



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025!

As the national Anti-Bullying Week comes to a close (we will continue to explore the theme again next week), we want to thank everyone - staff, pupils, and families - for embracing this year's theme: Power for Good. It's been inspiring to see our school community come together to promote kindness, respect, and the courage to speak out. At Florence Melly, we understand the serious and lasting impact bullying can have on a child's wellbeing, confidence, and learning. That's why we take a zero tolerance approach to bullying and are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported. We're proud to have a dedicated team of peer mentors from Years 4, 5, and 6, who support their peers during lunchtimes by promoting positive play, encouraging friendships, and helping resolve minor conflicts. Their leadership and empathy are a shining example of how pupils can use their power for good. From thoughtful discussions to creative activities, our pupils have shown that even small actions can make a big difference. Let's continue to use our power for good every day, making our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.

Pudsey Takes Over - Celebrating Children in Need!

What a wonderful way to spend a Friday - celebrating Children in Need. The children came to school dressed in their best Pudsey attire and enjoyed an afternoon exploring this worthwhile charity. We would like to thank our generous parents/carers for their donations and we will let you know next week how much money we raised.

Year 6 Pizza Party - they made their mark!

At the start of the year, Mr Leach challenged our Year 6 pupils to 'make their mark' in order to earn their blazers! Inspired by the film 'The Good Dinosaur' the phrase carries both a literal and emotional meaning that ties together the film's themes of growth, courage, and identity. Mr Leach reminded the children that everyone's 'mark' is unique - it's not just about achievements, but about the impact you leave on others and the world through kindness, resilience, and love. Before the half-term, everyone in Year 6 had done this - so much so that this is the earliest the children have ever earned their blazers. To reward and thank them for their achievements, Mr Leach and Mr Derbyshire organised a pizza party, on Friday afternoon, for them to enjoy!

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [The Game I Will Never Forget by Onjali Q. Rauf](#). Ten-year-old Zak's world turns upside down when his mum announces two big surprises: a new baby is on the way, and his Nani from Bangladesh will be taking over his bedroom. Determined to win back his space, Zak plots against her - but Nani, a former chess grandmaster, always stays one move ahead. When her sharp mind starts to fade and she begins forgetting things, Zak shifts his focus, entering her into a chess tournament to help her reconnect with her memories. Heartfelt and funny, this story tenderly explores dementia, family bonds, and the love shared across generations. A beautifully crafted story tackling the complicated relationship between children and ageing relatives.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

17/11/25
EYFS Road Safety Sessions

19/11/25
Delamere Forest
(for National Tree Week)

19/11/25
School Flu Nasal Spray

20/11/25
Liverpool Foundation 'Real Truth Legacy' Workshop

21/11/25
Y5/6 Football Match vs Broad Square

24/11/25
Year 1 Football tournament at Anfield

24/11/25
Enrichment Trip to the Salvation Army

28/11/25
Y5/6 Netball Competition at Archbishop Beck

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Breakfast	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge
2	Breakfast	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge
3	Breakfast	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge	Porridge

Next week, our kitchen team will be cooking the Week 3 dinner menu for the children.





SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 14th November 2025

This week's spotlight looks at Reception's 'Balanceability' sessions...

This week, some of our Reception children took part in an initiative called Balanceability. These sessions were delivered by LSSP (Liverpool School Sports Partnership) who work with schools to promote, develop and enhance PE, sport and physical activity for young people living in the Liverpool area. Balanceability involves fun, confidence-building activities designed to develop gross motor skills, spatial awareness and dynamic balance. Through these lessons, our children gain the essential skills needed to learn to ride a bike - without ever needing stabilisers! As well as developing important physical skills, the children had a wonderful time and developed in confidence throughout the session.



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

- Anti-Bullying during their weekly 'Cultural Capital' lesson and using the picture book ['Peggy The Always Sorry Pigeon by Wendy Meddour'](#) in order to immerse them in the theme.
- They will also participate in an assemblies , about anti-bullying, led by Mr Walsh and Mrs Doyle
- Year 5 will participate in an exciting cookery lesson, delivered by our friends at Apple of my Eye, around the theme of Liverpool's Allotment Heritage - Victory Gardens. They will learn about how, during World War II, Liverpool played a significant role in the national "Dig for Victory" campaign, where bombed sites, public parks, and private gardens were transformed into "Victory Gardens" to grow food and combat wartime shortages. This effort was a crucial part of the city's home front history, boosting morale and food self-sufficiency.
- Pupils will visit Delamere Forest and Walton Hall Park (for National Tree Week). We build our pupils' cultural capital through memorable and unforgettable experiences, trips and visits to special places of interest.



Wake Up Wednesday - What Parents Need to Know about AI-Generated Videos

This online safety guide explores AI-generated videos, and the dangers they pose to young people, including deepfakes, misinformation, and manipulation. You can access this resource by clicking here: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/ai-generated-videos.pdf>. AI can now generate realistic looking videos that are almost impossible to distinguish from genuine content. From hoax news to abusive deepfakes, these synthetic clips can mislead, manipulate and even harm. As AI tools become more advanced, and more accessible, young people are increasingly at risk of encountering fake but convincing footage online. This #WakeUpWednesday guide unpacks the dangers of AI-generated videos, from the emotional impact of fake distressing content to the potential for impersonation and bullying.



The Christmas Rundown

Please take a few minutes to cast your eyes over these important dates. We have produced a handy 'Christmas rundown' document to keep you all in the loop with what is going on during the busy, festive period. You can access this by clicking here: [Christmas Rundown Calendar](#).

Flags Around School

I am delighted to share with you, an update from Liverpool City Council, regarding the flags that have been put up outside of our school. I have been asking for a response, from the day they appeared, and I continue to liaise with the authority and community groups around this issue. Please see their statement below:

"Liverpool City Council proudly flies the Union Flag from public buildings, including the Town Hall, as a symbol of national pride. We are committed to being a welcoming and inclusive city, where everyone feels respected and valued. We reject the use of our flag to promote division in our communities, to intimidate or demarcate territory, or to show support for extreme and divisive campaigns. Such actions run counter to the values of unity and respect that Liverpool stands for. In line with other councils, our policy is to remove any unauthorised banners, flags, or items from public assets. This is part of our routine maintenance programme, with priority given to items that pose a safety risk to pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles. Racist or offensive graffiti is removed as a priority".

LCC have informed us that anyone can [report unauthorised banners, flags or items on public assets](#) through their website and they are encouraging you to do so if there are items like this in the surrounding areas around your school.

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

Mr Leach
Headteacher

HERBERT MARY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS RUNDOWN 2025
IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!

End of Autumn Term Calendar 2025 - Parents & Carers

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Beginning 25th Nov	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends
Week Beginning 2nd Dec	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends
Week Beginning 9th Dec	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends
Week Beginning 16th Dec	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends
Week Beginning 23rd Dec	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends
Week Beginning 30th Dec	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends	Autumn term ends

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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...

Once again, we're aiming for fantastic attendance this half term, and we need everyone's help to reach our goal! Coming to school every day means children don't miss out on exciting learning, time with friends, and all the fun activities we have planned over the festive period. To celebrate great attendance, we'll continue with our weekly class attendance trophy and extra playtime for the class with the highest attendance and our weekly prize draws with individual Amazon and Just Eat vouchers up for grabs for everyone who has attended every day for a full week. Plus, at the end of this half term, all pupils with 100% attendance will be entered into our special prize draw to win one of two incredible cinema hampers complete with vouchers and tasty treats.

Let's work together to make every day count – we can't wait to see all our brilliant learners in school every day!

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.



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!

TEAM
APPRECIATION

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RESPECT

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

WHOLE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
SO FAR THIS YEAR

93.8%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT
ABSENTEEISM

23.0%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES
THIS WEEK

383

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES
THIS YEAR

147

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!



1B, 2H, 4D, 5M and 6B all beat our 97% target this week. Well done! 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