

# Weekly Bulletin

May 8th 2026



*Year 5 & 6 football team*

Meldreth Football Team travelled down the road to compete in our final game of the season against local rivals, Bassingbourn. Despite losing 6-2, we played with heart and passion, continuing to fight until the very last minute. A penalty scored by **Aubrey H** and an excellent solo goal from **Callum S** were particular highlights and we were able to reflect on an excellent season once the final whistle blew. Thank you to our Year 6 stars, **Arthur S**, **Callum S** and **Rufus B** for proudly representing the school for the last 2 years. Our Year 5s – **Luca A**, **Aubrey H**, **George T**, **Vinnie T**, **Reggie P**, **Oliver W** and **Finn W** – are now ready to follow in their footsteps.

## SATs Week Next Week

**To our Year 6 pupils:** We are incredibly proud of your hard work and commitment. Believe in your abilities, aim high, stay positive, and give it your all – you are more than ready.

**To parents and carers of Year 6 pupils:** Please find [additional guidance](#) and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding this term's SATs.

## Fundraising Run for Home-Start

Today, **Ellie, Jess, Elise and Maya** in Year 5 are currently taking on a special fundraising run in support of Home-Start, a charity that helps families through challenging times supported by **Amelia**.

Throughout the afternoon, the girls will be running to raise money and awareness for this important cause.

Families and friends are warmly invited to come along from 3pm, show their support, and cheer them on at the end of their run. Every bit of encouragement will help keep them going and make a real difference.

We wish them the very best of luck and thank everyone in advance for their support!



## Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday

Today the world celebrates a monumental milestone: Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Children have been doing activities around this to celebrate, including searching for minibeasts



## Introducing Class Dojo



Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing Class Dojo across the school. Class Dojo is a secure online platform that helps strengthen communication between school and home, allowing us to share updates, celebrate achievements, and keep you informed about your child's learning.

Through Class Dojo, you'll be able to receive messages from teachers, view photos and updates from the classroom, and stay connected with school life more easily. We hope this will provide a simple and effective way to keep you involved and engaged. Further information on how to sign up and access your account will be shared shortly.

We look forward to bringing this new platform into use and enhancing our communication with you.



## Preschool News

We hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Our revised EYFS curriculum for both the Caterpillars and Butterflies rooms is now available to view on the school website and this provides information about our teaching approaches, learning opportunities and developmental goals.

In the Butterflies room this week the children have been continuing to develop their fine motor, early literacy and maths skills through a range of exciting activities. The children practised name writing, letter recognition and counting, through hands on games and challenges. The children also explored healthy lifestyles through discussions about food, exercise and taking part in mindful yoga activities, helping to support the children's physical development and wellbeing.

In the Caterpillars room this week the children enjoyed cereal and rice sensory play, summer crafts, mark marking with vehicles in paint, self-portraits and imaginative dressing up play. Many Outdoor activities were enjoyed included football, running races and catching games, whilst singing, dancing, Duplo and magnetic tiles supported communication, creativity and social development.

From messy play to magical moments, the children have amazed us once again this week. We can't wait to see what next week brings!



**CAMPING NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE- Saturday 13th June** – After the last few year's very successful camping events in aid of the swimming pool, the PTA will be hosting another night full of fun, BBQ, swimming & camping. Watch out for further details on the PTA notice board.

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| Niamh C   | Macey L     | Genevieve M  | Frankie C  | Azlaan R  | Mason A  |
| Joseph M  | Tilly B     | Connie M   | Bethan D   | Max W   | Maya E   |
|   | Charlotte K |  | Felicity F |   | Callum S |

## Viral Trend Causing Severe Burns to Children -NEEDOH / Jelly Cube Viral Trend



Children and young people are microwaving squishy silicone toys after seeing online videos claiming this makes the toys softer and more pliable. When the toy is squeezed afterwards, it bursts and sprays boiling material, which reportedly has left children's hands and faces seriously burned. This trend has seriously injured children in the UK and [US](#), most recently in [May 2026 in Bristol, UK](#).

We ask that parents, school staff and professionals avoid searching for this challenge directly on platforms as each search feeds the algorithm and increases the content's reach, making the videos more visible to users. Instead, [refer to our article](#) to understand more and get guidance on responding.

# Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children



Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

Parents and Carers Guide

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

*Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.*



## IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.



## STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.



## KEY POINTS TO DISCUSS...

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- The toy looks and feels completely normal after microwaving, the outside stays cool to the touch. But inside, it has reached temperatures as hot as boiling water so when squeezed, it bursts and dangerous hot liquid can explode.
- The injuries include severe burns, potential scarring and in some cases, a risk to eyesight. Some children have been hospitalised because of the trend.
- Remind them it could hurt anyone nearby - a friend, a sibling, whoever is in the room when it bursts.
- Online videos are designed to look like helpful tips, sometimes to get more followers. They do not always show what happens afterwards.
- If a friend suggests trying it, knowing and explaining the real danger makes it much easier for them to say no.
- If they have already tried it, or something has worried them, they are not in trouble. What matters is that they are safe.



If your child is worried or needs help, make sure they know they can always come to you first or an adult they trust. They can also:

- Talk to a trusted adult at school – their teacher, a youth worker or the school Safeguarding Lead or Child Protection Co-ordinator.
- Contact Childline, free, confidential and available any time
- If they have been hurt, seek medical attention straight away - call 999 immediately. Burns from this can continue to cause damage after the initial contact.

Please do not search for this on TikTok or Instagram yourself. Every search feeds the algorithm and makes this content more visible to others. For news coverage, use the links below and share this and our alert with friends and family to raise awareness.

For verified news coverage: [BBC News](#) | [The Independent](#)

If your child has seen these videos or even tried this trend, do not react with panic or anger. That is the response most likely to close the conversation down. Staying calm keeps the door open, and an open door to conversations with adults they can trust is what makes children safer.

## SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Childline – free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 | [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC Helpline – support and advice for adults with concerns about a child: 0808 800 5000 | [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

# Baking School

Summer Term booking open for Baking School Club run by Paste and Art Ateliers. 12/05/2026, 03/06/2026, 17/06/2026 and 15/07/2026

Click here to book your place <https://bookwhen.com/pasteandartateliers-midlands#focus=ev-s5zpw-20260513151000>

**3:15pm-  
5:15pm**

## PASTE & ART ATELIERS BAKING SCHOOL

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**13/05/2026**      **03/06/2026**      **17/06/2026**

**15/07/2026**

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**Great British Bake Off**

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## Make Praise & Story @ Meldreth Primary School

3.10p.m. till 4.10p.m. second **Wednesday** of the month in term time



Hello and for those of you who don't know we are a team of people from Holy Trinity Church and All Saints' Church and we come into School once a month to run an after school club. Our next session will be on **Wednesday 13 May at 3.10p.m.** (please note the change of day) when the topic we will be looking at will be the ascension of Jesus.

In March we met and heard about the events of Easter. Collectively we made an Easter Wreath which will be hanging in Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth if you'd like to see it.

Next to the wreath you can see the paper plates they made with Easter Egg tops which opened to reveal a cross with a heart in the middle of it to remind us that God loves us and that is why the miracle of Easter happened.

This after school club is free and open to anyone who attends Meldreth Primary School. You will need to register by contacting Pat Smith on the following e-mail: [reader.asmhtm@gmail.com](mailto:reader.asmhtm@gmail.com). All children must be picked up by their parent/carer and we must know in advance if someone else is collecting the child(ren) on your behalf. We would appreciate **registration a few days before** to enable us to prepare the materials. If you would like to know anything more please do contact Pat on the above address or by phone on 01763 262575. We look forward to welcoming you.