

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK-THE 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR!

Two weeks into the new school year and what a positive start it has been! Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. The partnership between home and school makes Florence Melly such a special community. Our children have returned with enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and a real eagerness to learn. They have represented the school brilliantly and embraced our high expectations. Attendance remains a key focus this year, ensuring every child is in school, on time, every day. We are excited to launch our new attendance rewards programme, including half-termly trips for pupils achieving 97% attendance or above. Thank you for helping us make such a strong start. We look forward to a successful year ahead.

Cultural Capital Enrichment Trip to Hoylake Lifeboat Station

To celebrate Emergency Services Day, a group of pupils joined Mr Leach on our first Cultural Capital Enrichment Trip of the year to Hoylake Lifeboat Station. The children learned about the vital role of the RNLI and its volunteers in keeping people safe at sea. During the visit, pupils explored the station, viewed the lifeboat, hovercraft and rescue vehicles, and discovered how crews respond to emergency call-outs. They also learned about the courage, teamwork and commitment needed to save lives. The trip provided a valuable insight into an essential emergency service and inspired our children to think about helping others. A huge thank you to the RNLI volunteers for such a memorable experience.

Mr Derbyshire's Behaviour Assembly - Setting the Expectations!

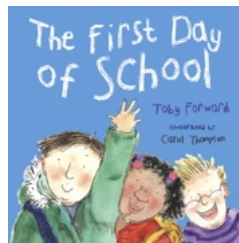
What a fantastic way to start the week! Mr Derbyshire, our Behaviour Lead, worked with pupils to reinforce our behaviour expectations for the new academic year. Using the picture book *PLEASE!* by Simon Philip, children explored the importance of good manners, respect and positive interactions, helping them understand how their choices contribute to a positive school community. These sessions are an important part of our behaviour curriculum, ensuring every child understands what it means to be respectful, responsible and ready to learn. It was a valuable opportunity to combine character development with reading, giving pupils important lessons that will support them both in school and beyond.

Celebrating Differences, Building Belonging - the No Outsiders Programme!

Year 5 enjoyed their first No Outsiders lesson of the year, exploring the story *Kenny Lives with Erica and Martina*. The lesson encouraged pupils to think about belonging, inclusion and respecting differences. Through thoughtful discussion, the children shared their ideas with maturity and enthusiasm, showing a strong understanding of the importance of making everyone feel welcome and valued. These sessions help develop empathy, understanding and respect, while encouraging pupils to appreciate the diverse world around them. It was wonderful to see Year 5 engaging so positively with these important themes.

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is *The First Day of School* by Toby Forward, a warm and reassuring story for the start of a new school year. When a young boy arrives for his first day, he discovers he is not the only one feeling nervous, the school itself has worries too! Through humour, engaging storytelling and vibrant illustrations, this charming book explores first-day anxieties while celebrating new beginnings, friendships and opportunities. It reminds children that feeling nervous is normal and that confidence grows when we take that first brave step. A comforting and uplifting read for children at home and in school, helping everyone start the year with a smile. Enjoy!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

14/09/26

Girls Breakfast Club
Football Club Starts

14/09/26

Soccer in Schools Football
and Mindfulness Project

16/09/26

The Den Wellbeing Trip to
the Park

17/09/26

Cross Country at Croxteth
Park

18/09/26

Individual Photo Day

21/09/26

RE/World Religion Drop
Down Day - Judaism

22/09/26

Road Relays at Wavertree

23/09/26

2M Science Trip to Ness
Gardens

30/09/26

2H Science Trip to Ness
Gardens

OUR DINNER MENU

Check out next week's
lunch offering (Week 2)
Click on the image below
for more details.



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SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 11th September 2026

This week's spotlight... Year 3's Big Soup Share

Our first full week of teaching got off to a fantastic start as Year 3 were delighted to welcome Apple of My Eye into school for our Flo Melly Big Soup Share. The team spoke beautifully to the children about harvest, helping them understand why this time of year is so important and how communities can come together to support those who may be struggling to access the food they need. Every child enjoyed a delicious bowl of warming soup, choosing between vegetable or tomato, and embraced the opportunity to share a meal together. The event encouraged thoughtful discussions about kindness, gratitude and helping others, while creating a real sense of community. It was a wholesome, memorable experience for everyone involved and a wonderful way to begin the new term.



As part of our exciting Cultural Capital curriculum, next week, our children will...

- Explore the theme of 'My Healthy Self' in their RSHE lessons, using our new scheme.
- Explore the Fundamental British Values of Democracy and Rule of Law through informative assemblies and the high-quality picture book: [Sofia Valdez, Future Prez - Andrea Beaty](#).
- Participate in a cookery event with our friends at Apple of my Eye. Year 4 will look into Snack-tember - a month-long initiative celebrating healthier, more sustainable snacking!
- Enjoy an exciting enrichment trip to Crosby Beach as part of the Great British Beach Clean initiative. The Great British Beach Clean is a week-long nationwide citizen science event taking place from Friday 18th to Sunday 27th September 2026 - organised by the Marine Conservation Society.

Key Dates for your Diary this Half-Term

At Florence Melly, we try our best to keep you up to date with what is going on in and around school and give you as much notice as possible when we organise class, year group and whole-school events and celebrations. Pop these key, whole-school, dates into your diary so that you don't miss out. More class and year group specific dates will be shared shortly:

- 18/09/26 - Individual School Photo Day.
- 21/09/26 - Whole-School RE/World Religion Drop Down Day - Judaism.
- 01/10/26 - Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon at 2:00pm.
- 09/10/26 - Whole-School World Mental Health Day celebration. Non-School Uniform.
- 12/10/26 - Flo Melly's Spanish Day - National Day of Spain. Non-School Uniform.
- 13/11/26 - Whole-School World Kindness Day. Non-School Uniform.
- 20/11/26 - Whole-School Road Safety Awareness Day.
- 07/12/26 - Whole-School RE/World Religion Drop Down Day - Buddhism.

This Month's Online Safety Newsletter

This month's Online Safety Newsletter shares important guidance for parents on emerging online risks, including AI-manipulated images, safe use of YouTube, managing parental controls, and supporting children to make safe choices online. It also signposts useful resources, quizzes, and practical tools to help families stay informed and protected. You can access this edition by clicking the following link: <https://dev.florencemelly.mgl2025.claritycreation.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-September-2026.pdf>



Arbor Parent Portal - Our New App for Parents/Carers

A friendly reminder that Arbor ParentApp and Class Dojo are now our school's main communication and payment platforms. If you have not yet downloaded the Arbor ParentApp, or if you need your activation email resent, please contact the school office. Our team will be more than happy to help you get set up and answer any questions you may have. We are no longer using Studybugs or ParentPay, so all future school payments should be made through Arbor ParentApp. If your child is absent from school, please remember to report this either through the Arbor ParentApp or by calling the school office on 0151 226 1929. Thank you for your support in helping us keep communication simple, efficient and effective for all families.

Website Update & Important Policy Reminder

We are pleased to share that we are currently undertaking a full revamp of our school website. Our aim is to create a more modern, user-friendly platform that makes it easier for families to access important information and celebrate everything that makes our school special. We are hoping to have the new website ready to launch shortly after the October half-term. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience while this work is taking place behind the scenes. We understand that parents and carers may need access to important school policies before the new website goes live. These can still be accessed using the following link: <https://dev.florencemelly.mgl2025.claritycreation.com/about-us/policies/> or paper versions can be collected from the school office. Whilst reviewing our policies, I would particularly like to draw your attention to our Food in Schools Policy. Since returning to school, I have noticed that adherence to this policy has slipped a little. It is extremely important that all families follow the guidance outlined within the policy, particularly as we have children in school with severe, life-threatening allergies. By working together and following these expectations consistently, we can help to ensure that school remains a safe environment for every child. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My preferred method of communication is via email, and I am always happy to help where I can.

Have a great weekend and see you all, bright and early on Monday morning.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

