



Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

Believing, Learning and Sharing Together

May News

Welcome to the summer term, the last term of this academic year and the last term our lovely Year 6 children will all be together in school before leaving us for high school. As the first half term is only 5 weeks long, we have a lot to cram in, especially considering school is closed for a bank holiday on Monday 5th May and there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 14th May due to staff training. There have been a couple of updated times and dates on the diary sheet at the end of this newsletter so please do check it out to make sure you have the correct information.

Upcoming Events



VE celebration non uniform RED, WHITE and BLUE Day.

The whole school is invited to take part in our VE Celebration lunch on Thursday 8th May, which if the weather is fine, will be held outside on the playground. All school lunch children will automatically get a picnic lunch, if you would like your pack lunch child to take part then please complete the Microsoft form which will be sent out from the office.

KS2 SATS Year 6 week beginning 12th May mornings only:

Monday 12th May—Grammar and Spelling 2 papers

Tuesday 13th May—Reading

Wednesday 14th May—Maths paper 1 and 2

Thursday 15th May—Maths paper 3

As I have said on so many occasions, SATS do not represent our children. They don't measure the real Year 6. The kind, caring, dedicated, talented and compassionate young people that we see in our school everyday. They don't measure that for some children turning up each day is a huge achievement in itself and they certainly don't measure what our children can do beyond English and Maths. That said, they do measure how ready they are to leave us and start the next phase of their education journey, which unfortunately for us, will come round all too soon.

Other statutory assessments that take place next month include the Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, both of which take place in early June. Mr Blackburn is leading on the Multiplication Check and Mrs Marshall on the Phonics Screening Check, both are happy to answer any questions you may have relating to either of these.

Also this month Class 3 will start their two weeks of afternoon swimming lessons on Tuesday 6th May. (Monday 5th May is a bank holiday and school will be closed). Please can you make sure your child has their full swimming kit with them each day—including a towel. Children will leave school after lunch at 12:30pm and return back at 2:45pm.

Other News...

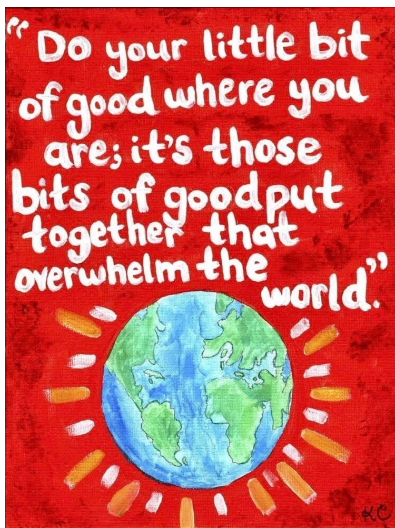
Thank you to all those who came to share in our Easter Worship last half term. Each class performed a different aspect of the Easter story and made it a lovely spiritual, reflective and celebratory service.

We also had the cutest donkey ever!



Sustainability Day : Friday 23rd May

Mrs. Carins is planning our first sustainability day on Friday 23rd May and is in need of some resources which we can use to make a variety of bug



hotels. So if you have any bark or small pieces of wood/ bamboo or other natural materials that you no longer need or want that can be used to make them, then please can you send them into school. We are also looking for some volunteers who are keen and interested in helping with planting and gardening on this day too. If that is you, please just get in touch either through the school office or with Mrs. Carins direct on:

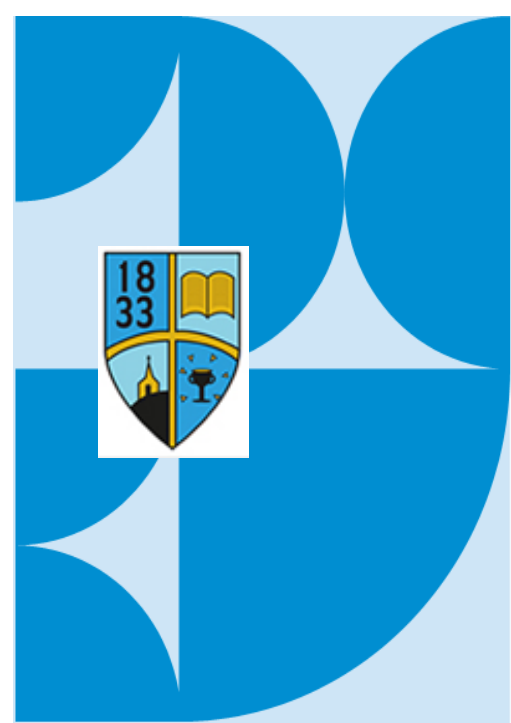
bc@mellor.lanacs.sch.uk

Mr Birchall will also be holding another EYFS Stay and Play session on Friday 23rd May, this time with a sustainability theme. As always please can you let him know if you will be attending this event so he can plan some more sustainability activities.

OFSTED

Thank you to all those who contributed comments to the OFSTED parental questionnaire. We are truly grateful for all the wonderfully kind comments we received, some of which OFSTED shared with us. The full and final report is now available to read on the school website. Needless to say we were all very happy with the outcome as a true representation of our wonderful school.

'The school ensures that it lives up to its mission that pupils have the opportunity to 'believe, share and learn together'... (Ofsted 2025)



Safeguarding Info

Identify the Bites



Mosquito



Ant



Tick



Bedbug



Spider



Bee

Now that the weather is getting warmer we are seeing a lot more insects out and about. Here are some images of what to look for if your child gets bitten or stung. Further information can be found on NHS website or simply use the link below.

[Insect bites and stings - NHS](#)

Other News



Walk to School Week. Our annual 'Walk to School Week' will be taking place on **Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May**. Children will be encouraged to walk to school starting from Mellor Village Hall car park. For those who are keen and interested in joining us, we will be leaving Mellor Village Hall car park at 8:15am each morning and will then walk from the Village Hall past the Spar Shop and Mellor Library and head on to school. Parents can drop children off at convenient places along the route or accompany us along the walk. We aim to arrive at school around 8:30 am. Please join us if you can.

This is all weather dependent so please check the school website each morning to ensure the walk is taking place.

Up Coming Parents Meetings:

Whole School Summer Parents Evening will be held on **Wednesday 21st May** starting at 3:30pm. Electronic appointment times will be released in due course so please look out for these from the school office/ primarysite email.

New EYFS (Sept 2025) induction meeting for parents will be held on **Wednesday 4th June at 6pm**. This is for new and current families with children starting EYFS in September. Please come along if you can.

Towerwood parent meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th June at 3:15pm**. Mr Blackburn will be running through all the 'needed and not needed' items for this residential. If you have not already paid your deposit for this trip, then please can you do so as soon as possible.



Well done to all those who took part in this year's Talent Show—staff included!

A very big congratulations to our winners who impressed us all with their skills and talents.

KS1

1st place : Ivy (digger driving)

2nd place : Arian (piano)

3rd place : Phoebe (singing)

KS2

1st place : Charlie (poetry)

2nd place: Charles (organ)

Special award: Harriet (gymnastics)

Don't forget to keep practising for next year everyone.

Author of the Month

This month, our author is Aaminah in Year 4. Over the last half term Class 3 and Class 4 have been learning about the Mars Rover in their English lessons and have used the information learnt to plan and design their own space technology. Aaminah's 'Adventure' comes with; ' high powered cameras with night vision capabilities, a powerful drill which allows it to dig up samples, a steady, metal crane, with a claw and gear which allows it to take samples from Mars, rechargeable solar panels which allow it to move and finally a communicational computer which communicates with NASA. ' Hope you have patented it Aaminah !



Monday 17th March 2025

I.O. To use expanded noun phrases to create tables.

ADVENTURE

High powered cameras with night vision capabilities. ✓

Rechargeable solar panels which allows Adventure to move. ✓

A powerful drill which allows to dig up samples. ✓

A steady, metal crane with a claw and gear which allows Adventure to collect sample from Mars. ✓

A communicational computer which provides him to communicate to NASA. ✓

Church & Community

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Church concert on Friday 9th May. We have some for sale from the school office. Thank you to the families and children who have agreed to take part in this event, we still have a lot more rehearsing to do in order to be performance ready but hopefully it will be 'alright on the night!'



FOSMS
friends of st mary school

Thank you to all those who bought Easter raffle tickets, especially the lucky winners. Well done to Penelope in Y4 who managed to sell the most tickets overall.

Altogether the **Easter Raffle** has raised **£561** which is fantastic.

FOSMS are now on with planning their annual summer gala and further info will be sent out from them about this soon. If you are interested in helping out or joining FOSMS their next meeting is on Tuesday 29th April 7pm in school. All welcome to attend.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MELLOR

A Musical Evening

BRASS & GOLD

Friday 9th May - 7pm



MUSIC & SONGS PERFORMED BY

Mellor Church Choir

Mellor Day School Children

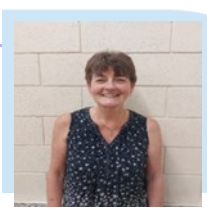
Balderstone Brass Band

Tickets £5 Everyone Welcome

Raffle and Refreshments

From all reports, a great time was had by all those who took part in the Village Hall / FOSMS Easter Egg trail throughout the village on Easter Sunday. We cannot wait to see what the next collaboration might be. Thank you to those who have given us permission to publish their photos.





I hope you all had a lovely Easter, and we've still got sunshine!

We are in the process of reviewing all our stock and removing books that haven't been borrowed for some time.

This will also give us a little more space so you should be able to browse more easily. 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!!

What's On in May?

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.

Lancashire in 50 Objects

This display will be available until 15th May.

Mellor Library has been selected to display one of Lancashire Museum's objects throughout April & May.

We have a signed print of last Tornado delivery to the RAF. It's a fabulous picture so why not come in and take a look. We do have some aviation books which you may also wish to check out.

I'm sure many of you have an association with BAe, so why not arrange to meet up with friends and current or ex-coworkers to chat about your time there.

For those too young to have yet entered the world of work, try your hand at making some paper aeroplanes - Tornados or otherwise! We will be offering prizes to the best creations.

50 Lancashire Authors

In addition, we also have a display of books written by authors with links to Lancashire so why not come in and have a look.

May Book of the Month

The next Book of the Month is "Mother's Boy" by Patrick Gale.

Copies will be available to borrow from Friday 2nd May

Looking forward to see you all again soon.

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The link to access this session will be sent out by email **one week before** the event, so please look out for this from the school office.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

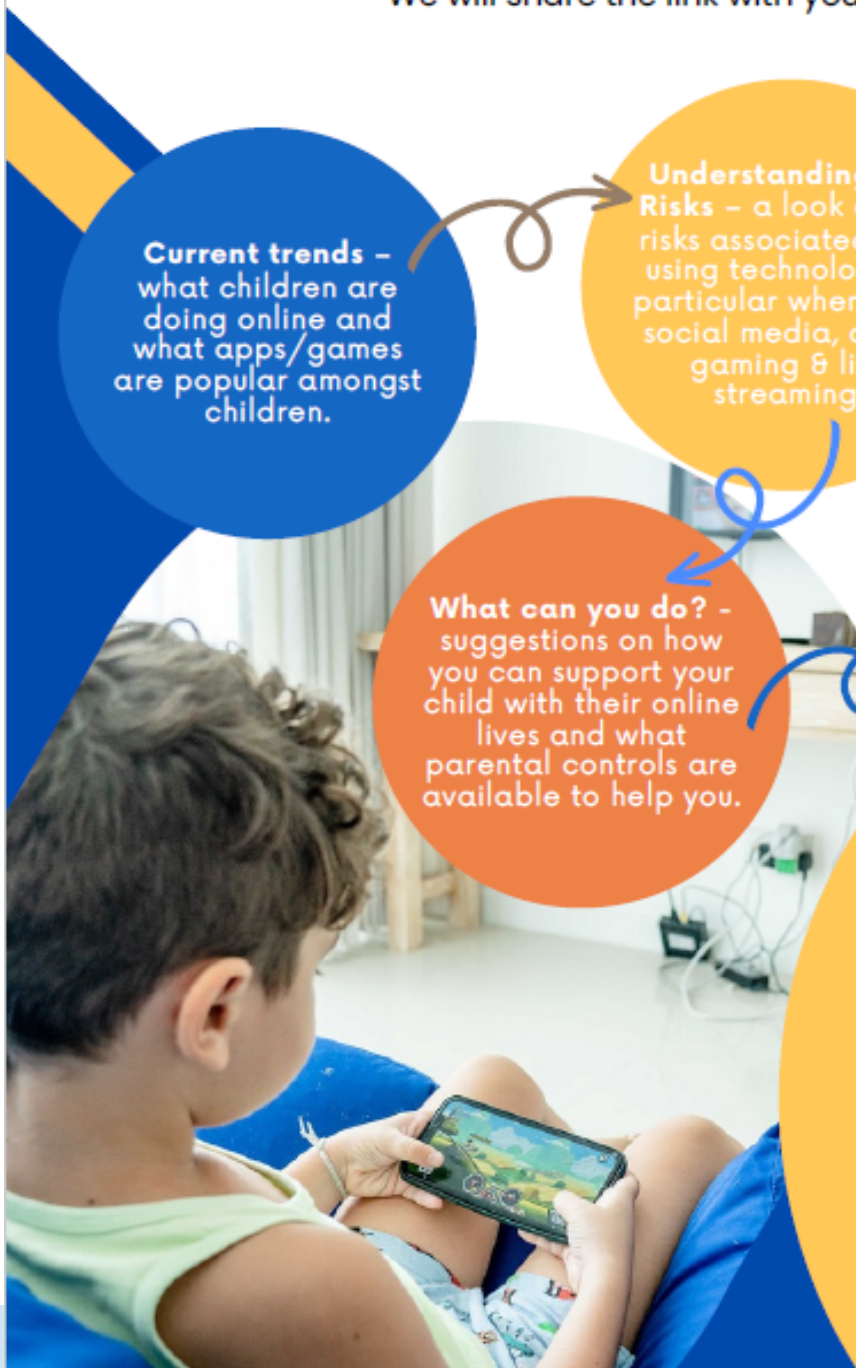
What can you do? – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
7TH MAY
2025
4PM – 4.45PM**



Knowsley
City Learning Centres





For with God nothing shall be impossible

Date	What	When	Who
Monday 5th—Friday 9th May	VE / VJ 80 year commemoration week VE Picnic Lunch and Non Uniform Day Thursday 8th May Red, White, Blue Theme,	All week	Whole school
Tuesday 6th May - Friday 16th May	Class 3 start swimming for two weeks	Afternoon	Class 3 only
Friday 9th May	Brass and Gold Concert in Church—class 3 and class 4 children to perform some Let's Go Sing songs.	Evening	All welcome
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	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 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
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