

Friday 25th September 2026

# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



## GREEN FLAG AWARD SUCCESS!

We are incredibly proud of our dedicated Eco Warriors, who have achieved our school's very first Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction. This fantastic achievement recognises the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm shown by pupils in making our school a greener and more sustainable place. From environmental projects to raising awareness of important eco issues, our Eco Warriors have worked tirelessly throughout the year to make a real difference. A special shout-out must go to Miss Jen, whose passion, leadership and dedication have inspired and supported the children every step of the way. This award is a wonderful reflection of the teamwork between Miss Jen and our Eco Warriors, and we couldn't be prouder of what they have accomplished together. Now we just need a flagpole so we can proudly fly our Green Flag for all to see!

### Football Wellbeing & Mindfulness Programme

This half-term, pupils have been taking part in an exciting football, wellbeing and mindfulness programme with Coach Anthony from Soccer at School. Through a combination of football activities and mindfulness sessions, pupils have been developing confidence, resilience, teamwork and self-belief both on and off the pitch. The programme has encouraged children to reflect on their emotions, set personal goals, and learn valuable life skills while enjoying the benefits of sport. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes shown by everyone involved.

### World Car Free Day Adventure

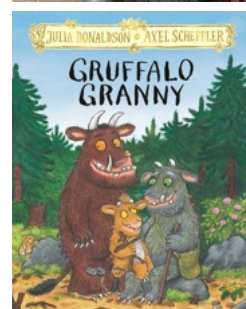
To celebrate World Car Free Day, pupils travelled into town by bus, enjoying a sustainable and environmentally friendly journey. They then took part in a memorable River Ferry Cruise, taking in the sights and learning more about our local area from a unique perspective. The day was a fantastic opportunity to explore greener ways to travel while having fun and creating lasting memories together.

### The Great British Beach Clean

As part of our Cultural Capital curriculum offer, pupils recently visited West Kirby Beach to take part in the Great British Beach Clean, helping to protect our local coastline and wildlife. Working together, they collected litter, learned about the impact of pollution on the environment, and discovered how small actions can make a big difference. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment to caring for our community and planet.

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

This week's book recommendation is [Gruffalo Granny by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler](#) - the long-awaited return to the much-loved world of the Gruffalo. Bursting with the humour, adventure and irresistible rhyming storytelling that families have adored for years, this delightful new tale introduces readers to the Gruffalo's grandmother and another exciting woodland adventure. With familiar characters, plenty of surprises and beautifully detailed illustrations, the story captures children's imaginations while celebrating courage, curiosity and the special bonds between generations. Donaldson's engaging text and Scheffler's trademark artwork make this a joy to read aloud, whether at home or in the classroom. Full of warmth, laughter and woodland magic, Gruffalo Granny is sure to enchant both new readers and long-time Gruffalo fans alike. A wonderful book to share together and a deserving addition to any child's bookshelf - enjoy!



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**29/09/26**

Volunteering at the British Heart Foundation

**30/09/26**

2H Science Trip to Ness Gardens

**30/09/26**

LSSP Reception Balance-Ability Big Session

**29/09/26**

Reception Breakfast with a Book Event

**30/09/26**

Year 6 Height and Weight - School Nurses

**30/09/26**

Cross-Country at Newsham Park

**01/10/26**

Chartwells Themed Lunch

**05/10/26**

Cross-Country at Stanley Park

**07/10/26**

Anfield Stadium Ticket Draw

## OUR DINNER MENU

Check out next week's lunch offering (Week 1) Click on the image below for more details.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

# End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 25th September 2026

## This week's spotlight... A Love of Reading Starts Here - Our Library Sessions!

Across the school, children have been buzzing with excitement during their new library sessions. They have been choosing and checking out books to take home and enjoy, experiencing what a real library feels like and learning how library systems work. During these sessions, children have explored new authors and genres, shared stories together and spent time in a welcoming environment designed to inspire a love of reading. At Florence Melly, we believe that reading for pleasure is one of the most important gifts we can give our children. Reading not only develops literacy skills and vocabulary but also fuels imagination, builds confidence and broadens children's understanding of the world around them. We are committed to creating a culture where reading is celebrated every day. Seeing children excited to borrow books, recommend stories to friends and eagerly await their next library visit shows this commitment is making a difference. Children can't wait for their next session, and that's exactly what it's all about!



## 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 European Day of Languages through informative assemblies and the high-quality picture book: [Welcome to Our World: A Celebration of Children Everywhere - Moira Butterfield](#).
- Participate in a cookery event with our friends at Apple of my Eye. Reception will enjoy 'Breakfast with a Book' as we welcome the parents of our newest Flo Melly Family members into school for a meet and greet session.
- Enjoy an exciting enrichment trip, volunteering at the British Heart Foundation charity shop (for World Heart Day).

## Parents' Coffee Afternoon - 2pm on Thursday 1st October!

We're looking forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Parents' Coffee Afternoon, led by Sam Asher, next week. This relaxed and supportive session will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to connect, share experiences and learn practical strategies to support their children at home. Topics will include behaviour support, emotional regulation and the Zones of Regulation, helping families to better understand emotions and develop positive approaches to managing everyday challenges. We hope as many families as possible can join us for what promises to be an informative and welcoming afternoon. For more information, please see the Coffee Afternoon Flyer using the link below: [Coffee Afternoon Flyer](#).



## Important Reminder: Arbor ParentApp & Class Dojo

A huge thank you to the 70% of families who have already signed up to Arbor ParentApp. Your support is helping us keep communication and school payments simple and effective. As a reminder, Arbor ParentApp and Class Dojo are now our school's main communication platforms. If you have not yet downloaded Arbor ParentApp, or need your activation email resent, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help. Please remember that Studybugs and ParentPay are no longer in use, so all school payments should now be made through Arbor ParentApp. If your child is absent from school, please report this through the app or by calling the school office on 0151 226 1929. Thank you for your continued support as we strengthen communication between home and school.



## Introducing Our Attendance Newsletter & Football League!

Starting next week, we are excited to launch our brand-new Attendance Newsletter and Attendance Football League Table. These new initiatives are designed to make attendance more engaging, celebrate success and reinforce the importance of being in school, on time, every day. Each week, classes will compete in a football-style fixture against another class. The class with the highest attendance percentage will win the match and earn 3 points, while a draw will see both classes receive 1 point. The results will be added to our league table, creating friendly competition across the school and encouraging everyone to work together towards excellent attendance. The weekly league table, fixtures and results will be displayed in school and shared through our newsletter. We will also celebrate our attendance stars, league leaders and top-performing classes during assemblies and school communications. At the end of each half term, the class that finishes at the top of the table will be crowned our Attendance Champions and will receive a special reward or enrichment experience.

Who will get off to a flying start? Keep an eye out for next week's first fixture list and let the season begin!

## Our Wellbeing Award Journey Starts Here - We Need Your Voice!

As part of our journey towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools, we are inviting all parents and carers to share their views on how we support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of our children, families and wider school community. Your feedback is incredibly important to us. It will help us celebrate what we do well and identify areas where we can continue to improve. The survey only takes a couple of minutes to complete, but your responses will make a real difference in shaping future developments at Florence Melly. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey as soon as possible, preferably today. The more responses we receive, the more representative and meaningful our evaluation will be. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We genuinely value your views and appreciate you taking the time to share them with us. You can access the survey by clicking here: <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/6ab1ae4ed4842>



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

Mr Leach  
Headteacher

