



Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together

January News

Well who would have thought we would start 2025 without any heating! Thank you so much for your support whilst we sorted this out. I know this caused a great deal of inconvenience for many of you, but we are all back up and running effectively now which is the main thing. As the weather continues to be very bad, please do take care coming to school as Brundhurst Fold is still like an ice rink. For this reason, please, please, please do not drive or park down Brundhurst Fold, especially when families are walking down to school, one skid could be fatal. We totally appreciate that it is taking longer for children to arrive in the morning but we would rather you turn up late and safe than endanger yourself or others driving down the lane. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.



National Popcorn Day

Friday 17th January

Join us straight after school on Friday 17th January as we celebrate National Popcorn Day. We'll have delicious, hot, freshly popped popcorn, available to purchase for £2 and it'll be the perfect way to end the week! Popcorn has the unique ability to literally turn itself inside out, providing whole-grain goodness in a tasty snack. On sale from Class 4 canopy side of the playground.



Talking of thankyou, another huge thank you from all the staff for their lovely cards and gifts which they received at the end of last term. Considering how expensive Christmas can be, it was very kind of you to include staff in your festive giving.

As I mentioned last term, the fabulous Mr Venables will be officially retiring from school on Friday 14th February. I am very pleased to say that we have appointed Mr Worswick as our new site supervisor, who will work alongside Mr Venables for his final week. If you see Mr Worswick on gate duty at any time, please do stop and say hello to him and welcome him to our school family.

Other sad news this month is that Sunday 12th January will be Rev Karen's last service in Mellor, before taking up her new role as Rector of the Hodder Valley. Rev Karen has been a great faith leader for our community and her presence across the United Benefice will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best for her new role and hope that she keeps in touch with us in the future.



As this is such a short half term, all after school enrichment clubs have now started. The full list of clubs can be found at [School Clubs | Mellor St Mary Church of England Primary School](#) If you are unsure if your child has been allocated a place, please ring the school office and Mrs Scales will be happy to help.

Author of the Month

This month the author of the month is Haniya in Year 3, who has created a set of lovely set of instructions to build a snowman, which I am sure you will agree is very useful at this moment in time!! Well done Haniya.

Wednesday 8th January 2025

To sequence steps to create instructions. ✓



Firstly, gather up some snow and slowly roll the ^{it} into a ball.

Secondly, roll the ball of snow over the ground until it is big and steady enough to form the body of the snowman.

Next, Scrape some snow and gently smooth it onto the mound so that the body of the snow-person is formed.

After that, roll up another smaller ball of snow and carefully place it on top of the snowman's body for the head.

Then, You need to get more snow and add it to your snowman and then you need to stop. ✓

Super choice of adverbs!

well done, Haniya. R.T.P



SCHOOL COUNCIL

PALS (Pupils Against Loneliness) School Council are setting up a project aimed at tackling loneliness in our local community and are hoping to launch their first session of talking and playing games with local residents of St Mary's Court as a way of bringing together multi generations and helping people from feeling lonely. The first session is planned for **Friday 24th January at 1:30pm in school.**



This year our Eco Warrior Team are working on ways of helping school to become more sustainable which in turn helps to protect the planet. Each month they are going to share with you one of their top tips on how to support their project at home. This month's tip is... **Reducing your shower time by one minute can**

save your household up to £120 a year.



"Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need." (Hebrews 13.16)

Thank you ever so much for your kind donations throughout December and the Christmas period, it was really appreciated by Blackburn Foodbank.

This months we are signposting Lancashire's **SAFE FOR ALL** (Safe for Anyone Living in Lancashire)

This a completely anonymous, confidential and free helpline for those who are living with the effects of Domestic Abuse.

Please contact:
0330 1 34 34 34

emilydavisoncentre.com

info@harvoutreach.org.uk



Blackburn Road Runners School is promoting Blackburn Road Runners Winter Warmer 10K adult and 2K children's race again this year. Details on how to enter can be found below using the QR code:

MGS TECHNICAL PLASTICS | empine DJS Kitchens and Bathrooms

WINTER WARMER 10K & JUNIOR 2K FUN RUN
SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025
WITTON PARK ARENA

Accurately measured & Chip Timed 10k Course. Starts & finishes on the athletics track in Witton Park. You are guaranteed a friendly welcome and plenty of support throughout the race.

Race licensed by UKA RunEvents

10K £18* AFFILIATED, £20* UNAFFILIATED & JUNIOR 2K (AGES 5-15) £5*
*EXCLUDING ONLINE BOOKING FEE
WINTERWARMER10K.CO.UK | FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Nightsafe

BLACKBURN ROAD RUNNERS





We Are Reading Pledge. As part of our annual reading pledge, we are passionate about ensuring all children have access to free books at all times. If you haven't visited our Book Swap in the main entrance in a while then please do so.

All the books are free, and you do not even need to donate an old one, although it is helpful if you can at some point. No child should be without access to books or miss out on the wonderful world of reading. If you know of anyone who would benefit from using our Book Swap, then please let them know where it is and how it works. Please can I also remind parents to sign their child's reading log each week so that staff know they have read their school reading book at home.

As we start this new year, it is an ideal opportunity to remind everyone of our whole school vision. As a school we place great emphasis on developing the whole child—physically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and academically in a loving and caring Christian environment. Ultimately our intention is to:

Develop heads and bodies : What we learn,

Develop hearts and character: Who we are,

Develop actions and attitudes: How we live and learn,

Develop a moral compass: Where we fit in the world.

Through our Christian Faith, we acknowledge our responsibility to all, to enrich lives and show love and respect within our school family. We believe in lifelong learning aiming to equip our children to live life today and for tomorrow rooted in Christian love. ***For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37).***

If at anytime you feel that we are failing in our mission then please do let us know, ideally in person e.g email, telephone, face to face meeting rather than class WhatsApp groups, as it is much easier to address concerns directly with the person raising them, rather than read social media comments.

News from Church:



St Mary's Church, Mellor are now putting together their new magazine advertisements supplement for this year. For 2025, all adverts that go out with the United Benefice Magazine cost just £25 for the full year and are distributed to at least 500 readers every month. If you work for or run a business, which would like to advertise throughout Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury, or you know someone who does, please email :

unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com and arrangements will

be made for you to place an advert. Thank you from the United Benefice Team.



SPRING TERM PARENTS EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM

The Spring term parents evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 5th February from 3:30pm.**

We are continuing to use the new electronic appointment system, whereby you select your own time slot from those that are available. Please look out for an email from primarysite regarding this.

All appointments will be held in the school hall so please can you make sure if your child is attending with you, you supervise them at all times and discourage them from running around the hall.

Parents with two children in the same class need two appointment slots. If you would like to see myself as SENCO, then please just email me directly or the school office. Thank you in advance Mrs EP.

Hello again

Happy New Year to you all - I hope it's a great year for everyone.

The weather has definitely reminded us that it's winter and what could be better than spending some time choosing some books to read while staying in the warm!

We have a great selection of novels to help you forget the cold, dark days.

For those of you who have made new year resolutions to become healthier, we have lots of food and exercise books to encourage you!

We also have books on chocolate for those who prefer comfort food at this time of the year!

We also have a selection of biographies and other non-fiction titles so please do come in and browse.

Don't forget, you can always order books if they are not held in my library.

I have managed to get hold of a selection of new teen fiction for our younger readers so why not pop in and have a look.

We still have the New Lancashire Reading Trail with lots of stickers and prizes available.

January Book of the Month



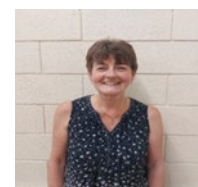
It's never too late to change the habits of a lifetime...

Evelyn Pringle isn't the sort to make rash decisions. Or any decisions, really – she's always left that sort of thing up to her husband. But he's been found dead, wearing his best suit, with a diamond ring in his pocket that doesn't fit her. When Evelyn finds a letter addressed to a woman on the Isle of Wight, she decides to deliver it. By hand.

So begins a very unusual holiday, and an adventure no one could have predicted – least of all Evelyn herself. With the help of some unexpected new friends, and a little effort on her part, Evelyn discovers that it's never too late to have a second chance at life and forge friendships that are well-worth living for.

Looking forward to see you all again soon.

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Diary for this term

Date	What	When	Who
14th January	Year 6 Magistrates Visit and Mock Trial	Morning	Year 6 only
14th January	FOSMS meeting	7pm	All welcome
17th January	FOSMS Popcorn Day—Selling popcorn after school	3:15pm	All year groups
5th February	Spring Term Parents Evening	3:30pm	All year groups
14th February	Play and Stay for EYFS parents	1:15-3:15pm	Class 1 EYFS only
14th February	FOSMS end of term disco	6pm—7pm 7:15-8:30pm	KS1 KS2
17th—21st Feb	HALF TERM		
28th February	Village Quiz Night—tickets available from church and school	7pm	All welcome
10th March	Year 3,4,5 Let's Go Sing Performance Winter Gardens Blackpool, tickets available from Winter Gardens	Afternoon and evening	Year 3,4,5
17th March	Easter Talent Show Auditions—lunchtime each day.	12:00—12:45pm	All welcome to audition
18th March	Wonder dome Planetarium in school	All day	Class 3 and Class 4
28th March	Play and Stay for EYFS parents	1:15-3:15pm	Class 1 EYFS only
3rd April	Easter Talent Show Rehearsal	2pm	Those selected
4th April	Easter Worship and FOSMS raffle	8:50am	All welcome
4th April	Easter Talent Show	1:30pm	All School
4th April	Close for Easter Holidays reopen on Tuesday 22nd April		

And finally...

As an open door school if you have any concerns, worries or need to talk to anyone in school then please just get in touch. We are all here to help in any way we can.

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together and God Bless

Mrs Embley-Peers Headteacher