Little Melton Primary School

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Newsletter
16th January 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break!

The children greatly enjoyed the snow that greeted us on the first day back after the holiday, and it was great to have a day of playtimes and lunchtimes with it playable. There are some pictures of some of the younger children later in the newsletter.

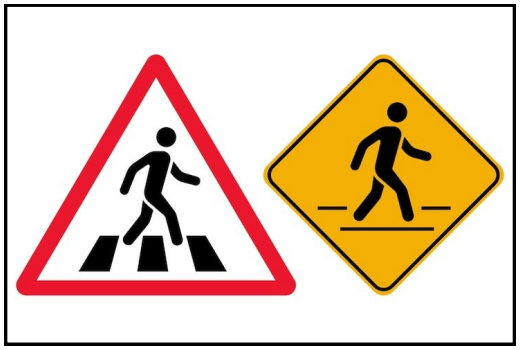
We have also had a planetarium in school, see picture below, which the children have enjoyed crawling inside to look at a representation of the night sky.

Children in Year 5 visited the UEA teaching hospital last week as part of our ongoing collaboration with the paediatric nursing team. The children were invited for training purposes so that the students could practise taking different medical readings eg blood pressure and temperature in a practical setting. The children also received a guided tour of the facility, including observing the impressive robotic manne-quins also used in training.

Finally, the link to sign up for the next 4 week window of after school clubs was sent out on Wednesday. All clubs will run for four consecutive weeks and finish at 4pm.



The Planetarium



Important Opportunity to Support Little Melton children

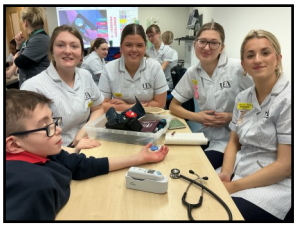
Some of you may be aware that earlier this week, local MP Ben Goldsborough, shared on the village Facebook group that Norfolk has been given new funding for footpaths and cycle paths.

He wants some of this to be used to create a footpath on Burnthouse Lane and has asked people to sign this petition so he can prove there is support.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FundThePath

I think that many people with knowledge of the village, and especially those with high school age children travelling to Hethersett Academy, would recognise that this is a very highly valid cause and well worth your support.







Year 5 visit to UEA teaching hospital









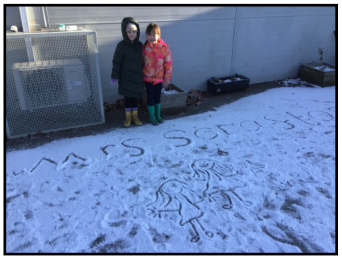
















Snowy Day



















Class: Owlets Year Group: Reception Spring 1 2026

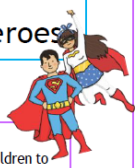
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Specific Areas of Learning

Prime Areas of Learning

Topic Title:

Superheroes



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.

Maths

- Making pairs
- Combining two groups
- Length and height
- Numbers 9 and 10
- Ten frames
- Comparing numbers to 10
- Number bonds to 10
- Complex Pattern

Understanding the World

Ideas to include:

- Which material makes the best cape?
- Frozen victims in ice - how will you save them? Exploring melting
- Who are superheroes in real life? Roles and responsibilities - People who help us
- Superhero walkie-talkies
- Building a superhero city - what do we find in a city?

Communication & Language

- Talk Partners provide regular opportunities for children to converse, discuss and peer assess their learning (partners changed half-termly)
- Free-flow choosing time promotes an expanse of communication - listening, talking, responding, understanding
- Daily phonics teaching, including new vocabulary
- Various planned Speech & Language focused activities including word retrieval activities

Small World Ideas: Small city scene with roads, skyscrapers & superhero figures

Role Play Ideas: Superhero Training School or Superhero Headquarters

Physical Development

Weekly Physical Education lessons

Outdoor Environment - Trim trail, bikes and scooters, mud kitchen, stage, den building, large-scale construction resources

Sensory/Fine Motor Tray - Developing muscle tone, develop hand-eye coordination and experience and explore different textures.

Changed at least weekly

Literacy

Key Texts:

- SuperHero Mum, Dad, Gran - Timothy Knapman
- Superworm - Julia Donaldson
- Ten Little Superheroes - Michael Brownlow
- Juniper Jupiter - Lizzy Stewart
- How to Save a Superhero - Caryl Hart/Ed Eaves
- Superhero Hotel - Abie Longstaff
- Super Rabbit

Big Writing to include...

- What would your superhero name be?
- What superpowers would you have if you were a superhero? My superpower is... I use my superpower to...
- Can you invent a new superpower?
- Superheroes help people. What do you do to help?

Phonics

Little Wandle for Letters & Sounds

Expressive Arts & Design.

Ideas to include:

- Making superhero wristbands and adding own superhero logo
- Design your own superhero - What powers will they have? What will they do? Who will they save? What equipment do they need?
- Felt superhero masks
- Design your own superhero outfit
- Silhouette superhero painting - coloured night sky background & black silhouette city buildings
- Split pin superheroes (with photo of child's face)

Class: Snowy Year Group: 1/2 Term: Spring 1 2026 Cycle: B

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writing for external audience

'Beautiful work'

Mathematics:

(Following White Rose Maths Hub)

Growth Mindset in Maths (Youcubed resources)
Growth Mindset
Number – place value to 50
Number – place value to 50
Measure: Length
Measure: Height

Relationships and Health Education:

Friendships, falling out, caring for each other

R.E:
Judaism - What does it mean to be a Jew?

Spanish:
Language Angels

Music:
Charanga 'In the Groove' unit

Geography:
Observation of the weather

Consider weather in other locations

Create and film a new weather forecast using weather symbols

Devise a map for a park, using locational language and the four compass directions

Real-life Maths:
Data collection – recording weather
Seasons and months of the year

Topic Title:

Weather and Nature



Computing:
Coding using Scratch Junior

Extended Writing:
Percy the Park keeper story writing

Assembly Themes & Special Days:
(see assembly timetable)

Science:

Seasons and weather

Making observations and recording weather

How plants grow

Art & D&T:

Painting with different techniques

Renoir and Turner – famous artists

P.E.
Get Set for PE – Gymnastics

English:

Fiction – stories set in familiar settings
Percy the Park Keeper 'One Snowy Night' (Butterworth) (Grammar – CFFS)

Non-fiction – Explanation text
'The Drop goes Plop' (Godwin) and 'Weather' (National Geographic Readers)

(Grammar - present tense)

Poetry
'Jump and Jiggle' animal action poem
(Grammar – verbs and nouns)

Big Writing Genres: (as above)

Curriculum Overviews, Spring Term

Class: **Barn Owls** Year Group: **3/4** Term: **Spring** Cycle: **B**

Around the World in 80 days

Calculating distances travelled and time zones. Using grid references and co-ordinates.

Creating a passport and preparations for travel.

Map skills – continents, key countries and capital cities.

Creating own hot air balloons for journey around the world.

Researching key facts about different countries:
Flag, capital, rivers, mountains, climate, language, currency, buildings, clothes…

What is the best way to travel and why?

Finding out about Phileas Fogg.

Travel brochure pages.

Aboriginal dream paintings.

Mathematics:

Areas to be covered:

- Revision of addition and subtraction – mental and written methods to solve word problems (including expanded and formal column methods).
- Multiplication and division facts using times tables.
- Mental and written methods for multiplication and division.
- Fractions – equivalence and finding fractions of quantities.
- Geometry – 2d and 3d shapes

- 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.

English:

Letter writing
Texts: Aunty Dot's Incredible Adventure Atlas by Eljay Yildirim
Grammar: Paragraphs, fronted adverbials and connectives.
Punctuation: commas

Recounts – diaries, journals and reports
Texts: Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verner
Expedition Diaries by Simon Chapman
Grammar: First and third person, past tense
Punctuation: question marks and exclamation marks

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

Science

Electricity day:

- Circuits, insulators and conductors, switches
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Sound:

- Structure of the ear
- Vibrations
- Soundproofing
- Pitch and loudness

RE
Judaism

MUSIC
Djembe drums

FRENCH
Je peux… (I can…)
Les Légumes (Vegetables)

P.E.
Gymnastics
Dance

Computing
Using Email on Purple Mash and Google.

Relationships and Health Education

- Mental wellbeing – think positive
- Economic wellbeing – money matters

Beautiful Work for display

Writing for an external audience

Maths: REVISION
Angles measure volume area perimeter
Long multiplication/Division
FDP Roman Numerals
Standard written methods all 4 operations
Multi step problems
Transformations Algebra
BIDMAS

EAGLE OWLS YEAR B
Sp1/2 2026 Natural World



English: Class read- Kensuke's Kingdom: (Michael Morpurgo) (1)
Mud Puddle Farm (1)
The Wolves Of Willoughby Chase (2)
Darwin (2)
SPaG
Formal and informal writing
Pronouns Hyphens Commas
Active and passive voice
Writing:
Fiction descriptive writing (from class reader)
Argument text
Darwin Biography
REVISION
Spelling: Purple Mash scheme

Music: Composing

Science: Evolution and Inheritance Sp1

Animals Including Humans Sp2

PE: Gym and Dance
PGL OAA

Languages: French

Humanities:
Biomes/Vegetation Belts/Climate Zones

Computing/PSHE:
Research Tools: Google Suite (Slides, Sheets & Docs) Biomes/Vegetation Belts Climate Zones.
Slides (Google Drive)
Coding/Programming
Mental Health and Well Being
Healthy Minds/ Economic Well Being

Art/DT:
WATERCOLOURS

RE: Judaism
Importance in Jewish faith, main rituals and significance, Passover around the world, food, dress and links to sacred texts, comparison with other faiths

Curriculum Overviews, Spring Term

Knowledge Organiser Quizzes

Spring Term

1st Half

Snowy Owls– Weather and Nature

https://forms.gle/FhBw7dHVDCXCHfXeA





Barn Owls– Around the World in 80 Days

https://forms.gle/kGTmyNadqWeLsa4D9



Eagle Owls– Evolution & Inheritance

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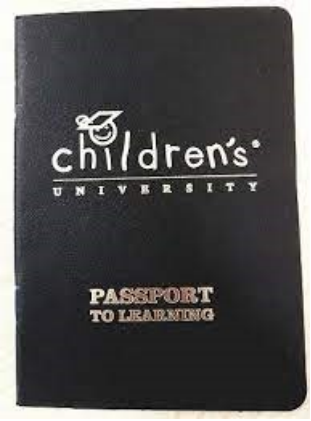
Prizes in assembly at end of half-term for all successful entries!
Click on the link to enter.

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:

Bella 5, Elliot 5, Edith 6, Henry 6, Dougie 6, Harley 7, Jacob 10, Harry 10.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every school day counts.

Attendance year to date is: 95.40%



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

Owlets: Amalia (L), Bella (M), Max (M)

Snowy: Poppy (M), Elliot B (L), Hazel, Freddie, Henry, Ava, Poppy, Alice, Samuel (B), Ari (L), George W (M), Arthur (S)

Barn: Beth (S), Jacob J (M), William (S), Jacob P (M), Clara (M)

Eagle: Lottie, Seth, Oscar, Ollie, Hallie and Emelia (L)

Housepoints: Hallie 1100, Hannah 900, Jacob P 400, Halle 200, Poppy 200, Jasper 200

House-points		2024-25		
This Term:	146	164	142	145

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.



Thursday January 22nd– Road Safety Magic Show (KS2)
Tuesday January 27th– Y3/4 Girls Football Festival
Monday February 16th-Friday February 20th – Half-term
Wednesday March 18th– Y1 Tennis at Easton
Friday March 20th– School Disco
Tuesday March 24th– Friday March 27th– Eagle Owls PGL Residential
Friday March 27th– End of Spring Term
Parents Evenings– Summer Term
Tuesday April 21st, Wednesday April 22nd, Thursday April 30th(Eagle Owls only)
Tuesday June 16th– Money Matters Day
Wednesday 15th July– Leavers Performance (6pm) @ Hethersett Village Hall
Friday 17th July– Last Day of Academic Year

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.

JOIN OUR U8S GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



Costessey U8s girls football team are looking year 3 girls to add to their squad for the current season.

No experience necessary.

The team train at the FDC Bowthorpe on a Wednesday evening.

Interested?

Contact Rhianna (07443895250) or Richard (07557447231) to find out more.