Little Melton Primary School

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Newsletter
12th September 2025

Dear Parents,

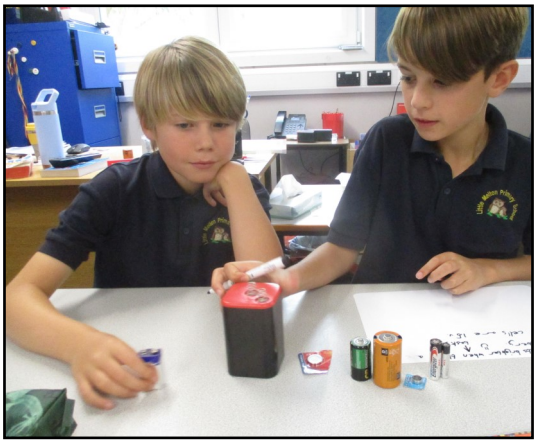
Welcome back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer break!

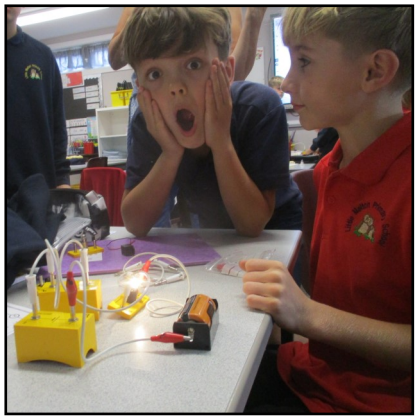
In the newsletter this week there are dates for the year ahead. We will aim to give everyone lots of notice for upcoming events to help with planning. As a minor change we will this year run clubs during four specific time windows. We have also moved the second parents evening forward in the summer term to space it out better in relation to end of year reports. There will also be regular open tray afternoons where parents can have a look at what children have been doing in class with an informal visit at pick up time.

As well as some new families joining the school this month we also have three new members of staff– as mentioned in a newsletter at the end of last term. Mrs Mirea is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and language specialist, Mr Marshall is a qualified sports coach and teaching assistant and Mr McAllister is an experienced Teaching Assistant with an expertise in SEND.

There are some pictures later in the newsletter for when you see them on the playground!







Eagle Owls– Exploring Electricity





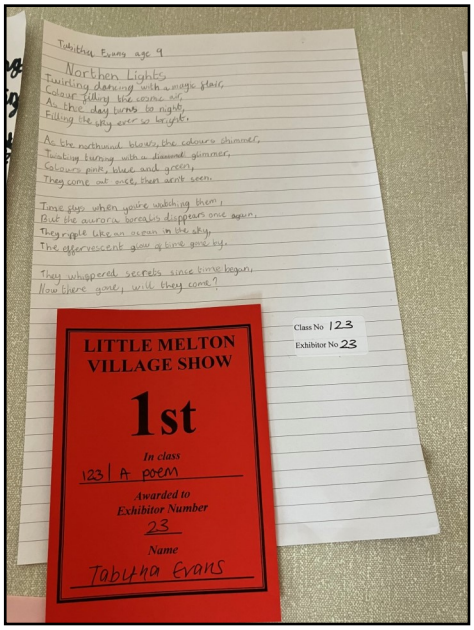
Annual Little Melton Village Show– 2025

Well done to all the children who entered the recent Little Melton village show!

I have received pictures from Tabi and Elliot and also Lottie and Clara, for prize winning entries (see below). I know that the children spent lots of time working on their entries, with some stunning results!

Any other children who entered and would like their work featured in the next newsletter– please email the office!





Open Tray Afternoons 3.15-4pm



Tuesday October 21st

Tuesday February 10th

Tuesday May 19th

Informal opportunities to come into classroom to see children's work.

If any parent is unable to make these times then please contact the school office in the week of the event and we will make a bespoke arrangement.

After School Clubs:

This year we will have four windows for clubs. Each window will be 4 weeks long.
There will be details next week about the first run of clubs.

The dates for clubs will be:

w/c 29.9.25-20.10.25

w/c 19.1.25– 9.2.25

w/c 16.3.25– 27.4.25

w/c 8.6.25– 29.6.25

Our new staff:







Mrs Mirea, Mr Marshall and Mr McAllister.

Class: Owlets Year Group: Reception Term: Autumn 1 2025

Specific Areas of Learning

Prime Areas of Learning

Topic Title:

All About Me!



Mathematics

- Recognise some numerals of personal significance.
- Recognises numerals 1 to 5.
- Count three or four objects by saying one number name for each item.
- Count actions or objects which cannot be moved
- Select the correct numeral to represent 1-5 objects
- Counts an irregular arrangement of up to 5 objects

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Free flow choosing time within a planned Early Years Environment provides children with opportunities to develop self-confidence, their sense of self and begin to make established friendships within their class group. Children will make independent choices about their learning by carefully selecting resources both on their own and with others, which will enable them to use and apply their knowledge of the world around them, subsequently leading to a greater level of understanding. Children will converse with one another, negotiate, take turns, learn about each other's feelings, and begin to understand how their actions can affect these.

Literacy

Fiction

- I am Too Absolutely Small for School – Lauren Child
- Wiffy Wilson – The Wolf Who Wouldn't Go to School – Caryl Hart
- Going to School – Rose Blake
- Owl Babies – Martin Waddell
- The Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister
- The Little Red Hen

***Big** Writing*

Name writing
Drawing a picture of me
Drawing my family
Drawing my friends

Phonics Little Wandle:

Phase 2 sounds
Initial sounds in words
CVC words
Tricky words
Letters in my name
Pre-reader books
Sharing books

Physical Development

Weekly **Physical Education lessons**

Outdoor Environment - Trim trail, tyres, climbing frame/slide, large scale construction resources

Sensory/Fine Motor Skills

Developing muscle tone and hand-eye co-ordination. Using correct pencil grip Experience and explore different textures.

- Funky Finger sessions
- Tuft tray activities

Understanding the World

- What is my new class called?
- Where is my school?
- Who is in my family?
- Getting to know my new friends
- Learning about Autumn
- Exploring Harvest Festival

Communication & Language

- Talk Partners provide regular opportunities for children to converse, discuss and peer assess their learning
- Free-flow choosing time promotes an expanse of communication – listening, talking, responding, understanding
- Weekly Spanish lessons
- Daily phonics teaching, including the introduction and discussion of new vocabulary

Expressive Arts & Design

- Sponge printing Owls for classroom door
- Owl Babies display
- Family Pictures
- Face photo jigsaw
- Self Portraits
- Autumn pictures
- Harvest pictures

Class: Snowy Owls Year Group: 1/2 Term: Autumn 1 2025. Cycle: B

'Beautiful' work

Work to share with external audience

Mathematics Y1:

Number and place value (to 10)

Addition & subtraction

2D Shape

Spanish:

Basic greetings

Family names

Art/Design

Birthday cards with mechanisms (flaps, pop-ups/levers/sliders)

Topic Title:

All About Me/Superheroes



History:

How do we know the past?

Changing childhoods – toys/school/games

English:

Simple sentences

'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' – Nick Sharratt & Sue Heap

CFFS

Write & illustrate a simple book about me

Grammar: verbs

Fiction – character invention

'Supertato' – Sue Hendra

Story sequencing & recall of characters

Grammar: Speech bubbles

Writing for an external audience - Evil Pea 'Wanted' poster

Spelling:

Y1: High frequency words via Little Wandle

Y2: Following Little Wandle Bridge to Spelling

Mathematics Y2:

Number and place value (to 100)

Addition & subtraction

Money

Multiplication & division

Geography

Maps – drawing, using, reading

Looking at keys and symbols

Science:

The human body, including our senses

Relationship and Health Education:

Marvellous Me/Relationships

'It's my body' – health

Computing:

Online safety

Algorithms and debugging

PE

Invasion Games

* content of Topic will vary each half-term, different subjects may be taught discretely, also may not always have every subject each half-term– just need to cover altogether

Curriculum Maps for Parents– Autumn 1st Half Term

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Class: **Barn Owls** Year Group: **3/4** Term: **Autumn 1 and 2** Cycle: **B**

Mathematics:

Areas to be covered:

- Place value – order, compare and place numbers
- Addition and subtraction facts
- Mental methods for addition and subtraction (counting on/back, partitioning and place value)
- Written methods for addition and subtraction (expanded column)

- Daily Mini-Maths arithmetic
- Big Maths weekly challenge on Friday.
- Times Tables - by the end of Year 4, the national expectation is that children should know all of their times-tables facts up to 12 x 12.

ANCIENT EGYPT

- Where in the world is Egypt? Map skills.
- Egyptian pharaohs and crowns.
- Timeline of Ancient Egypt – dynasties and pharaohs.
- Egyptian Gods and their powers.
- Hieroglyphics – writing on papyrus.
- Pyramids and other Egyptian landmarks.
- Egyptian farming – making a shaduf.
- Mummification and Canopic jars.

English:

1. Adventure stories
Texts: The Time Travelling Cat by Julia Jarman, and Scareb Story by Pie Corbett.
Grammar: Adjectives and conjunctions
Punctuation: Capital letters and full stops within sentences and paragraphs.

2. Information texts - explanations
Texts: The Shirt Machine, Wallace and Gromit Cracking inventions
Grammar: Time connectives and adverbials of time.
Punctuation: commas in lists.

3. Poetry – shape poems
Texts: Variety of shape poems
Grammar: Adding clauses.
Punctuation: Possessive apostrophes.

Spelling: Weekly spellings focusing on patterns and rules.
Reading: Accelerated reading and quizzes
Handwriting – weekly sessions

Science

1. Teeth and the digestive system (digestion, health and diet, types of teeth, tooth decay, comparing to animals).
2. Electricity (mains vs batteries, circuits, conductors, cables and plugs, switches and bulbs).

RE
Judaism – Does prayer work/why do people pray? Does God really speak to people?

French
J'apprends le français (I'm learning French)
Les Commandes de la Classe (Classroom Commands)
Joyeux Noël (Christmas)

P.E.
Invasion games – tag rugby, hockey, football, netball

Computing
Coding – Scratch Jnr, Espresso Block Coding and Python.
Writing blogs using Purple Mash and Google Docs

RHSE
The Zones of Regulation
Growth mindset – 'The Magic of Yet'
Being VIPs

Music
Charanga unit – Mamma Mia

Beautiful Work for display

Writing for an external audience

Eagle Owls Year Group: 5/6 Autumn term 2025

Mathematics:
Four operations
10 100 1000
Place Value
Roman Numerals
Word Problems

Technical World



Science:
Light (1)
Electricity (2)
Simple circuits, voltage, circuit diagrams.

Art & **Design**
Food Technology – cooking over the decades (link with Topic)
Christmas cards with electrical circuits

English/Big Write:
TEXT: Spy School (main)
TEXT: My hamster is a spy (Support)
Christmas TEXT: A Christmas Carol (Marcia Williams and 2001 movie)
Grammar & Punctuation:
Descriptive writing
Instructional writing
Spelling: Purple Mash
Handwriting: Nelson Scheme

Music
Famous Composers (1)
Orchestras and choirs (2)
Use examples of correct musical language

Humanities TOPIC (History)
Changes in Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century

P.E.
Invasion Games (Coach when available)

R.E.
Islam (1)
Hinduism (2)

Languages
French

Computing/PHSE
1)E-safety 2) Keeping safe and managing risk
Research
Doc (Google Drive)
Coding/Programming
Online safety and understanding

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Knowledge Organiser Quizzes

Autumn Term 1st Half

Snowy Owls– All About Me!

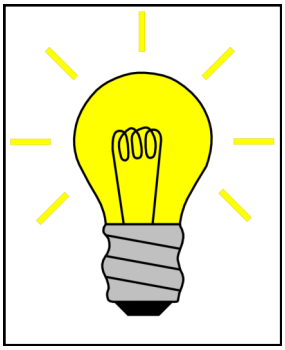
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Barn Owls- Ancient Egypt

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Eagle Owls– Light

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Prizes in assembly at end of half-term for all successful entries!
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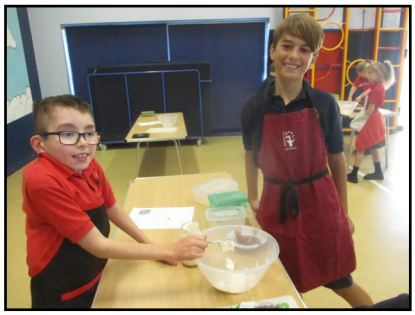










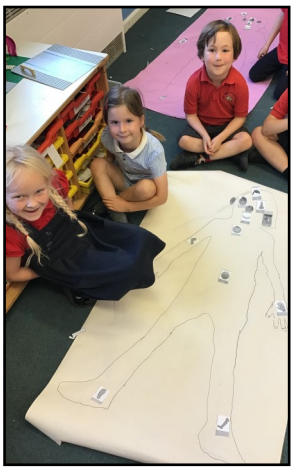



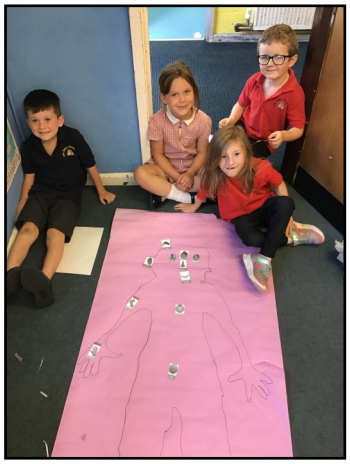




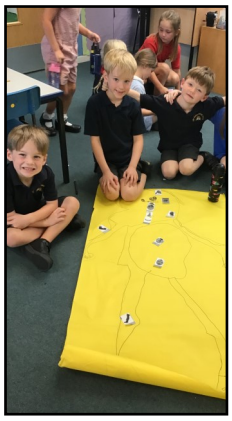
Cooking Through The Decades: 1950's Coronation Chicken



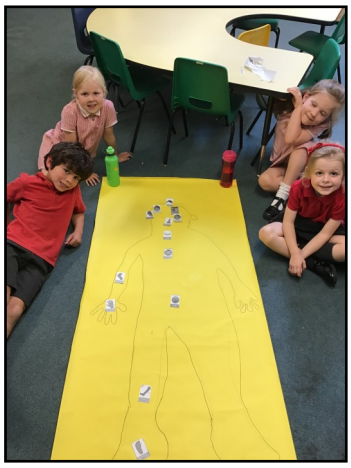






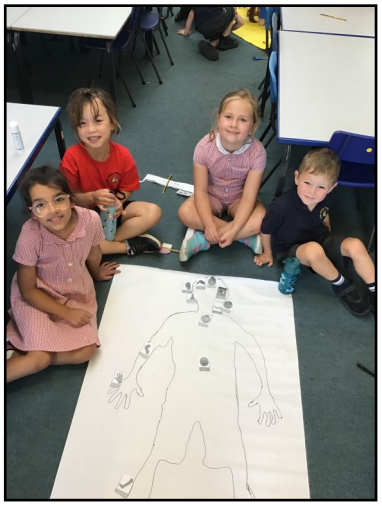


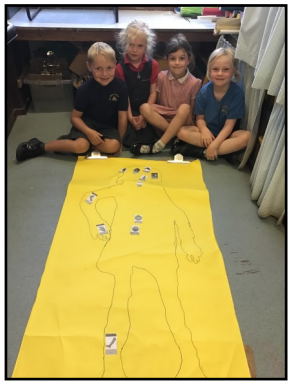












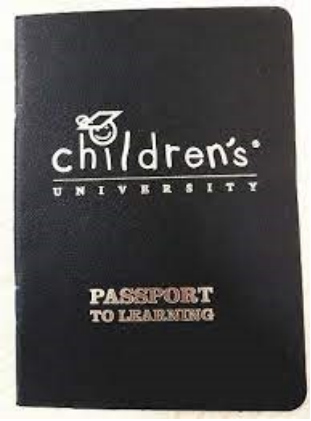
Snowy Owls-
Science

Some useful codes:

Pensthorpe	purple	6889
Gressenhall	green	9146
Castle Museum	yellow	1113
Strumpshaw Fen	red	7914
Blickling	yellow	2594
Trowse Netball Club	red	1289
Swimming	red	2383
Hethersett Rainbows	blue	3822
Hethersett Brownies	purple	zero298
Hethersett Athletic FC	blue	8020
Perfect Performers Dance	yellow	2961
Norwich Swans	green	4508
Norwich Brownies	purple	4276
Central School of Dance	green	9584
LM Karate lessons	purple	8169
Wymondham rugby club	red	7304
Heigham Park FC	red	5207
Triple Threat Drama	purple	7564
Easton Tennis Club	green	7,946
Wham Drama Club	red	9237
Woodside Cubs Group	orange	5659
Hethersett 3rd Guides	purple	5181
Crusaders Rugby	red	7263
Easton Gymnastics	purple	7862
Wymondham Beavers	orange	1073
All Stars/Dynamos Cricket	yellow	6957
LMPS Tennis Club	red	3640
Hethersett Cubs	yellow	6218
Limelight Drama	yellow	2584
Star Dance	green	7236
LMPS Uke	blue	3072

Last date for pre-graduation points is July 5th

Norfolk Ski Centre	red	4435
Norfolk Hoopstars	yellow	2799
Norfolk swim school	blue	1554
East Anglia Tennis & squash club	blue	1085
Gain Fitness Club	yellow	8531
Eska Karate	purple	2944
Norwich Penguins	orange	6120
LMPS Singing	purple	5431
LMPS Chess	yellow	9886
LMPS Boardgames	green	7340
LMPS Mindfulness	green	7814
LMPS TTRS	red	1732
FITC football	purple	6720
Hethersett Beavers	red	6963
Norwich Ballet	purple	4331
UEA Gymnastics	green	7663
David Lloyd Swimming/Let's Play	orange	1923



Please continue to email me for any regular clubs that need a code.

Some useful codes:

<u>Support with emotional wellbeing.</u>

Mrs Plant, our mental health lead, has curated a selection of free and paid for online resources and contacts for children and adults.

These can be found on our school website at:

http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-information/support-with-emotional-wellbeing/



Recent or Upcoming Birthdays:

Elliot I. 8
Taylor 9
Toby 10



Attendance year to date is: 97.28%



(L Love of Learning, M Make it Your Best , P Persevere S Skills for Life)

Owlets: -

Snowy: Flo (M.S) Rose (L,M) Hazel (S) Harley (P)

Barn: Ellie, Sophie, Evie, Elliot E, Freddie, Scarlett, Beth, Ava (S,M)

Eagle: Hallie, Oscar, Ollie, Seth, Lucas, Scarlett & Lottie (LMPS)

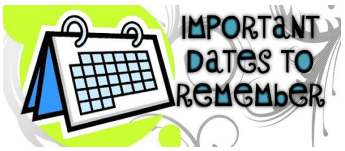
Housepoints: Oscar 1200, Seth 1200, Thomas 400

Our New House Captains & Vice-Captains!

Flora & Adam	Ollie & Scarlett	Emelia & Lewys	Hallie & Grace

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.



Open Tray Afternoon– Tuesday October 21st

Parents Evenings—Autumn Term: Tuesday November 11th and Wednesday November 12th

Parents Evenings– Summer Term Tuesday April 21st, Wednesday April 22nd, Thursday April 23rd (Eagle Owls only)

Half Term—Monday October 27th– Friday October 31st

End of Term: Friday December 19th

Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can purchase it direct from this website:



https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/

Nut Free School



A general reminder that we operate a nut-free policy in school for all food. Please be particularly careful with any food provided to celebrate birthdays as some chocolate can include traces of nuts. We do have some children with severe allergies in our school and we obviously want to look after them to the very best of our ability.

Ukulele Club

Little Melton Primary School

www.iloveuke.co.uk

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BRING YOUR OWN UKE OR USE ONE OF OURS

Tuesday lunchtimes

YEARS 1 & 2

£72 for autumn term



Kids Disabled children say we can

Norfolk

Parent Carer Service

Coffee & Connect

Fortnightly on Wednesday

10.30 - 12.30

Autum Term 2025

10th Sept - Guest Speaker (Stacey, Anglian Water)

24th Sept - Lego Workshop

8th October - Guest Speaker (Alice MacDonald MP)

22nd October - Wellbeing

5th November - Guest Speaker (Young Carers Matter)

19th November - Workshop (tbc)

3rd December - Guest Speaker (Family Action)

17th December - Wellbeing

The Viking Centre, Tills Road, Norwich, NR6 7QZ

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