

Friday 19th September 2025

# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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



## OUR DREAM TEAM CAPTAIN ELECTIONS!

Our school has been buzzing with energy and excitement this week as we celebrated the DREAMS Team captain elections! At the start of the week, some of our amazing Year 6 pupils took to the camera to deliver their inspiring campaign speeches, passionately explaining why they would make fantastic team captains and how they would contribute to our Junior Leadership Team. Following this, the whole school, pupils and staff alike, headed to our very own polling station to cast their votes, taking part in a real-life democratic process and seeing first-hand how every voice counts. Adding to the excitement, our Junior Leaders from Years 4 and 5 had the important task of counting the votes, ensuring every choice was recorded carefully. What a wonderful way to celebrate leadership, responsibility, and student voice, while putting one of the Fundamental British Values, democracy, into action. A HUGE thank you to Miss McWilliams, our new Pupil Leadership Lead, for organising the event!

### Smoke Free Homes Assembly for Emergency Services Day

Earlier this week, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service came into school to deliver an assembly on fire safety and smoke-free homes. With Halloween and Bonfire Night approaching, they shared practical tips to help keep families safe during the festive season. They discussed the dangers of cigarette and vape smoke in the home, the importance of unplugging items when not in use, and what to do in an emergency.

### Celebrating Snack-tember in Year 4

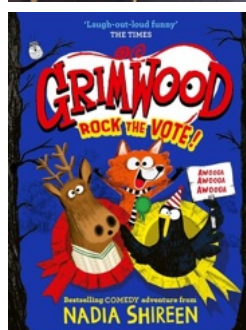
Snack-tember was the theme for Year 4's cookery and nutrition lesson this week, as pupils embraced new snacks and tried new foods. Can we choose better? Can we swap some of those sugary, fatty choices for healthier ones? There are lots of ways we can all tweak our choices, during Snack-tember and beyond! But it wasn't just Year 4 who enjoyed a food and nutrition session this week - our new SNAG Team (School Nutrition Action Group) got together too! They were busy planning exciting foodie events for our school for everyone to enjoy! How exciting!

### Enrichment Trip to Daisy Inclusive UK for National Inclusion Week

At Florence Melly, we are passionate about enriching pupils' lives with unforgettable trips, events and experiences - particularly those that build their cultural capital. This week, pupils were whisked off to Daisy Inclusive UK in celebration of National Inclusion Week. Daisy Inclusive UK is a local charity that helps disabled and vulnerable people and their families to reach their true potential. A special thank you to them for hosting us and teaching the children all about the amazing work they do!

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

In honour of this week's DREAMS Team captain elections, our book recommendation is [Grimwood: Rock the Vote by Nadia Shireen](#). Grimwood needs a new mayor! Titus has finally decided he's had enough, leaving behind big antlers to fill. With characters new and old throwing their hats into the ring, who has what it takes, who has a hidden agenda, and who is simply in it for the parties? The only people who can decide the fate of Grimwood are...the residents! Oh no! Full of heart, laughs and surprises, this is the must-read fifth title in the bestselling Grimwood series. Perfect for fans of Dog Man, Roald Dahl and anyone who loves to laugh!



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**23/09/25**

Enrichment Trip to the Recycling Centre

**24/09/25**

Year 2 Science Trip to Ness Gardens

**24/09/25**

Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament at LFC

**24/09/25**

Whole-School Democracy Assemblies

**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 2' menu! Click the image above for more details!



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## End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 19th September 2025

### This week's Spotlight on Curriculum takes us to Year 5 and their topic on Ancient Greece and chronology!

Developing pupils' disciplinary knowledge was the aim of the day in Year 5 earlier this week, as pupils were taken with ordering events on a timeline in order to develop their chronology skills. Disciplinary knowledge is an understanding of the practices, methods, and ways of thinking within a subject discipline - in essence, what makes a great historian. We firmly believe that you cannot be a great historian without a deep and secure understanding of chronology; that is why Miss Bear, our Curriculum Lead, has ensured that this is one of our History curriculum BIG IDEAS - taught and revisited in every year group!

#### SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

### The Wellbeing Award

We are delighted to be embarking on a journey towards achieving the Wellbeing Award this year as we aim to promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across our school. This award focuses on changing the long-term culture of the whole school - something we are very committed to. Using an evidence-based framework to drive change, it will help us deliver staff and pupil wellbeing, review our staff training, and revise our policies. This award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the very heart of everything we do at Florence Melly! Mr Doyle recently posted, onto our Dojo platform, a short survey for parents/carers to complete which will help us form our wellbeing action plan. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to fill it out, it'll really help us out: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo\\_UUSBWzp5bFta4N0KdNZY2A7aC\\_ObEf75eCkWmixF32LHg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeo_UUSBWzp5bFta4N0KdNZY2A7aC_ObEf75eCkWmixF32LHg/viewform)

### Wake Up Wednesday Online Safety Update - What Parents Need to Know about Snapchat

This updated online safety guide examines Snapchat's latest features, including AI tools, Snap Map, and subscription content, and the potential risks they pose to young users, from screen addiction to sextortion: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/snapchat-2.pdf>. With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access.

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

If you missed it last week, 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/>.

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

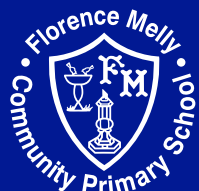
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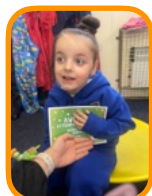
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## This week's key attendance message...

Thank you to the families who have worked hard to ensure their children have attended school every day so far this term - keep it up! This week we would like to stress the importance of arriving in school on time each and every day. Punctuality in primary school sets the foundation for a child's success both academically and socially. Arriving on time helps children to start the day calmly, engage fully in lessons, and develop a sense of responsibility. It also fosters good habits that carry into later education and life. When children are punctual, they show respect for their teachers and classmates, and they gain a better understanding of the importance of time management – a skill that will benefit them for years to come.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS at FLORENCE MELLY! Make sure that you are...IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

### WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



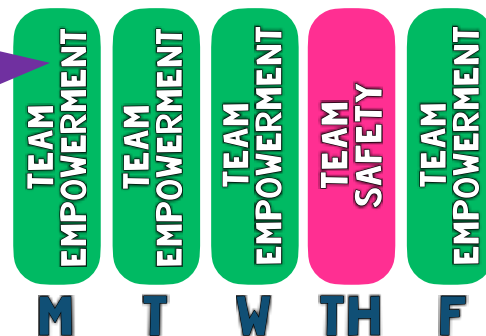
Each week we announce five attendance prize winners in our celebration assembly.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



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!

95.8%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

14.0%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

371

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

330

### 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 2RB, RM and 2H 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