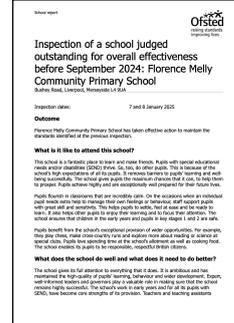




## OUR SCHOOL IS BOSS (ACCORDING TO OFSTED AT LEAST)!

We are delighted to announce that Florence Melly Community Primary School has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection. That means, we continue to be 'outstanding'! Please click on the link below to access the full report, which is now live on the Ofsted website. As you can imagine, our staff and Governors are over the moon with this outcome and it just rewards for all of the hard work demonstrated each and every day. Our children are in great hands; that is down to the AMAZING team who serve them every single day and because of your support at home! But we don't stop now, we will continue, as always, to drive and innovate so that our children have the best possible chance to succeed - after all... every second counts! You can access our new report here: [Ofsted Report - Flo Melly](#).



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**11/02/25**  
Safer Internet Day Celebrations

**13/02/25**  
Whole-School External Safeguarding Audit

**13/02/25**  
Eric Cohen visiting our Year 6 pupils

**13/02/25**  
The Nest Stay and Play

**13/02/25**  
Reception Core Values Reward Trip

**14/02/25**  
Children finish for the Half-Term

**24/02/25**  
Children return after the Half-Term

**27/02/25**  
KS1 Kickstart Singing Session with Resonate

### NSPCC Number Day Celebrations

Earlier today, pupils supported the NSPCC and the fabulous work that they do by taking part in Number Day. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring a positive 'can-do' attitude towards it. This is an event that we get involved in every year and Miss Byott, our Maths Lead, wanted this year to be no different. Children arrived to school in number themed attire and really did 'dress up for digits'. They were treated to a range of exciting and stimulating maths games, tasks and activities to enjoy throughout the day and a great time was certainly had by all. At Florence Melly, we are mathematicians!



### Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week and exploring the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Miss Batt and Mr Doyle kick started the week with assemblies exploring feelings and this year's themes. The children then took part in online sessions with other schools exploring emotions, expressions and the things that make us all unique.



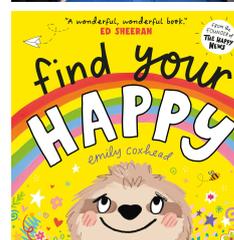
### Enrichment Trip to St Aidan's Church

What a wonderful time our pupils had earlier this week, as they visited St Aidan's Church. In celebration of Children's Mental Health Week, our children joined a local community group at the church for a cuppa and a chat; it was a great way for them to exercise the theme of 'connecting with others'.



### This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [Find Your Happy by Emily Coxhead](#). Find Your Happy is a bright, welcoming book that is a perfect vehicle to get children talking about emotions. Despite being called 'find your happy', the book recognises that it is sometimes hard to feel happy all of the time and that every day can be different. A variety of emotions are mentioned in this book, including anger, worry and shyness. Each emotion comes with small tips and tricks that any individual child could easily use in real life to help make themselves feel better and to also help them to embrace the emotion. In particular, the page about feeling sad and the encouragement given to talk to someone trusted is a particularly important one that could strike up many conversations and support children's emotional literacy.



### NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Curry	Beef Stew	Salmon Fillets	Chicken Nuggets
...	...	...	...	...

Next week, our kitchen will be cooking the Week 3 dinner menu for the children.

# End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 7th February 2025

## Year 2 - Instructional Writing

This week, Year 2 have been reading the classic story 'Paddington' and the teachers have fully immersed the children into the story by making their own delicious sandwiches - Paddington Bear's favourite. As they made their sandwiches, the children followed step by step instructions which introduced them to their new writing topic. The children have been learning about the layout and structure of instructions and how this helps the reader follow them with ease. They have also looked at imperative verbs and the importance of including command sentences. As you can see from the photos, the children have really enjoyed their English lessons this week and have produced some amazing instructions. Well done Year 2!

**SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM**

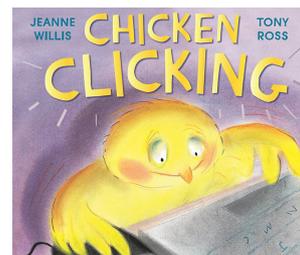


### Next Week, as part of our Cultural Capital curriculum, the children will be exploring...

- The Fundamental British Value of Tolerance in their weekly Cultural Capital lesson. For more information about these values, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/guidance-on-promoting-british-values-in-schools-published>
- Staying Safe Online during their weekly 'Cultural Capital' assembly and using the picture book 'Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis' in order to immerse them in the theme. This is in celebration of Safer Internet Day which takes place on 11th February 2025.
- Year 1 will participate in an exciting cookery lesson, delivered by our friends at Apple of my Eye, around the theme of Pancake Galore. They will make delicious and healthy pancakes in honour of the national celebration on 4th March 2025.

### Wake Up Wednesday - [What Parents/Carers need to know about Scams and Fake News](#)

This free guide breaks down the ways that scammers utilise 'fake news' and other tactics to manipulate their victims, as well as how best to protect young people from these concerns. While misinformation and 'fake news' are well-known concerns online, it's also the case that scammers and other cyber-criminals can try to utilise this phony material to manipulate, frighten or otherwise persuade their victims into cooperating. With constantly evolving scams and such a high volume of misinformation online, it's vital that parents and educators know how to safeguard the children in their care against these kinds of tactics. Our guide breaks down the most prominent ways in which scammers attempt to use 'fake news' to their advantage, as well as how to protect youngsters from being manipulated by such techniques.

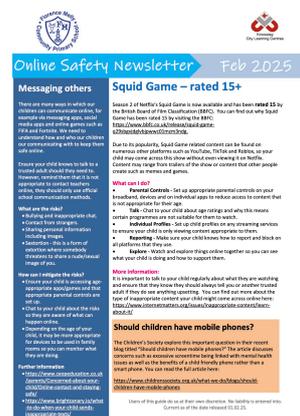


### Breakfast Club Reminder

Just a little reminder to all parents/carers to say that our breakfast club provision does not open until 7:45am. More and more parents/carers are arriving on site significantly before this time, trying to gain access to the premises and school building by pressing the main gate buzzer. Our office staff do not start until 7:40am and sadly, we cannot let you on site until then. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### Our Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached the latest copy of our Online Safety Newsletter. In this edition we look at managing your child's devices, Squid Game and Snapchat! If you ever need help or support around online safety, please reach out to a member of our safeguarding team; they will be able to help and guide you accordingly: [https://florenceelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Online-Safety-Newsletter-February-2025-Florence-Melly\\_31-01-2025.pdf](https://florenceelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Online-Safety-Newsletter-February-2025-Florence-Melly_31-01-2025.pdf)



Have an amazing weekend and see you bright and early on Monday morning. Take care everyone!

Mr Leach  
Headteacher

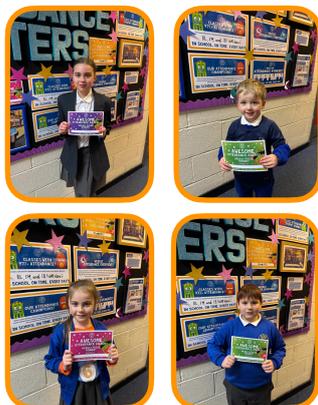


# IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

"Here at Florence Melly, we have been using a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school. We will use it to keep you up to date and more informed on where your child is up to with their attendance. **Get the app or register now** (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs; 1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for; 2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted; 3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations **improve children's health**".



### WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



Each week we announce our attendance prize winners in our celebration assembly.

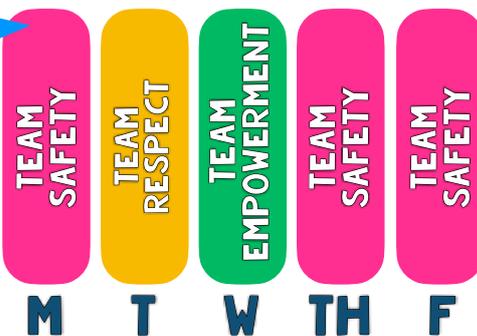
### CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



97.1%

4J/  
5M

### DREAM TEAM DAILY WINNERS!



Every day, we see which DREAM team had the best attendance. The winning team receives 10 tokens!

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR!

93.5%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

19.0%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

357

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

47

### GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE!

At the end of every week we celebrate those classes who finish in gold, silver and bronze place. These classes receive a certificate to hang proudly in their classrooms! The winning class also get to keep the famous Flo Melly trophy in their classroom for the week!



Well done to 4J, 5M and 3M for beating our 97% target! You have won an extra playtime next week!

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS LOST DAYS = LOST LEARNING!

Think 90% attendance is good? Think again! This is what lost days really looks like! Now do you think 90% attendance is good?

### IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

	Days missed	Lessons missed	School weeks missed
95%	10 days missed	40 lessons missed	2 weeks missed
90%	19 days missed	76 lessons missed	3 weeks and 4 days missed
85%	28 days missed	112 lessons missed	5 weeks and 3 days missed
80%	37 days missed	148 lessons missed	7 weeks and 2 days missed