

Friday 12th September 2025

FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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OUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT VISITS FLO MELLY!

Last week, some of our lucky Year 6 pupils had a very special visit from Dan Carden, the MP for Walton! He joined us for an exciting Q&A session, where pupils got the chance to ask him all about his job and life as a Member of Parliament. We found out why he wanted to become an MP, what inspires him to keep going, and even heard about the incredible places he has visited through his work in foreign affairs. Pupils were fascinated to learn about how he represents our community and makes important decisions in Parliament. He also shared some brilliant advice about how to persuade people, how to earn trust, and what it takes to be a strong, fair leader. These top tips will help our Year 6 pupils as they get ready for the DREAMS Team Captain elections, and his visit has left us feeling inspired about the power of leadership. Mr Leach also enjoyed chatting with Dan and celebrating our wonderful Ofsted inspection. They talked about the impact our school is having on the community and how we are always trying to innovate - including our new 'two-week October half-term'. We think he left inspired by the brilliant work we do too!

Creating Unforgettable Experiences - Liverpool vs Arsenal

Such is our commitment to the children that our dedicated staff gave up their time to take a group to Anfield in the Summer holidays to watch the Premier League clash between Liverpool and Arsenal. One of our curriculum BIG DREAMS is to enrich pupils' lives with unforgettable experiences and what a way to achieve this! For many, it was their first ever taste of live football and when Szoboszlai's world class free kick hit the back of the net - the children went wild! Thank you to Mr Mullin and Mrs Scott for giving up their time to take the children.

This Week's Cultural Capital Enrichment Trips...

As part of our amazing Cultural Capital curriculum, we use the vibrancy of Liverpool to help pupils make connections and appreciate the city's heritage and uniqueness. Each and every week we offer two enrichment trips to help bring our whole-school themes and local and national initiatives, alive. This week, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 visited Liverpool Central Library as part of Read a Book Day and Hoylake RNLI, in honour of the amazing work that the RNLI do to celebrate Emergency Services Day. 24 hours a day, every single day, the RNLI lifesavers are ready to launch to the rescue and protect beachgoers across the UK and Ireland.

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's recommendation is [The Friendship Bench by Wendy Meddour](#). This is a beautiful picture book that celebrates new beginnings and the power of human connection. Tilly moves to a new home by the sea. She's sad to learn that her precious dog Shadow is not allowed to go into her new school on her first day. Tilly faces the challenge of a new start all alone. At playtime, the teacher notices that Tilly seems lonely and suggests trying the Friendship Bench. A boy already occupies the bench and the pair form a bond as they work together to transform the old, broken bench into something beautiful. Most children can relate to the feeling of having nobody to play with or having to face a new challenge alone. The story gently encourages readers to seek human connection and reminds us all of the difference that reaching out and making friends can make.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

17/09/25

Smoke Free Homes Assembly

22/09/25

Cross-Country Road Relay Race at Wavertree

23/09/25

Enrichment Trip to the Recycling Centre

24/09/25

Year 2 Science Trip to Ness Gardens

25/09/25

Y3/Y4 Football Competition at Jeffery Humble

26/09/25

Bully Busters Assembly

29/09/25

Year 6 'Admissions Support' Coffee Morning

10/10/25

World Mental Health Day Celebration

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU



Next week, our brilliant dinner staff team will be serving the 'Week 1' menu! Click the image above for more details!



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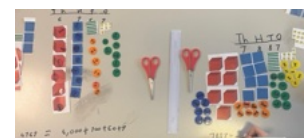
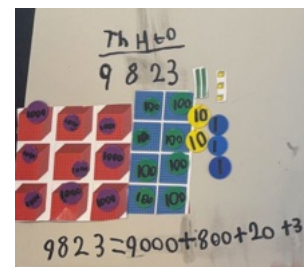


SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 12th September 2025

This week's Spotlight on Curriculum takes us to Year 4 and their Maths lessons on Place Value...

Year 4 have had a brilliant week in Maths! The children have thrown themselves into a range of hands-on activities, using a variety of practical resources to deepen their understanding of place value. From using base ten blocks to exploring number lines and place value charts, they have shown fantastic enthusiasm and curiosity. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they've worked together to solve problems and explain their thinking. Well done, Year 4!



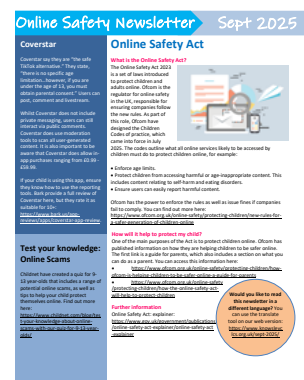
Welcome back...here's to 2025/26!

On behalf of everyone at Florence Melly Community Primary School, I would like welcome you all back to school and the start of what I hope will be another very successful year. The Summer holidays feel like a distant memory as we are in full flow now that the children have been back a fortnight. The start of each and every new academic year brings hope, excitement and opportunity; we've spoken to the children about this in our assembly time. We have encouraged them to grab every opportunity with both hands and embrace what is on offer in our amazing school - whether that be new learning opportunities in class, pupil leadership roles or one of our many exciting extra-curricular clubs. I must note that they have certainly done this so far. I have been blown away by their passion for learning and their commitment to attending school. The vast majority bound into school with huge smiles on their faces - it is a joy to see and a privilege to be tasked with nurturing and guiding them through their primary education. We've also spoken to the children about small adaptations to our behaviour policy and expectations for behaviour. I believe passionately that the children should be able to work in an environment that is calm, safe and conducive to learning - that all starts with the highest expectations for behaviour. You can find more information about these changes, by clicking here: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Behaviour-and-Relationships-Policy-202526.pdf>. Lastly, I extend my warm welcome to our parents/carers - without your support, we would not achieve what we do. Many of you know and understand what it means to be part of our Flo Melly Family - our newest recruits, the parents/carers of our Nursery and Reception children, are just starting that journey and I firmly believe that you have made the choice to come to our school. I hope that it'll be one filled with joy, pride and happiness! Because our children only get one chance at their education - and they deserve the very best - that's what they'll get at Flo Melly! Here's to 2025/26 - let's make it a great year for the children, together! With warmest wishes for the year ahead, **Mr Leach - Headteacher.**



Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached a link to our latest online safety newsletter. This edition looks at the Online Safety Act and how this will help protect your child and all things relating to Artificial Intelligence (AI). It's packed full of useful information, hints and tips: [Online Safety Newsletter - September 2025](#) If you ever need any further support with online issues, please contact a member of our safeguarding team, who are always available to help.



School Lunch Menu and Free School Meals Reminder for Year 3 Parents/Carers

Just a little reminder...here's a link to our weekly lunch menus: <https://florencemelly.org/parents/school-menu/>. Also, if you have a child moving into Year 3, don't forget that the Universal Free School Meal initiative ends when they leave Year 2. You will need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM), if you feel that you are entitled to it. Please contact the school office for more information and support.



Wraparound Club

For those of you who don't already know, we have an exciting, new wraparound club on offer to support parents/carers. This provision started this academic year and we still have places available to book. For further information, please see our policy, or contact the school office: [After-School Wraparound Club Policy](#).

School Admissions - Apply Now!

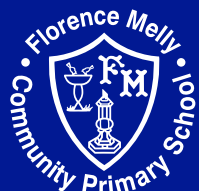
The portal is now live for Reception and Year 7 applications for the 2026 intake. Please ensure that you make timely submissions. If you need any help, please let us know.

The closing dates for applications for children due to start Primary school (Reception) or Secondary school (Year 7) in September 2026 are as follows:

- Primary school application closing date - 15th January 2026.
- Secondary school application closing date - 31st October 2025.

For more information on the school admissions process, or to apply for a reception or secondary school place, please visit the Liverpool City Council website: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>.





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IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

This week's key attendance message...

Welcome back to a new school year! Consistent attendance and high levels of punctuality are key to academic success. Being on time and present every day helps children to stay on track with their learning, build strong friendships and develop lifelong habits. Please help us by ensuring your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn each day. Let's work together to make this a year full of growth and achievement. Last year, lots of children won the prizes simply by attending school and this year will be no different. In addition to our usual weekly prizes, this half term, we will be awarding two lucky children with £50 Smyths vouchers for attending school every day until half-term! Remember, our goal is that every child is IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



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

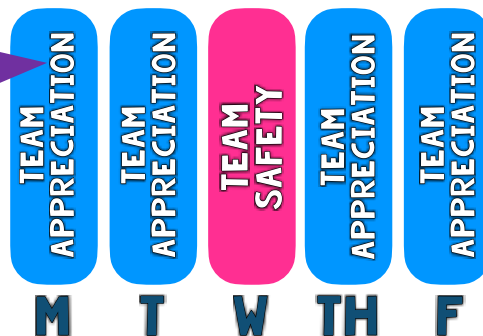
CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



100%

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

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!

95.9%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

11.8%

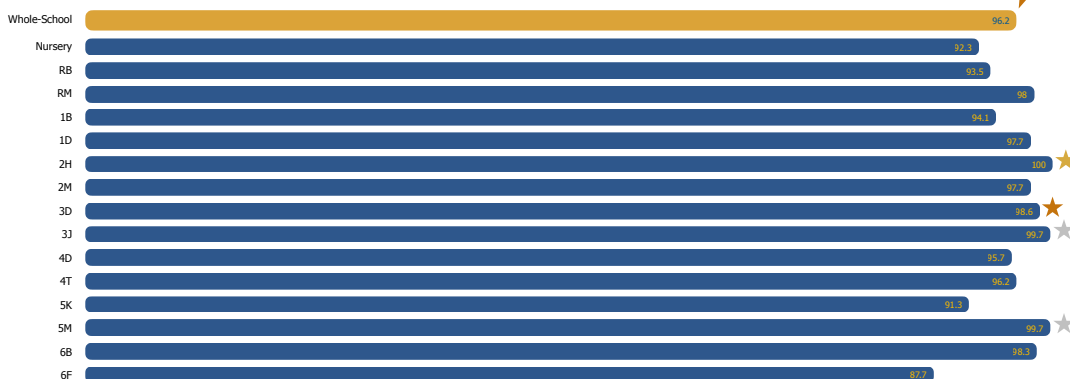
NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

374

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

362

GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE!



Well done to 2H, 3J, 5M, 3D, 6B, RM, 1D and 2M who all beat our 97% target this week and earned themselves an extra play!

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