



OUR NEWSLETTERS ARE BACK!

It's the moment that you've all been waiting for...the return of our famous weekly newsletters. We really appreciate your patience and support over the last few weeks, as technology let us down and meant that we were unable to keep you up to date through the normal channels. Well we've rectified the problems and we are back to normal this week. Enjoy...

A visit from the artist Michael Browne!

To enhance our Art and Design curriculum, pupils in Year 4 enjoyed an enriching day with artist Michael Browne. The children explored the techniques of cross hatching and smudging for their masterpieces. Hopefully, their portraits will be much improved following Michael's visit - but then again, maybe not, as they are drawing Mr Leach! We are very much looking forward to working with Michael and other artists in the future. A big thank you to Mrs Doyle, our Art and Design Lead, for arranging the visit!



Liverpool Schools Parliament - Flo Melly in the Spotlight!

Once again, our magnificent pupils showed that they are the 'jewels in our crown' as they shone at the Liverpool Schools Parliament. The focus of the day was kindness and fairness, values that lie at the heart of everything we do at Flo Melly. As the event's spotlight school, some of our incredible DREAMS Team Captains took centre stage, speaking with passion, confidence, and maturity. They shared all the ways we make Florence Melly the kindest and fairest school on Earth. Their energy was infectious, and other schools and teachers were truly inspired by their powerful ideas. It was a perfect reminder that our pupils are the voices of the future! A special shout out to Miss McWilliams, our new Pupil Leadership Lead, for making this all happen!



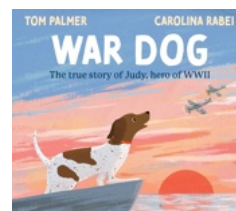
Celebrating Positive Behaviour across the School!

Our new approach to rewarding behaviour in school was a huge success last half term! The children were absolutely thrilled to receive their prizes, with smiles all around during activities such as the movie afternoon, games and pizza party and extra playtime. It was wonderful to see how excited and proud our pupils were to celebrate their hard work and positive behaviour. The atmosphere across the week was one of joy and enthusiasm, and it's clear so see that this new approach has really motivated the children. We're already looking forward to doing it all again next half term with new prizes to be announced very soon by Mr Derbyshire.



This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation, complementing our teaching on Remembrance, is [War Dog by Tom Palmer](#). Tom tells the true story of Judy, a canine hero of WWII. Celebrating the courage, loyalty and intelligence of animals who worked alongside service men and women, 'War Dog' is a deeply poignant account of Judy's life as she served on HMS Grasshopper and then was incarcerated as a prisoner of war, sharing the hardships of the crew and bringing them comfort and hope. Forming a special bond with Frank, one of the crew, her devotion to him speaks volumes about the vital role pets play in keeping people happy and healthy - even in the worst circumstances. Written for a younger audience, the story does not shy away from the fact that Judy was badly treated and that the conditions the prisoners were kept in were harsh and frightening but presents this in an age-appropriate manner.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

10/11/25
Class Photographs

10/11/25
Balance Ability Training
for Reception Children

10/11/25
Year 5/6 Dodgeball
Competition

10/11/25
Reception Open Evening
(3:45 - 4:30pm)

11/11/25
Online Safety Workshops
by Merseyside Police

11/11/25
Parent/Carer Wellbeing
Coffee Morning

13/11/25
Imperial War Museum,
Manchester

14/11/25
Children in Need
Celebrations

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 2	
Monday	Spaghetti Bolognese
Tuesday	Chicken Curry
Wednesday	Beef and Potato
Thursday	Pasta and Meatballs
Friday	Chicken and Rice
Saturday	Roast Dinner
Sunday	Chicken and Potatoes

Next week, our kitchen will be cooking the Week 2 dinner menu for the children.

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 7th November 2025

This week's spotlight takes us to Year 6 and their reading curriculum...

Year 6 have been making fantastic progress in their reading sessions and are thoroughly enjoying their current class book, *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell. Alongside reading, they have been exploring new and exciting vocabulary from the text, using it to enhance their understanding and discussion of the story. The children are fully engaged, sharing thoughtful ideas and predictions about the characters and events. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their love of reading flourish. Well done, Year 6!

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

Next Week, as part of our Cultural Capital curriculum, the children will be exploring...

- Remembrance during their weekly 'Cultural Capital' lesson and using the picture book '*Bertie's Poppy: A Remembrance Day Story by Inez Bunclark*' in order to immerse them in the theme.
- They will also participate in an assembly led by Mr Derbyshire, reminding them about our expectations for behaviour in class!
- Year 2 will participate in an exciting cookery lesson, delivered by our friends at Apple of my Eye, around the theme of Liverpool's Food Heritage and cook up 'Wet Nelly'.
- Pupils will visit Imperial War Museum, Manchester (for Remembrance) and hold a community litter pick (for World Kindness Day). We build our pupils' cultural capital through memorable and unforgettable experiences, trips and visits to special places of interest.

Wake Up Wednesday - Top Tips for Parents & Educators: Guiding Young Voices

This week's guide empowers trusted adults to help children tackle bullying through allyship, kindness, and speaking up – building a safer, more respectful environment for all.

This week's guide is packed with practical strategies to foster confidence, kindness, and connection in the face of unkind behaviour. From encouraging inclusivity to spotting signs of distress, the guide highlights how small, everyday actions by young people and the adults around them can make a big difference. With tips on nurturing empathy, teaching allyship and validating children's experiences, it's a timely reminder that empowering young voices is key to positive change.

Important Dates Next Week...

As always at Flo Melly, next week is action-packed and fun-filled. Here's a reminder of some of the things that are going on...

- Monday 10th November - Class Photo Day, so come into school looking your smartest! Children are to come to school in uniform this day, not their PE kits.
- Tuesday 11th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week (no donation required and normal school uniform) and our Parent/Carer Wellbeing Coffee Morning.
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need celebrations. The children can come to school dressed in their best Pudsey attire - sporting Pudsey t-shirts, ears or spotty pyjamas!

100% Attendance Prize Alert!

We're excited to announce this term's 100% Attendance Prize... a Cinema Hamper, including a £50 Showcase Cinema voucher and some yummy treats. There will be one hamper for EYFS/KS1 and another for KS2 - two lucky children/families will be able to enjoy a festive cinema trip in celebration of their fantastic attendance.

We have shared this with all children in our assembly today. Let's work together to encourage some amazing attendance records in the lead-up to the Christmas holidays.

Updated School Menus

Please take a few minutes to look over the updated school menus for the remainder of the Autumn term and Spring term: <https://floremelly.org/parents/school-menu/>. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Our Online Safety Newsletter - November Edition

Please take a few moments to read through this month's online safety newsletter: [Online Safety Newsletter – November 2025](https://floremelly.org/parents/online-safety/). This edition looks specifically at WhatsApp and age ratings. For all things relating to online safety, please visit our designated webpage on the school website: <https://floremelly.org/parents/online-safety/>.

Have an amazing weekend and see you bright and early on Monday morning. Take care everyone!

Mr Leach, Headteacher



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!



IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

This week's key attendance message...

At Florence Melly, we believe that every child deserves the very best start in life. Regular school attendance is the key that unlocks their potential, not just academically, but socially and emotionally too. Being in school every day helps children build friendships, develop routines, and access the rich and exciting curriculum we offer. Our goal is to work in partnership with you to ensure your child has the best attendance possible. We understand that getting your child to school every day can sometimes be a challenge, particularly after the holidays, and we are here to help. We believe in working with families, not against them. Our fantastic Pastoral Team are always on hand to provide support and guidance. We can help with listening to any concerns, offering advice on routines, providing in-school support and connecting you with other support services. Please don't hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo or the school office.

WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



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

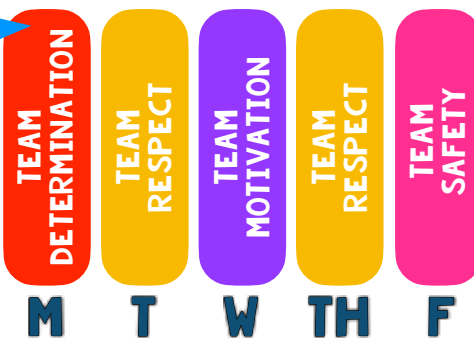
CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



96.6%

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

93.6%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

24.6%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

341

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

152

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!



No classes beat our 97% target this week - let's see if we can beat that next week!

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