



Headlines

Spring Term 1, Week 3

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Good morning everyone, I hope you are all well? It's been a super start to term, and now the snow has gone, we have really had the chance to get stuck into the start of the Spring Term! Roll on the longer days and clement weather!

SIAMS

Last week we were visited by our SIAMS inspector for our church school inspection. It's been almost eight years since our previous inspection and I am expecting the final copy in a couple of weeks time. Once it's published, I will let you all know and post the report for you all to read on the school's website. The SIAMS framework looks essentially at how our school's Christian vision, curriculum, provision and ethos helps children and adults to flourish. It was a very rewarding day and I am looking forward to sharing the insights as soon as I can. As always, the children who spoke to our inspector were amazing and left her quite astounded by their ability to advocate, to speak their mind and offer their reflections on their school.

Extra Funding and Free School Meals

On Wednesday parents were sent a School Spider reminding you to consider if you are eligible for Free School Meals. It's important to understand how essential it is to our school for families entitled to free school meals to apply.

What does receiving a free school meal mean for school?

It's simple and it's so much more than the meal put in front of a child. If you are in receipt of a Free School Meal and are eligible, our school receives an award of £1480 per year, per eligible child to help with the costing of our staff and resources and helping to improve the offer we have here at Meltham CE for *all* the children.

Why is it doubly important now?

This year, the number of children currently receiving Free School Meals - which entitles school to this pupil premium - have fallen with a lower uptake in Key Stage 1 and children entitled to pupil premium leaving last July. This means that at a time when costs are spiraling and budgets are therefore falling in real terms, our school is significantly affected by this drop in funding.

Are your children eligible?

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 get 'Universal' free school meals but this does not bring money to the school. From Year 3 onwards you will need to apply to receive the meal using the link below. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals please don't wait until your child reaches Year 3! Children are eligible if they are in full-time education and their parents/carers receive certain benefits. Application

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target is:

96%

This week our whole school attendance was:

96.52%

Our attendance winners for the week are:

Class 1

forms only take around 10 minutes to complete so, why not check if you're eligible? Find out more here: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> Thank you.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper

Just to let you know that you helped school raise £440 for Save the Children on our annual Christmas Jumper Day in December. Thank you so much.

Instagram

Staff have all been allocated with yellow smartphones in school. We will be using these to take pictures of children and none have mobile connectivity. This term we will be launching our new Year Group Instagram pages and hope it will give you all back your window on the school and a place to enjoy seeing what is going on in your children's classrooms. Our photo permissions that you have given will remain in place. If you have previously stated that you don't want your child's image to appear on social media, we will ensure this continues to be the case. If you have previously declined permission, we will re-issue you with a permissions slip in the near future for your peace of mind and should you wish to reconsider any of your permissions.

Thank you for your patience whilst we reconnect with you. I'm sure it will be wonderful once we get up and running. A big thank you to our Instagram staff team who have been working very hard along with our IT support to iron out a great deal of little hiccups ahead of the launch. We will be in touch soon to let you know when we go live.

Year 6 Residential to Robin Wood

Firstly, I want to apologise that we were unable to get our Instagram feed up in time for this trip. Sadly, the hiccups I mentioned above have made this frustratingly out of reach. However, I know they have had a great time and there will be a way of sharing pictures with you I'm sure... By the time you read this, parents will probably have your children back - tired and worked hard, but having had, I'm sure, a great time.



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Eco-Schools

RSPB Bird Garden Birdwatch

Every year, the RSPB holds a Big Garden Birdwatch, they ask everyone to help count the birds in their area to keep track of the bird population of the UK. This weekend is the return of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Spend 1 hour between Friday 24th - Sunday 26th January, watching the birds from your garden, window or local park. Everyone will be coming home with a tally sheet to record your findings. Report your numbers back to the RSPB, and bring forms back to school by Friday 31st January to be entered into the Eco Committee prize draw.

Eco Committee New Year Recycling

Tub2Pub Plastic Tubs

We are still taking recycling of sweet and chocolate plastic tubs. We will be taking these to a Green King Pub for them to safely recycle and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The last date for us to accept tubs is Friday 7th February.

Batteries

We are still operating as a recycling hub for dead batteries. We will take your dead batteries and make sure they are safely recycled. Please continue to bring them to the front office.

Christmas Jumpers

Has your child grown out of their Christmas jumper? We are accepting donations of Christmas jumpers that we can hand out for next year's Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Cards

Miss Ingham is taking donations of the front of Christmas cards. We will be recycling them into Christmas gift tags for next Christmas.

Meltham Shouts Out

It's talent show time again! I can't believe it's been two years...

School PSA Valentine Disco

Our next school disco is on Thursday 13th February - £3:50 on the door please.

F/S & KSI 6:00-7:00pm

KS2 7:15-8:15pm

Please send children with their own bottles which will be filled with juice or water. They will receive a treat to take home. We will be asking for help nearer the time.

Sponsored Event

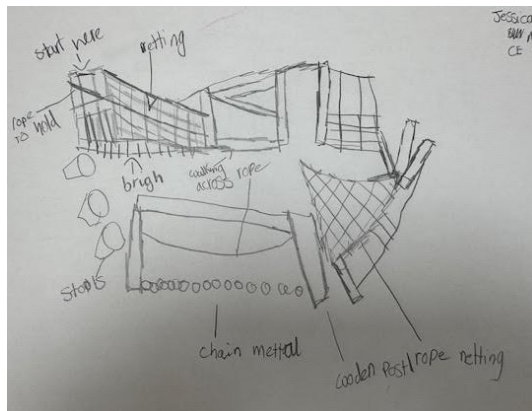
Many of you I know, have had to listen to me drone on about how little money our school receives. For those of you who have not, we are one of the poorest funded per-pupil schools in the area. Declining numbers of families claiming free school meals, rising costs, increasing numbers of children needing additional support mean that our school budget is more stretched than it has ever been during my 13 years here at school.

During last year's high winds, our Key Stage 2 balance trail was damaged and is now irreparable. It's been at

least seven years since we had spending on the outside environment but budgets have not allowed further improvements. This year our friends at Meltham School's Out have offered to contribute towards some development, and we hope to raise additional funds, partially through a summer term sponsored event.

We will soon be in touch with details of the event so children have time to raise a little money to help school along with the development of a new balance trail area. The School Council and Mrs. Turner have been working on ideas and designs and we hope to move forward with the development this year.

Here is Jessica's:

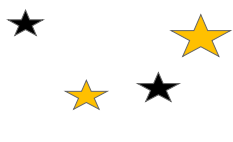


Community News

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Maths Tuition

Mayall Maths 2025 classes have started again! With limited spaces available please enquire now for more information or to book a place info@mayallmaths.co.uk



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Dates for the Term

Please be advised some dates may change.

Thurs 30th Jan- Eco committee working with Kirklees Recycling

Fri 7th Feb - Year 1 Assembly to parents (9:15am)

Thu 13th Feb - PSA School Disco

Fri 14th Feb - Shining Stars in school at 2:25pm

Fri 14th Feb - School closed for half-term 3:15pm

Mon 24th Feb - School reopens

Wed 26th Feb - Class 5 to Colne Valley Museum

Fri 28th Feb - EYFS assembly to parents

Wed 5th Mar - Class 6 to Colne Valley Museum

Thurs 6th Mar - World Book Day

Mon 10th Mar - Parents Evening Week

Mon 10th Mar - Year 5 bikeability programme begins

Wed 19th Mar - EYFS Welly Day

Thurs 20th Mar - Sing up! Assembly in school at 2:25pm

Thurs 27th Mar - Clothes Swap event in the hall (3:15—4:00)

Fri 28th Mar - Clothes Swap event in the hall (3:15—4:00)

w/b 31st Mar - EYFS health screening begins

Fri 4th April - Shining Stars & Christian Values Assembly
Assembly in the hall at 2:20pm

Fri 4th April - School closed for Easter

Help with parenting links

[Family Lives online parenting courses](#)

[Thriving Kirklees \(Locala\)](#)

[Triple P parenting courses](#)

[Strengthening Families](#)

[The Spark Blog](#)

[The Sleep Charity-supporting children to get better sleep](#)

[CEOP advice and support](#)

[The Dad Pad—support for new fathers](#)

[Gov.uk—Financial help if you have children](#)

Wellbeing Links

[My Happy Mind](#)

[Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

[Kirklees Keep in Mind \(kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Meltham CE Primary Wellbeing website page](#)

[NHS](#)

[Kirklees Mental Health Support](#)

[Thriving Kirklees \(Locala\)](#)

[Mind](#)

[Anna Freud—Children & Young](#)

[People's Mental Health Support](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Kirklees Cost of Living Support](#)

[The Welcome Centre](#)

[Crossroads Centre](#)



Meltham C.E School

Our School Uniform.

At Meltham CE Primary we wear our uniform with pride. It gives us a sense of belonging to our school and creates an identity for our school in the community. We are very lucky because we are given a choice of 3 colours for our sweatshirts – red, blue and black. We can also wear shorts, trousers, a skirt or a dress – whatever we feel most comfortable in.

A uniform prevents children from having to worry about peer pressure and what clothing they should wear. When everyone wears the same clothes this acts as a social leveller with children wearing the same uniform no matter what their family background or income.

If you need support with school uniform or other items, please get in touch and we will do our very best to help.

Uniform

- A red, black or royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, plain or embroidered with the school logo.
- A plain white polo shirt.
- Plain grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Shoes must be practical and should be plain and black.
- Socks or tights should be school colours.
- In the warmer weather children may choose to wear school-style summer dresses in either blue or red.

P.E Kit.

Children should come to school wearing their P.E kit on the day of their P.E lesson.

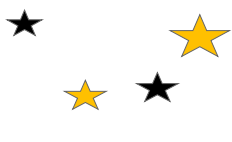
- A plain white t-shirt (no logo).
- Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms.
- A plain dark hoody.
- Black Trainers/pumps.
- No sports kits, branded clothing or cropped tops

Forest School and Welly Days.

- Dark Plain clothing suitable for outdoor work depending on the weather that day.
- A change of footwear. Clean pair for indoor, wellies/old trainers for muddy outdoor work with a plastic/kit bag to take dirty footwear home in.

General information.

- Foundation stage/KS1 need a school book bag.
- KS2 children can bring a small rucksack style bag.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times and no jewellery other than watches and earrings for pierced ears are allowed.



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- If worn, 1 pair of earrings must be small, plain and flat which must be removed by the child before PE. Plastic retainers may be worn. In exceptional circumstance staff will provide children with tape to put over their studs. (all earrings must be removed before swimming in Year 4).
- If children have their ears pierced, we recommend it is done at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow them to heal.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish
- No cropped tops to be worn in school (inc non-uniform days, forest school, clubs)
- **Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly named/labelled.**

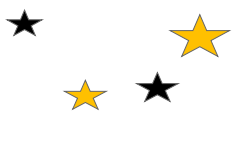
Suppliers.

- <http://www.termtimewear.com>
- <http://koolskools.co.uk/productcategory/meltham-cofe-primary-school>
- Free pre owned uniform available from <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>
- Plain school uniform is also available from most supermarkets
- Labels for all clothing and belongings available from <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Daily Footwear



PE Kit, Forest School



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