Florence Melly Community Primary School

Friday 13th November 2026

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
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WORLD KINDNESS AND CHILDREN IN NEED MASHUP!



This week, we celebrated World Kindness Day and BBC Children in Need in style!Throughout the week, children and staff embraced the theme of kindness, recognising how small acts such as helping others, sharing compliments and showing consideration can make a positive difference to our school community. Earlier today, children and staff came to school in bright, colourful and spotty clothing to mark the day, while families generously supported our Flo Melly Pantry through donations of food and financial contributions. We also launched our Run Pudsey Challenge, aiming to complete 100 laps as a school to celebrate 100 years of Florence Melly (which is later this year) while raising money for Children in Need.

Thanksgiving Enrichment trip to Toby Carvery



As part of our Cultural Capital Curriculum, a group of children enjoyed a visit to Toby Carvery to learn about the tradition of Thanksgiving. Over a delicious meal, the children spent time reflecting on the things they are grateful for, while learning about the importance of appreciation, family and community. The enormous Yorkshire puddings were certainly a highlight of the afternoon and provided plenty of conversation around the table! It was a wonderful opportunity to broaden their cultural understanding and create lasting memories together.

The Junior Leadership Team Visit the Houses of Parliament in London



Our younger JLT members and some of our Year 6 pupils, who have demonstrated excellent behaviour, were rewarded with our annual trip to the Houses of Parliament in London. This year was particularly special as we had a JLT first! Rather than watching proceedings from the public gallery, we were lucky enough to step inside the House of Commons itself and experience it up close and personal. To make the day even more memorable, our local MP, Dan Carden, joined us to talk about his important role as MP for Walton and answer our questions. We also had the exciting opportunity to see the famous 10 Downing Street! A fantastic day of learning, democracy and pupil leadership!

Lest We Forget - The Imperial War Museum in Manchester



To mark Remembrance, our pupils visited the Imperial War Museum in Manchester, where they explored powerful exhibits and heard personal stories that brought their learning about conflict and sacrifice to life. The visit provided an important opportunity to reflect on the service and bravery of those who have served in the armed forces, helping pupils develop a deeper understanding of the significance of remembrance while representing the school exceptionally well throughout the day.

This Week's Book Recommendation...



This week's book recommendation is The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi and Lorena Alvarez, a wonderfully uplifting picture book that celebrates perseverance, resilience and the power of a growth mindset. Through vibrant illustrations and an encouraging message, the story introduces children to the idea that just because they can't do something yet doesn't mean they won't be able to in the future. Whether tackling a challenging piece of learning, mastering a new skill or overcoming setbacks, readers are reminded that progress comes through practice, determination and self-belief. DiTerlizzi's storytelling and Alvarez's artwork create an inspiring read for children, encouraging them to embrace mistakes as part of learning and keep striving towards their goals. Full of positivity and empowerment, *The Magical Yet* is a fantastic book for promoting confidence, resilience and a love of learning. An inspiring read for every primary-aged child - enjoy!









IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

16/11/26
Year 4 Outdoor Adventurous Activity Session with LSSP

17/11/26
Den Enrichment Trip to the Lighthouse Cinema

18/11/26
Y5/6 Girls Football Competition

19/11/26
Student Parliament Event

20/11/26
Road Safety Drop Down Afternoon

20/11/26
Individual Photo Day

01/12/26
Whole-School Christmas Reading and Writing Day

01/12/26
Beauty and the Beast Theatre Trip

10/12/26
Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day

OUR DINNER MENU

Check out next week's lunch offering (Week 3) Click on the image below for more details.



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SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 13th November 2026

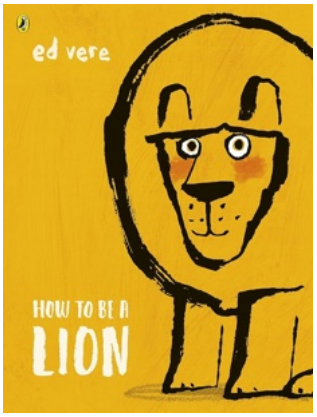
This week's spotlight... Our Whole-School Spanish Day!
Our Spanish Day was a huge success and a fantastic opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in Spanish language and culture! The day kicked off with an exciting assembly that got everyone enthusiastic and ready for the activities ahead. The children enjoyed a range of exciting experiences, including visiting our very own Spanish café, where they sampled delicious Spanish foods, and getting creative by making their own Spanish cuisine. Others travelled to different classrooms, each transformed to showcase a Spanish-speaking country, where they discovered fascinating facts, traditions and culture. Along the way, the children collected stamps in their passports as they explored different countries, adding to the excitement of their Spanish adventure! It was a wonderful day filled with fun, learning and new experiences, and it was fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. ¡Fue un día fantástico!



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

- Explore the theme 'Building Positive Relationships'. This half term, our RSHE learning will focus on building positive relationships and connecting with others. Across the school, children will explore what makes relationships healthy, safe and respectful, including the importance of kindness, empathy and inclusion. Pupils will learn about special relationships, how to help themselves and others feel happy and safe, and how to build caring connections with family, friends and members of the wider community. They will also consider how to respect differences, recognise the qualities of healthy relationships, and develop the confidence to stand up for themselves and others when something does not feel right. These important discussions support our ongoing commitment to helping children become respectful, responsible and caring citizens both in and beyond school.
- Explore Improving their Mental Health and Wellbeing through Anti-Bullying Week through informative assemblies and the high-quality picture book: How to be a Lion - Ed Vere. This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is Break the Silence! You can find out more by clicking here: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/anti-bullying-week-2026
- Participate in a cookery event with our friends at Apple of my Eye - Year 6 will explore Liverpool's Allotment Heritage - Victory Gardens.
- Enjoy an exciting enrichment trip to Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Heritage and Education Centre (for Road Safety Week) and participate in a Road Safety Week drop down day on Friday afternoon.





97% Attendance Rewards Success!
Our first 97% Attendance Reward Trips of the year were an overwhelming success! Children who achieved our attendance target enjoyed fantastic trips to the bowling alley and, for our Reception children, the indoor play area. The excitement, smiles and laughter throughout the day showed just how much the children valued being recognised for their excellent attendance. Most importantly, the children were a credit to our school, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and representing Florence Melly brilliantly. We couldn't be prouder of them all. As we always say: In School, On Time, Every Day! These trips are a fantastic way of rewarding and celebrating the importance of regular attendance and the positive impact it has on learning and achievement. Now the slate has been wiped clean and a new half-term begins. There are more exciting reward trips up for grabs, with new destinations still to be revealed. One thing is certain though, they'll be well worth the effort. We can't wait to see who earns their place on the next adventure!



Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November 2026!
Next week, we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week across school, exploring this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'. Throughout the week, children will take part in activities and discussions that promote kindness, respect and inclusion, while learning how to speak up and seek support if they witness or experience bullying. We look forward to celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, where children can wear odd socks with their school uniform to celebrate the things that make us all unique. Together, let's continue to create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Super Exciting News about the School Street Scheme
Liverpool City Council is exploring the potential introduction of a School Street scheme around Florence Melly Community Primary School as part of its work to improve road safety and air quality around schools. Parents and carers are invited to learn more about the proposal and share their views through an online survey and engagement events. Feedback from families, pupils, staff, residents and the wider community will help inform any future decisions, and we would encourage all parents and carers to take part. Please note that responses must be submitted by 24th November. For more information on the School Streets programme and to access the survey, please visit: https://liverpoolexpress.co.uk/school-streets/.



Join the DREAM Team!
Are you looking for a rewarding role at the heart of our school community? We will soon be advertising a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant at Florence Melly. This is a fantastic opportunity to support our children during lunchtime, helping to create a safe, happy and enjoyable environment for all. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining the DREAM Team, keep an eye out next week when we will share the full details, including the job advertisement, job description and person specification. We look forward to hearing from potential new members of our team!



Have a great weekend and see you all, bright and early, on Monday morning (wearing odd socks).

Mr Leach
Headteacher

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This Week's Key Message...

Persistent absence means a child misses a significant amount of their education. A child is classed as Persistently Absent (PA) if their attendance falls below 90%, which means they are missing the equivalent of one half-day of school every week. Over the course of a school year, this adds up to around 19 days of learning missed, or nearly four weeks of education. Research shows that children with higher attendance are more likely to achieve better outcomes academically, develop stronger friendships and feel more connected to school. Even attendance of 95% means a child misses around 10 school days a year, while attendance of 90% means missing almost a month of learning. We are proud of the improvements many of our pupils have made this year and thank families for their continued support. By ensuring children attend school every day, arrive on time and only stay off when genuinely unwell, we can work together to give every child the very best chance to succeed. Remember, every day counts and every lesson matters!



WEEKLY 100% CERTIFICATE WINNERS!



100%

CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!

DEN



Every week, the class with the best weekly attendance wins the famous 'Flo Melly Attendance Trophy'.

DREAM TEAM ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

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

M	TEAM SAFETY	
T	TEAM MOTIVATION	
W	TEAM APPRECIATION	TEAM MOTIVATION
TH	TEAM MOTIVATION	
F	TEAM MOTIVATION	

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!

DEN | 1B | 3J, 3J & 5M



Congratulations to The Den, The Nest, 1B, 1D, 2M, 3D, 3J and 5M who all beat our 97% target this week! That's incredible - well done!

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR	WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM	NUMBER OF CHILDREN MEETING OUR 97% TARGET THIS HALF TERM	NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR
95.9%	95.1%	14.0%	362	205

FLO MELLY ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Welcome to our Flo Melly Attendance Champions League. Each week classes compete against each other in a football style league table. Fixtures are drawn and shared on a weekly basis. The class that tops the table at the end of the half-term - wins a prize!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TABLE!

	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	BP	PTS
1	1B	5	4	0	1	2	14
=	1D	5	4	0	1	2	14
=	4D	5	4	0	1	2	14
4	3D	5	3	0	2	4	13
=	5M	5	3	0	2	4	13
6	THE DEN	5	3	0	2	3	12
7	6M	5	3	0	2	2	11
8	2M	5	2	0	3	2	8
=	3J	5	2	0	3	2	8
10	THE NEST	5	2	0	3	1	7
=	RB	5	2	0	3	1	7
=	RM	5	2	0	3	1	7
13	2H	5	2	0	3	0	6
=	4T	5	2	0	3	0	6
=	5B	5	2	0	3	0	6
16	NURSERY	5	1	0	4	0	3
17	6F	5	0	0	5	0	0

Classes earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and no points for a loss. A bonus point is awarded if the class beats our 97% attendance target - regardless if they win, lose or draw! The aim for the class with the bye fixture is to beat 97% - if they do, they earn 3 points for a win plus an extra bonus point.

SCORES ON THE DOORS

SCORES FOR WEEK OF 09/11/26		
NURSERY 93.9% 🥰	VS	6F 93.7%
6M 93.0%	VS	5B 93.6% 🥰
NEST 97.5%	VS	5M 99.3% 🥰
DEN 100% 🥰	VS	4T 93.6%
RB 93.1%	VS	3D 99.3% 🥰
RM 93.4%	VS	3J 99.3% 🥰
1D 99.7% 🥰	VS	2M 97.9%
1B 98.1% 🥰	VS	2H 94.5%
4D HAD A BYE THIS WEEK (96.3%)		

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

N	vs	5B	DEN	vs	3D
6F	vs	5M	RB	vs	2M
6M	vs	4T	RM	vs	2H
NEST	vs	4D	1D	vs	1B

NO FIXTURE FOR 3J NEXT WEEK

IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!