



Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together

March News

First of all I would like to thank you for your kind cards and messages whilst I have been off ill. They are all really appreciated and although I am not back to full steam yet, I am most definitely on the mend. Mr Venables would also like me to pass on his huge thanks for his cards, messages and gifts on his retirement at the end of last term, whilst Mr Worswick would like to thank you for making him feel very welcome as he gets to know our school and its families.

Upcoming Events

Monday 10th March

Year 3, 4 and 5 Let's Go Sing concert at Winter Gardens Blackpool. Children will have their lunch in school before leaving by coach to Blackpool Winter Gardens at 1pm

Please can all those who are attending this event bring their packed tea / food in a named bag and ensure they have a water bottle or soft drink to take with them.

Children not attending this event will remain in school with Mr Blackburn until hometime at 3:15pm.

Tickets for this event are still available through Blackpool Winter Garden's website—search Let's Go Sing.

Events Next Month

Friday 4th April

Easter Worship in school 9am followed by FOSMS raffle draw.

School closes for the Easter Holiday after school on Friday 4th April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April



One of our biggest events taking place this term is our annual Talent Show and auditions, which are being held in the week beginning Monday 17th-March. All auditions will take place with Mrs EP at lunchtime (12:15pm) with EYFS and KS1 children on Monday and Tuesday and KS2 children on Wednesday and Thursday.

If your child has a talent they would like to share with us, please make sure they have their instrument, music or equipment with them on the respective days. Likewise, if they have a talent which cannot be shown in person e.g, horse jumping, then please feel free to send a short video clip into school which we can share as part of the talent show. All talents are celebrated as we are told to 'Shine like the stars in the world.' (Philippians 2:15).

The final talent show will take place on Friday 4th April at 1:30pm parents of the performers are more than welcome to come and watch. The Judges have yet to be confirmed.

World Book Day is fast approaching, which is on **Thursday 6th March**, however there is absolutely no pressure to go out and buy expensive fancy costumes for this day. It will be a non uniform day for all children and they can come in whatever they like (within reason naturally). When they arrive each child will be given a sticker with a letter on it so that throughout the day they can take part in human word games e.g. human scrabble, hangman etc in each class. At the same time, children will also be invited to visit different classrooms to listen to favourite stories selected by the teachers. We want all children to love the day as well as develop their love for reading. Don't forget we have some fabulous free books to take home in our Book Swap area in the main entrance area, so please do have a look at this when you can.



LENT PROJECT 2025

Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday which marks the start of Lent. This year it also coincides with Ramadan. Many of our families are fasting over this period, and I know some children have decided to give up their 'favourite treats' for Lent.

However, Lent is not always about giving something up, it can also be starting something new, such as completing an act of kindness each day. This year we would like children to continue to bring in items for the Foodbank daily or weekly if possible. Hopefully by the end of Lent we will have at least 40 items to donate to them.

Other School News...

COMIC RELIEF

This year we are not fundraising for Comic Relief, but are awareness raising. If your child has any Comic Relief merchandise they would like to wear on the day (Friday 14th March), then they are more than welcome to do so. Alternatively they can add just one thing red to their normal school uniform. This could be one red sock, a hairband, t-shirt or something much more creative as long as it is only 1 red item. Although we appreciate this is an amazing cause which supports people facing issues such as homelessness and mental health problems, we are well aware of already asking you for a lot of donations for trips, the Food Bank and for FOSMS Easter Raffle. Thank you for your understanding and I am sure if your child would like to do their own fundraising at home, we would love to share what they have done in our Friday worship.



P.A.L.S PUPILS AGAINST LONELINESS

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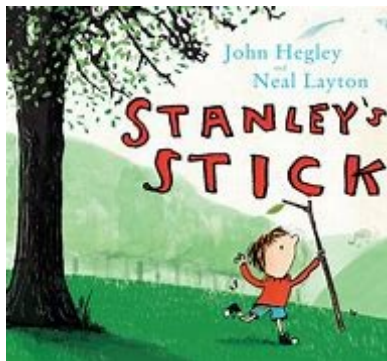
Our next P.A.L.s event will be taking place in School on

Friday 21st March 1:30pm—2:30pm.

If you live in Mellor and in need of some company, then please call in for a brew, biscuit and some fun and games with our School Council Children.

A warm welcome will be waiting for you.

Author of the Month



This month the author is Miles in Year 1. As part of Class 1's literacy work they have been reading and writing about the story Stanley's Stick by John Hegley and Neal Layton. Miles has taken inspiration from this story and created his own version which includes his brother Isaac, an Ipad and the Eiffel Tower! We can't wait to read the next chapters to your story Miles. Keep up the good work.



Tuesday 25th February 2025

LO: To write the opening to a story based on Stanley's stick by John Hegley and Neal Layton

Success Criteria

I can think, say, write, and check my sentences

I can use Capital Letters and Full stops

I can write in the past tense

found	saw	carried	took	pretended
threw	lifted	kept	stood	

Once Isaac had a
 Ipad. Isaac went on the
 Eiffel tower. At last he went
 on a lift. Isaac went
 into his room in a building.
 He pretended his Ipad
 was a window. kept

Church & Community



Don't forget to save the date for The Mellor Village Big Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 20th April 12pm—3pm .

Tickets are available online from:

@mellorvillagehall.org.uk £3.50 per child which includes a large Easter egg at the end of the hunt.

You can also have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny and enjoy some Easter cakes and food in the café.

FOSMS
Friends of St Mary's School
Charity No. 1080520

EASTER RAFFLE

1st Prize: £250
2nd Prize: £100
Other prizes include:
Millstone Afternoon Tea
Scholars Restaurant Lunch for Two
Littlers Butchers Voucher
Live Yoga Sessions
Ironing Fairy Voucher
Gift from Booths and Bowker
Chocolate Hamper

During assembly Friday 4th of April 2025
Tickets £1 Each

All counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets must be returned.

Just a reminder that all families will receive 10 raffle tickets to sell for our annual FOSMS Easter Raffle. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs including a cash prize of £250! Extra tickets are available from the school office if you wish to sell more - they come in books of 5 tickets.

All sold tickets stubs, monies and any unsold tickets should be returned to the school office by Tuesday 1st April. Please place them in an envelope with Surname, Class and FAO FOSMS.

There will be prizes for the families that sell the most tickets.

Charity number - 1080520

Lottery License Number - SL0272

Thank you Miriam Chair of FOSMS

Hello again

Well, the year is flying by, isn't it? Half-term is behind us next stop Easter!

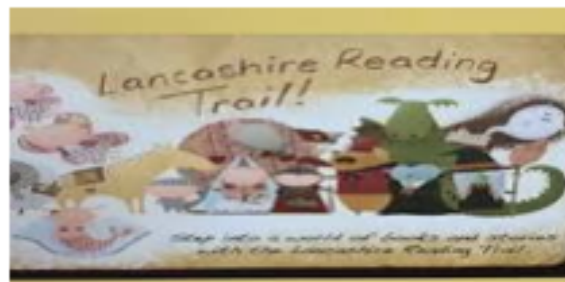
For those of you who are thinking about giving up chocolate or sweets for Lent, why not keep yourselves occupied by picking up a couple of books!

And now that the playground has reopened, why not pop in before or after playing!

I know you have lots of reading in school so if you like a certain author, come in and ask me if we have any more that you can borrow.

We have joke books, Harry Potter, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and lots of books on animals, space and dinosaurs.

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Lancashire Reading Trail. If you haven't joined yet, why not give it a try, I have maps, stickers and other goodies available - sometimes I also have some sweet treats available!!



What is the Lancashire Reading Trail?

This is a year-round reading scheme aimed mainly at ages 5-12.

The trail now consists of 3 maps that take you around Lancashire:

The bronze trail (10 books), then silver (20 books) & finally gold (20 books)

Each time a child attends the library they will receive a sticker on their map and certificates when they complete each trail.

Children are encouraged to provide a review of the book(s) they have read. This can be verbal, written or drawn.

There is a series of cards to collect with facts and missions on each one and these can also be used for games between the children who are taking part.

What's On in March?

Our monthly **Lego Club** is held on the 1st Saturday of each month. Adults and children welcome!

If anyone is interested in jigsaws, I'm hoping to set up a **Jigsaw Club** too! Just let me know if you would be interested in this.

Book Trust Under 5s Storytime



Event details

When?

Wednesday 12/03/2025 (10:00am to 10:30am)

The five brilliant books shortlisted for the 2025 Book Trust Storytime prize have been unveiled.

They are:

- Look Out! Hungry Snake written and illustrated by Paul Delaney
- Ten Little Ducklings written by Lucy Rowland and illustrated by Aki Whisper
- Shout: Let it Out! written by Madhvi Ramani and illustrated by Anuska Allepuz
- Into the Wild written and illustrated by Thomas Docherty
- Roarr! written by Sam Taplin and illustrated by Ailie Busby

Warm & Welcome Space

As in previous years, during our opening hours, we will be offering hot drinks, a safe space and access to all our services throughout the winter months.

Digital Support: In addition to access to our public computer and free Wi-Fi, Richard, our volunteer Digital Champion attends the library each week to offer help & support with your digital devices.

He is usually available on **Saturday mornings** 9.30am-10.30am

There is no requirement to book an appointment. If you wish to check that he is planning to attend on a particular day, please pop in and ask.

In addition to our public computer and the printing/copying facilities in the library, you can now print documents using wi-fi from your own device at home & simply call in to collect the printouts within 24 hours for the same cost.

We have helpful cards available for you to keep at home if this would be of use to you.

March Book of the Month



A devoted wife and mother

Bella has the perfect life with her husband Jack and their two children – until the ex who stalked her years ago is released from prison.

A tragic past that haunts her

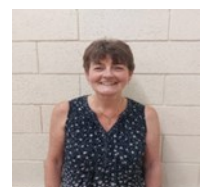
Now Bella is convinced he's back to hurt her and sees him everywhere – but no one else can see that anything is wrong.

One last chance to put it behind her

With her family away for the weekend, Bella determines to leave the past in the past – but she's about to discover the danger is closer to home than she ever imagined...

Looking forward to see you all again soon.

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Quick Look at events this month

- Monday 3rd March is the start of Lent. This year our Lent project is supporting Blackburn Foodbank and we would love children to bring in food items either daily or weekly to support this amazing cause.
- Wednesday 5th March - Just Imagine are performing an Alice in Wonderland inspired assembly ahead of World Book Day. This starts at 1:15pm in school.
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - dress up is optional. Children will be taking part in word game activities in classrooms and listening to stories from different teachers around school.
- Monday 10th March - Class 3 and Class 4 Let's Go Sing event at Blackpool Winter Gardens.
- Monday 17th March - Easter Talent Show audition week. KS1 children Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th (12:15pm), KS2 Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th (12:15pm), please can you make sure if your child is auditioning, they have everything they need with them on the days.
- Tuesday 18th March - Class 3 and Class 4 Wonderdome planetarium experience in school as part of the Space theme this term. There is a donation of £6 which can be paid through Parent Pay.
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- Wednesday 19th March - am only Class and team photographs
- Friday 21st March - School Council P.A.L.S (Pupils Against Loneliness event) 1:30pm in school for the elderly living on their own in Mellor.
- Friday 28th March - Stay and Play for EYFS families.
- Thursday 3rd April - 1:30pm Easter Talent Show rehearsal - please make sure children have their equipment with them.
- Friday 4th April - 9am Easter worship with FOSMS Easter raffle draw.
- Friday 4th April 1:30pm Easter Talent Show (parents of contestants are welcome to attend.)
- Finish for Easter holidays on Friday 4th April and reopen on Tuesday 22nd April.



For with God nothing shall be impossible

Date	What	When	Who
Tuesday 22nd April	School reopens for the Summer Term		Whole school
Friday 9th May	Going for Gold Concert in Church—class 3 and class 4 children to perform some Let's Go Sing songs.	Evening	All welcome
Monday 12th May	Class 3 start swimming for two weeks	Afternoon	Class 3 only
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATS Week	All week	Year 6 only
Wednesday 21st May	Summer term Parents Evening	3:15pm onwards	All year groups
Friday 23rd May	Stay and Play EYFS	1:15pm	EYFS families only
Sunday 1st June	Confirmation Service at St Leonard the Less at Samlesbury	11am	All welcome
Monday 2nd June	School Closed INSET Day		
Wednesday 4th June	Induction Evening for new EYFS Sept 25	6pm	All welcome
Tuesday 3rd June	Statutory Year 4 multiplication check	All week	Year 4 only
Monday 9th June 4th June	Statutory Year 1 Phonics screening check	Afternoons	Year 1 only
Tuesday 10th June	Towerwood Parent Meeting	3:15pm	Year 5 and 6 only
Friday 20th June	Towerwood residential weekend	Weekend	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 25th June	CORAM Puberty Sessions CORAM Sex Education Sessions	All week	Year 4 and Y5 Year 6
Wednesday 2nd June	Whole School Move Up Day NEW EYFS taster session	All day 1:30-2:30pm	All year groups New EYFS only
Monday 7th July	First attempt at Sports Day and Y6 v Teachers game after school	Afternoon	All welcome
Wednesday 9th July	New EYFS taster session	1:30-2:30pm	New EYFS only
Friday 11th July	School Reports sent out Final stay and play session for EYFS	1:15pm - 3:15pm	EYFS families only
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Production	6pm	All welcome
Friday 18th July	Awards Service (am) Leavers Service (pm)	am and pm	All welcome