



Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together

July News

It's hard to believe that another year has flown by with so many amazing experiences for all our children to remember and look back on, from watching the stars and gazing at galaxies in the Wonder dome and convicting a criminal in our Magistrates Court, to reliving the Great Fire of London through song and dance. Not to mention being stuck on the M6 motorway for 2 and half hours trying to get to Blackpool Winter Gardens for a concert! The less said about that the better! Joking apart, the children have, as always, been exceptional and are a real credit to you as parents and our local community. They have all worked incredibly hard and deserve the rich rewards that come with this. Thank you for all the support you have given them over the course of the year, with homework, additional learning opportunities, after school enrichment activities, including transporting sporting teams to and from events, FOSMS fundraisers, charity events and church services. We love working in partnership with you.

This year has also been challenging and rewarding in equal measures. Many children and staff - including myself, have been plagued with illness and medical issues, thankfully everyone is fit and healthy again now and we have had our long awaited OFSTED, which simply quality assured what we believed to be true about our school: it is a place where children flourish. So you see, when you list all the amazing things that have gone on this year, it is no wonder the Chief Executive of Lancashire's Education and Children's Services has contacted us to say: *'Please convey my best wishes to the entire school community, including the staff, pupils, parents, and governors. Your collective efforts in maintaining and enhancing the educational standards at the school are truly commendable.'* So thank you from the bottom of my heart for your contributions into making our school community an outstanding one.

However, no matter how amazing this year has been, the time to say goodbye has now come around again. This year, we are saying good bye to our wonderful Year 6 children and their families, who in a few more weeks, will have flown the nest, ready to start their new educational journey elsewhere. I am sure you would all like to join us and wish them well on their next stage of life by joining them at their leavers service in school on the 18th July, starting at 2pm. Tissues are provided free of charge!

Thank You Ever So Much

As a school we would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time each week or month to come into school to help make learning special for all our pupils.

Mr Marhsall

Mrs Venables

Mrs Taylor

Mrs Newman

Mrs Aspinall

Mrs Robinson

Elle Trevalyan

Mrs Daunton

Rev Karen and Rev Jane

Thank you also to Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Holroyd who, as always, have helped us with our singing for numerous church services, family praise worships and concerts throughout the year.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have volunteered for trips or have supported us with transport to and from events. We couldn't manage without you. If you would like to volunteer for next year, then please just get in touch.

Other News

School Council Movie Week 30th June

School Council are holding a movie afternoon for each class in school. All films will be U or PG depending on the age of the children and pop corn will be provided. Children are more than welcome to bring in a small cushion and teddy to sit with them for their showing if they so wish.

Tuesday 1st: EYFS and Y6

Thursday 3rd : Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 4th: Class 3 and Class 4

Tuesday 1st July Year 6 Leavers Service—is now being held at St

George's Church Chorley. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Blackburn Diocese Year 6 Leavers service has now had to change venues from Blackburn Cathedral to St George's Church in Chorley. Our Year 6 children will join approximately 1000 other Year 6 children from across the Blackburn Diocese for a very special leavers service hosted by Bishop Philip and his team. Children will leave school by coach and will return back to school in time for lunch. Unfortunately due to the large numbers taking part, this service is not open to families.

Pets and Praise Sunday 4th July

We will be holding our second Pets and Praise service, this time in Church on Sunday 4th July at 4pm. The last time we held this over 80 pets turned up from horses and ponies, to cats, dogs, rabbits and gold fish. Hopefully they will be able to attend again with their owners naturally! Please come and join us if you can as this should be a fun service with lots of refreshments for humans and pets afterwards.

Buddy Trip Friday 11th July

EYFS and Year 6 are finishing the year off together with their annual Buddy Trip to Blackpool zoo on Friday 11th July. Please can you make sure you have completed the consent form on Parent Pay before the 11th July. All school lunch children will be given a packed lunch for the day. Packed lunch children will need to bring their own as usual. Please pray for fine weather for us. The cost of this trip is £21 Which again can be paid for on Parent Pay.



Whole School Move Up Day and new EYFS induction

Our whole school MOVE Up day will be taking place on **WEDNESDAY 2nd July**.

Each year group will spend the day in their new classrooms getting to know their new teacher ready for September. Please can all children go to their new rooms on arrival at school for registration. They will be sent home from their new classrooms too so please make sure you collect your child from the correct point on the playground at the end of the day.

If you need a reminder about which class your child will be in in September, please contact the school office.



This year our annual awards ceremony will be held on **Friday 18th July starting at 9am**. The full

list of awards and recipients will be posted on the school website and emailed to families on Friday 18th July so as not to spoil the surprise! Families are more than welcome to attend.

Leavers Service

The Y6 Leavers service will be held in school this year on **Friday 18th July in the afternoon, starting at 2pm**, after which children will have time to get their shirts signed, have photos taken and even share in some treats and drinks.

Year 6 parents are more than welcome to stay with us for tea and coffee in the hall before the children officially leave at 3:15pm. Tissues will be available! Again, anyone who would like to come and say goodbye to Year 6 are more than welcome to attend.

Other News continued ...

Friday 4th July School Council's Break the Rules Day

School Council would like to hold a break the rules day in honour of the charity War Child. Each rule broken is charged at 50p and you can break as many as you want from the list below, (maximum 10 = £5)

1. **Wear your own shoes (not school shoes)**
2. **Have a crazy hair style**
3. **Wear a non- uniform top**
4. **Wear a non- uniform bottom**
5. **Wear nail varnish to school**
6. **Have juice / squash in your water bottle**
7. **Bring crisps, chocolates or sweets as a snack**
8. **Wear makeup**
9. **Wear earrings and jewellery**
10. **Wear fake tattoos**

The payment is 50p for each rule broken and cash can be brought in on the day.

Monday 7th July 1:30pm Sports Day

Our first attempt at Sports Day will be on Monday 7th July starting at 1:30pm. This will follow the usual pattern of a carousel of activities to start with, finishing off with competitive races, including parent and toddler races if time allows. If the weather is bad, we will try again on Tuesday 8th at the same time. Please can I ask Year 6 to stay at school a little later on Sports Day so they can take part in the children verses staff end of year game.

Tuesday 15th July—Year 6 Production

Year 6 will be putting on their end of year production ' School of Pop' starting at 6pm. This is a one night only spectacular and not to be missed. There is no charge for tickets so seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Please come and support Year 6 for their final primary school show if you can, I know they would love to see you there.

Friday 18th July—Leaver's Lunch

We are putting on a special Leavers Lunch for the final day of school consisting of pizza, samosas, taco's etc, If any packed lunch children would like to join us, Mrs Scales will send out a form to complete shortly and please pay through your Parent Pay account.

General Updates

School Meals

Due to ever increasing costs, Lancashire Catering Service have put up their school meal charge again to £2.90 per day, which is £14.50 a week. This price increase will start on the 1st September. However, all infant children receive a free school meal and will not be affected by this rise. If you have any unpaid school lunch charges on your Parent Pay account, please can you clear these before the summer break as meals in September will be charged at the new rate.

After School Club

The cost of After School Club per day will remain at £9 a day or £45 per week in order to cover the extended finishing time of 5:45pm. All After School Club charges need clearing before the summer break but If you need any help with paying your account, please can you let the school office know as soon as possible, so they can prepare a helpful payment plan for you which allows you to pay money off over the summer holidays.

Parent Pay

Please can you ensure any outstanding charges for clubs, school bags, trips or meals are cleared before the end of term. Year 3 back packs will go on sale soon and Mrs Scales will send an email when they become available to buy through Parent Pay. Thank you.

HAF provides holiday clubs and activities for children and young people who are:

- In reception class to year 11.
- Entitled to benefits related Free School Meals.
- Not on FSM, but who meet the criteria for other vulnerabilities, please ask at school if you think this may apply to your child if they.

- have an active Early Help Plan –
- have a Child and Family Plan
- are a Young Carer
- are Children Looked After or subject to Special Guardianship Order
- if they have SEND and you as a family are experiencing financial hardship that makes accessing a paid place for your child very difficult – not all SEND children are eligible for HAF
- or if you as a family are in crisis –for example, sudden bereavement, illness or financial problems, refugee families and children at risk of criminal behaviour and/or exploitation.

There are lots of exciting fun activities on this Summer, vouchers can be used to book 16 days of provision (minimum of 4 hours)



HAF Vouchers are

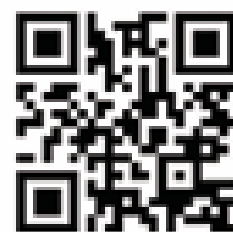
sent to all eligible families from :

Hello@familyactivities.com by email or text.

HAF vouchers are ordered by school based on the information you provide them.

Summer activities include child care for 16 days (minimum of 4 hours) with a meal included.

Places are limited so please book directly by calling 0800511 111 or text 07786511111 or scan the QR code below.





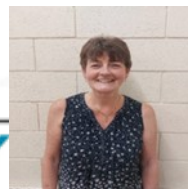
This year we have continued to promote writing across school by giving children the opportunity to have their work published in the monthly newsletter and church magazine. Over the course of the year we have had some amazing pieces from some very talented writers and this month is no exception. Here is an extract from a story created by Reuben in Year 6.

Elemental Academy By Reuben

This story starts with a boy called Shadow Escape sitting on a bed looking out of the window. A bell rings in the distance.

I get up off the bed and walk out my dorm door. The words Elemental Academy scrawled across one of the walls. As you have guessed from the title, this isn't a normal academy. This is an academy for Elementals. They train all seven elements, Fire, Water, Earth, Air, Spirit, Shadow and Light. As I walk through the classroom door, my friend Savannah, an earth elemental, sits next to me and my other friends – Madison, an air elemental; Spiro, a spirit elemental; Flame, a fire elemental; Ean, a half elemental sit down as well. Half elementals are half of one element and half of the other – like Ean is half fire and half water. My bully, Genie, sits right behind me and throws a note at my head. I unscrew it. The letter says "Hey, Waterboy, I'm gonna crush you in Elemental Dodgeball. See you on the pitch, loser." I ignore it and focus on the teacher, Mr Clayton. "Now, today, we are going to learn about the history of the Shadow and Light Elementals." The whole class sighs. Mr Clayton never teaches us about anything else, just the history of shadow and light elementals – it's really boring. Mr Clayton's voice rings out in between all the sighs. "As you know, the Shadow Elementals invaded the Light Elementals. The Shadow Elementals are strongest at night because there is barely any light for the Light Elementals to use. The Air Elementals helped to back up the Lights but the Shadow Elementals destroyed their Air Temple. The Shadow Elementals soon possessed all the Fire Elementals and made them attack the Water Plateau. You can still see, today, a Fire Plateau ship stuck in the sea bank." I couldn't make out the rest of it because he's so boring that everyone at one point just switches off. Finally, the bell rings, after what seems like centuries and I walk out of the classroom. My next class is maths. "Oh no, this is going to be hell," Savannah muttered. "I know," Shadow says. "Let's just get it over with," sighed Madison. The six of us walked into the maths class. Miss Doom standing in front of the board. Miss Doom was a whole load of hell. She's so old and skinny that she looks a thousand years old. She has bloodshot eyes and greasy, grey hair, an out of fashion cardigan, a tight, green dress and an unforgettable face with that witch-like nose. "Sit down, you six or I'll give you a detention for an hour."

"Sorry, Miss Doom," the six of us said in unison and sat down immediately. "Today, we are going to be learning algebra," she scowled. Her voice was witch-like. I wouldn't be surprised if she was a witch. "Now, Dorphy, what is the value of x in the equation $3x + 15 = 45$." Dorphy looked like she was about to cry. "Um, Miss Doom, I don't know." "You don't know!" Miss Doom screeched "Three hours detention for a whole week." Dorphy exploded with sobs. "Do you want me to make it a month?"



Hello again.

Welcome to Summer! I'm hoping that the lovely weather we had recently won't be the last we see of the sunshine, especially as we're just coming up to the long school holidays! Talking of which, we're busy preparing for our Summer Reading Challenge



Attention! We need Reading Heroes this summer in Lancashire's libraries!

This summer, we are challenging children across Lancashire to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner investigate the strange cases of wrecked robots happening in our libraries. Could there be someone sinister behind it?

Reading Heroes is the summer reading programme offered in all libraries across Lancashire, which encourages children aged 4 to 12 (although not exclusively) to keep reading through the summer holidays, offering prizes for those who manage to read 5 books over the summer, and additional incentives for those who manage to also complete a number of challenges.

Last year Mellor had the highest percentage of engagement in the whole of Lancashire so **WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.**

I will be coming into school to tell you all about it on **Friday 4th July** and, once again, there will be prizes and goodies on offer! I hope that you will all join in once again & we can finish up back on top of the League!

I am still reviewing all the stock in the library and removing books that haven't been borrowed for some time. As I said in my last update, if you have any requests for authors you would like to see in the library, please let me know and I will see if I can find some for us.

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 on offer - sometimes I also have some sweet treats available!!

July Book of the Month "The House That Made Us" by Alice Cavanagh

Copies will be available to borrow from Wednesday 2nd July

August Book of the Month "I'll Never Tell" by Philippa East Copies will be available to borrow from Friday 1st August

I hope you all have a lovely Summer, whether you are spending it at home or heading off to far-flung places! Do feel free to pop in, the Library will be open at the usual times throughout the summer. Looking forward to see you all again soon. Ange x

Community Events...

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MELLOR
Village Hall

Disco through the Decades

05 Jul 2025, 19:30

Mellor Village Hall, Mellor Ln,
Mellor, Blackburn BB2 7EW, UK

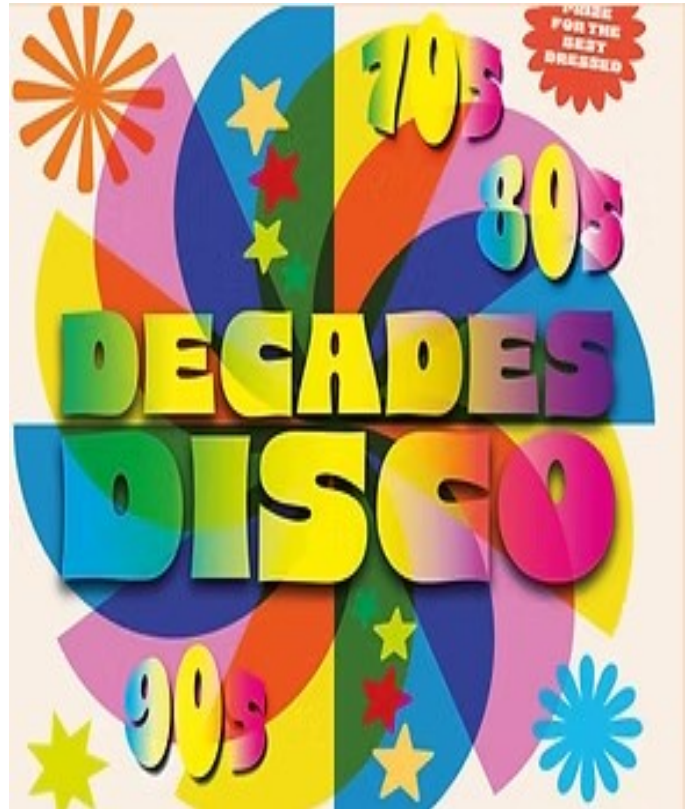
Come join us to dance the night
away at our Decades Disco!

5th July at 7.30pm

All are welcome and there's a prize
for the best dressed!

Bar and refreshments

FOSMS
friends of st mary school



Tickets can be purchased from the Village Hall website using the link [Events | Mellor Village Hall](#) or by visiting www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/event-list



Miriam and the FOSMS team would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have supported their events this year, whether that is by attending the meetings, volunteering at discos, helping set up for fairs and Gala day, buying raffle tickets, selling sweets and popcorn or marshalling at the Bonfire, your contribution has been invaluable and has helped them raise over £8000 for school over the last two years. However, they are in desperate need of new members to join them and help them plan even more fantastic events for the next academic year. So if you can spare an hour (once every two months) to join the committee, or have any new ideas which you would like them to consider, then please, please please, do come along to their first meeting on 16.09.25 at 7pm and you will be made most welcome. Remember everything FOSMS raises goes directly on things our school can not afford to buy ourselves which ultimately benefits your child for the seven years they are with us. Thankyou FOSMS.

We'll Meet Again...

It is with a very heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to Year 6. Our school has been blessed by the presence of 20 wonderful children and who have been amazing role models as well as incredible living examples of our core Christian values. However, the time has come for them to move on, take what they have learnt from us and continue to grow as world citizens caring about our planet, living in diverse communities and sharing their faith with all whom they meet.

Most importantly, I hope they will always remember our guiding message:
'for with God nothing shall be impossible'. Luke 1:37.



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Class of 2025



So farewell to the Class of 2025

*We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet
again some sunny day.*



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Date	What	When	Who
Friday 27th June	FOSMS Summer Gala straight after school	Starts at 3:15pm	All welcome
Tuesday 1st July	Year 6 leavers service at St George's Church Chorley	10:30am	Year 6 only
Wednesday 2nd July	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
Tuesday 8th July	Second attempt at Sports Day	Afternoon	All welcome
Wednesday 9th July	New EYFS taster session	1:30-2:30pm	New EYFS only
Friday 11th July	EYFS and Y6 Buddy Trip to Blackpool Zoo School Reports sent out	All day	EYFS and Y6 only
Monday 14th July	Rock Steady Music Performance	2:30pm	All welcome
Tuesday 15th July	Class 4 Ukulele Performance	2:30pm	All welcome
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Production	6pm	All welcome
Friday 18th July	Awards Service (am) Leavers Service (pm)	am and pm	All welcome

And finally...

As an open door policy school if you have any concerns, worries or need to talk to anyone in, then please just get in touch. If you have any safeguarding concerns or are worried about any child during our summer break, then please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720 or Childline 0800 1111 for advice or the Police.

Please have a lovely restful, happy and safe summer holidays and we can't wait to see you all back in September ready and refreshed for a new academic year.

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together and God Bless

Mrs Embley-Peers
Headteacher



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School's Out For Summer

*Join us on Friday 18th July for our schools out BBQ
with free ice cream for children
celebrating the start of the summer holidays*



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