

# Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School



For the love of learning, friendship and faith

January 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back and happy new year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. It's great to be back and to see the children full of enthusiasm and ready for learning. We are looking forward to an action packed spring term so keep a look out for the diary dates coming up!

Yours truly,

Fiona Ip

Headteacher

## **No Gymnastics club this Half Term**

Gymnastics after school club has now finished, there will be opportunity for the team to practice with Mrs Speight on PE days.

## **Forest School - Wednesdays**

Juniors need forest school clothes, warm coats and wellies on Wednesdays please.

## **Year 6 SATS Practice**

From next Wednesday (15th January), Year 6 children can stay after school (until 4.15pm) to begin preparing for SATS and the transition to High School. We use this time to focus on reading comprehension skills, some maths, and also to spend some time as a year group, talking about what to expect from High School as well as having a bit of fun and the all-important biscuits and hot chocolate!

## **School Council Breakfast Meeting - Thursday 16th January**

Our School Council members are invited to join Mrs Martin for breakfast at 8.15am next Thursday (16th Jan). Siblings are able to attend breakfast club for free on this day to facilitate drop off. Thank you

## **Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills**

On Thursday 16th January children in Years 1 & 2 will be taking part in a Multi Skills sports event at Carnforth High School. The children will travel by minibus and should wear their PE kit and trainers. They will need a water bottle please. A school packed lunch will be provided.

## **Parent Information Session**

On Thursday 23rd January at 2.45pm, parents are invited to come into school to learn more about how we teach English - including spelling, handwriting, reading and writing. You can see some of the resources we use in different year groups and what the expectations are as you move up the school. We hope this will help you support your child's learning and we can answer any questions you may have. The session will finish by 3.15 for the end of the school day.

## **School Admissions**

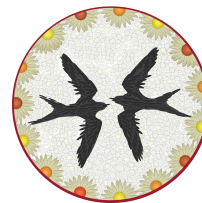
School admissions are now open for children due to start primary school in September 2025 at:

[School admissions - Lancashire County Council](#)

Applications should be made through your local council, even if you are applying for a school in another council area.

Primary school applications must be submitted by 15th January 2025.

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## **PE Reminder**

All children should bring their PE kit to change into on the following days (the kit can be kept in school for the week/half term):

### **Tuesday & Thursday**

Please could all children have a spare pair of socks (& joggers/leggings for KS1) in school. Thank you

## **School Spider App**

Please ensure you have downloaded the 'School Spider' app so you can make bookings/payments, complete surveys & permissions and receive messages from school. We use School Spider most days so it is important that you are able to access your parent account. Please contact the school office if you need any help logging in.

## **Dinner Money**

If your KS2 child has school dinners the cost is £2.70 per day.

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website: Free school meals and pupil premium

All balances are now available to view and pay via School Spider. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your invoice, please speak to Rebeca in confidence.

**Please check your parent account for outstanding invoices. Thank you**

## **Absence Reporting & Attendance**

**\*\*Absences can now be reported via School Spider\*\***

If your child is going to be absent from school please leave a phone message or email [bursar@melling.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@melling.lancs.sch.uk) before 9am on the day of each absence. Absences can also be reported via School Spider. If a phone call/email is not received we will need to call you during the morning to find out where they are as part of our safeguarding responsibility. Please see our updated attendance policy on the school website.

## **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 15th January - Primary School Reception 2025 Application Deadline

Thursday 16th January 8.15am - School Council Breakfast Meeting

Thursday 16th January - Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills @ Carnforth High School

Friday 17 January - Gem Winners Muffin Day (team to be announced)

Thursday 23rd January at 2.45pm - Parent Information Session (English Curriculum)

Thursday 6th February - Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey @ Carnforth High School