is on a low income, we strongly encourage you to apply for Free School Meals, even though your child already receives a free meal under the universal scheme.

Making an application allows the school to check whether your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This is additional funding of up to £1,480 per child, which the school must use to support pupils' learning and development. Without an application, the school will not know that your child is eligible for this extra funding.

→ Please [apply for Free School Meals](#) if you think you may be eligible, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.



## Preschool News

This week, children have had a very positive week of learning through play, with children building confidence and developing key skills in both the Butterflies and Caterpillars rooms.

In the Butterflies room, children developed independence through creative winter activities, role play, baking flapjacks, and taking part in group games. The children also enjoyed letter recognition, name work, and number activities, supporting early literacy and mathematics. Outdoor play and construction activities further developed physical skills, cooperation, and imagination.

In Caterpillars, the children continued to settle well and build positive relationships. They enjoyed circle time songs, practicing Makaton, and playing name games, which supported communication skills and a sense of belonging. Sensory play, art, playdough, music, and outdoor exploration encouraged creativity, physical development, and imaginative play. Children in both rooms also enjoyed the Life Bus experience supporting early understanding of health and wellbeing.

## Preschool waiting list

***It is never too early to put your child's name on our Preschool waiting list!***

Places at Preschool are limited currently and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The earlier you submit your waiting list form, the more likely it is that we will be able to offer your child a place. Places for September are usually allocated in April. However, if you have left it late, please do still submit a form. We make every effort to accommodate as many families as possible. [Sign up to our waiting list form.](#)

## Railway 200 Exhibition Train at Cambridge Station – 31 Jan & 1 Feb 2026



In partnership with the National Railway Museum, this exciting touring exhibition celebrates 200 years of the modern railway. The Inspiration train features four interactive carriages, specially designed to engage children and young people:

**Railway Firsts** – Discover the key moments that helped shape the railways we know today

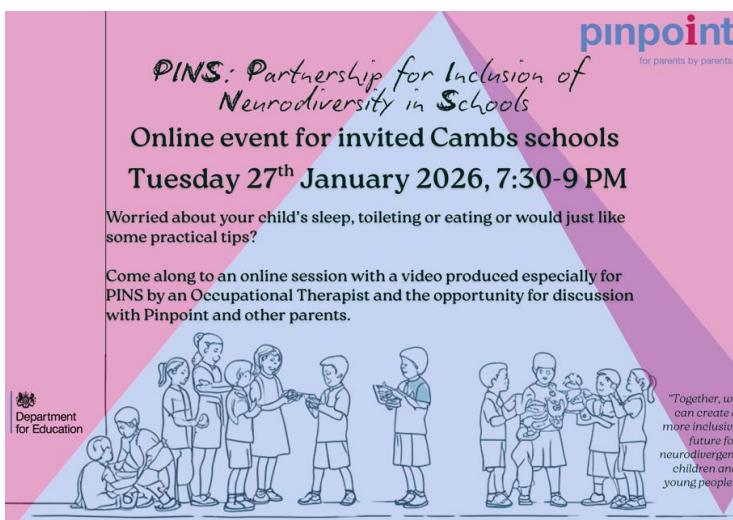
**Wonderlab on Wheels** – A hands-on engineering and problem-solving experience, perfect for inspiring curiosity in STEM

**Your Railway Future** – A careers-focused carriage introducing the many different jobs available across the rail industry

**Partner Zone** – A flexible exhibition space featuring extra displays linked to the 200-year celebrations  
Families across the country have loved the train, describing it as interactive, exciting, and enjoyable for both children and adults. Entry is free, but tickets must be booked in advance. Tickets for the Cambridge visit can be booked via the [Railway 200 website](#).

		
Chloe C	Lincoln N	Louie P
Jamie C	Verity F	Wilfie R
Finlay H	Amelia B	Aya T
	Sam HP	India M
		Callum S

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



# holiday camp

Looking for 5 star, Award Winning,  
Creative Entertainment for Your Kids  
this holiday?

From THE Most Recommended Children's  
Activity Provider in the UK!



## CAMP INFO

Suitable for ages 5-11

Huge range of arts and crafts to do  
and take home.

Games, outside activities and more!

£35 per day. Sibling discounts  
available. Please email.

Only need a packed lunch, water  
bottle and their imagination!

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY...

Best holiday club we've tried - a lovely mix of  
activities and a really caring environment.  
Would definitely recommend! Rachel A,

"My 3 always love their time with Lyndsay. They  
always come out smiling eager to show me  
everything they have made!" Suzanne H,

## DAILY THEMES...

**Tuesday - Winter Warmers** - Penguins, Polar bears and snowflakes

**Wednesday - Wacky Races** - wind up racers, tracks, mazes, medals and more

**Thursday - Colour Explosions!** - Colourful Rainbows, flowers and SLIME!

Over the week we have activities with foam clay, paint, collage, beads, 3d making,  
crafting, decorating, clay and more.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

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### DATES AND TIMES

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday  
19<sup>th</sup> February  
9am-3.30pm

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