



WHO STOLE THE BOOK? FLO MELLY GOES ALL IN!

This week, our whole school community came together to celebrate World Book Day 2026, and this year's theme - aligned with the National Year of Reading campaign, "Go All In" - is exactly what we did at Flo Melly! Our school was shaken by a mysterious crime in the library: someone had stolen a very important book! A group of suspicious characters soon emerged: Mary Poppins (Mrs O'Keefe), Alice in Wonderland (Mrs Davies), Mad Hatter (Mrs Byrne), Paddington Bear (Miss McWilliams) and Burglar Bill (Miss Kelly). Pupils became detectives, visiting the crime scene and inspecting clues. They also took part in exciting writing activities such as newspaper articles and wanted posters, alongside thoughtful discussions about what they'd seen, whether stealing is wrong, and who they believed the culprit might be. The day was made even better by our hourly "masked reader" videos, where a disguised teacher read an extract from *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. Pupils listened closely and guessed the mystery reader - a perfect end to a fun, imaginative and unforgettable World Book Day.

Leadership in London: A Day Full of Surprises!

Some of our lucky pupils enjoyed an unforgettable trip to London, taking in key landmarks such as Trafalgar Square, 10 Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. The city was especially lively, with farmers' protests adding to the excitement. Pupils watched Rachel Reeves deliver her statement in the House of Commons and even saw the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer. They then joined an interactive workshop to learn more about how the UK government works. The highlight came when the group unexpectedly met Jeremy Corbyn, who was giving an interview and invited them over for a chat and a photo. Miss McWilliams and Mrs Woodhouse were starstruck, ending a truly memorable trip.

Show-Stopping Singing as our Kindness Song Steals the Show!

Recently, pupils lit up the Palm House in Sefton Park with a truly joyful choir performance alongside other children from North Liverpool. Their voices filled the venue beautifully, and our very own school Kindness Song absolutely stole the show - a moment everyone there will remember. A huge thank you to Mr Walsh, our fantastic conductor, whose guidance, energy and encouragement helped our singers shine so brightly. Well done to all involved. We literally could not hold our parent spectators back from a standing ovation and screaming in celebration of our magnificent children! Head over to our X feed for snippets of their performances: <https://x.com/Flomellynews/status/2027082218686894378>

Our Anfield Adventure: What a Result!

Last weekend, our pupils were absolutely buzzing as they headed to Anfield to watch the mighty Liverpool take on West Ham! From the roar of the crowd to the thrill of the game, the children soaked up every moment - a truly unforgettable experience packed with energy, excitement, and memories that will last a lifetime! A massive shout-out to our friends at the Red Neighbours initiative for inviting us along and making this incredible opportunity possible. And of course, an extra-big thank you to Mr Mullin and Mrs Dentith, who generously gave up their time to take the group.

This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [Meanwhile Back on Earth by Oliver Jeffers](#), a visually captivating picture book that takes readers on an imaginative journey through space. A father brings his children on a cosmic car ride to show how small our world is in the vast universe. As they look back on Earth through different moments in history, they see how long humans have fought over borders and land. Jeffers' illustrations contrast the scale of space with the tenderness of family life, using sibling squabbles to mirror human conflict. Thought-provoking and accessible, it's a great starting point for family discussions about perspective, conflict and our shared world.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

10/03/26

Cross-Country at Wavertree

12/03/26

Y3/4 Indoor Athletics and Multi Skills at LJM

12/03/26

Imagine That! Enrichment Trip

16/03/26

Cross Country City Championships

17/03/26

Year 2/3 Bench Ball at St Margaret's Primary

18/03/26

Choir Concert at the Philharmonic Hall

20/03/26

World Book Day Event with LFC at Anfield

23/03/26

Scholastic Book Fair

30/03/26

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Assembly

OUR DINNER MENU

Check out next week's lunch offering (Week 1) Check on the image below for more details.



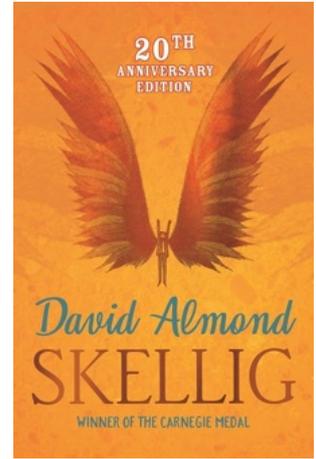


SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 6th March 2026

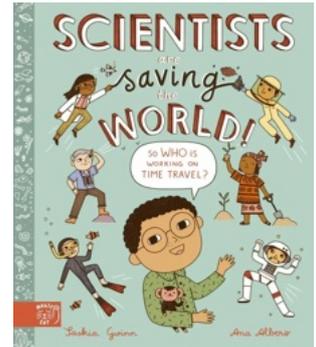
This week's spotlight takes us to... Year 6 and their English lessons using Skellig!

Year 6 have been working extremely hard to develop their inference skills, using Skellig as a rich and challenging text to deepen their understanding. Through reading and thoughtful discussion, they have learned how to create clear impressions of each character, using carefully selected evidence to justify their ideas. As they explored characters like Michael, Mina, and Skellig himself, pupils paid close attention to the author's language choices, subtle clues and character interactions. This has helped them move beyond surface-level descriptions to show a greater understanding of each character.



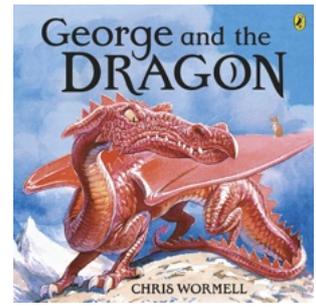
As part of our Cultural Capital curriculum, for the next two weeks the children will be exploring...

- Inspirational People in Science (for British Science Week) and Patron Saint Day, as key themes over the next two weeks.
- They will participate in assemblies around these themes and to immerse them in the subject matter, the children will enjoy the picture books 'Scientists Are Saving the World!: So Who Is Working on Time Travel?' and 'George And The Dragon'.
- Imagine That in Liverpool (for British Science Week) and Otterspool Woods National Forest UK (for International Day of Forests), as exciting enrichment trips to help build cultural capital. We feel passionately about enriching pupils' lives through memorable and unforgettable experiences, trips and visits to special places of interest. We do this by using the vibrancy of our great city. Where possible, these link to the themes and topics above or local, national and international themed celebration days.
- Years 3 and 1 respectively, will participate in exciting cookery lessons, delivered by our friends at Apple of my Eye, around the themes of Flo Melly's Food Lab in celebration of Science Week and Superlambanana - Banana Muffins, in honour of Year 1's up and coming History topic.



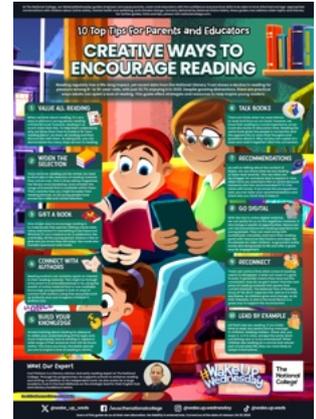
Thank You for Supporting Our Mobile-Free Move

Following last week's announcement about Florence Melly becoming a Mobile Phone Free Zone after the half-term break, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers. Your respectful, positive response to our new approach and policy has been truly appreciated. By embracing these changes so openly, you're helping us create a calmer, safer and more focused environment for every child. It's been wonderful to see our community come together to prioritise wellbeing, learning and healthy digital habits. Thank you for working with us, supporting the transition, and continuing to set such a strong example for our pupils. Together, we're making a real difference.



Wake Up Wednesday - 10 Top Tips for Parents: Creative Ways to Encourage Reading

With reading for pleasure facing competition with exciting devices and technology, this practical guide offers ten thoughtful ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books: [10 Top Tips for Parents: Creative Ways to Encourage Reading](#). From valuing all forms of reading to broadening access to diverse materials, it explores how adults can nurture positive reading habits both at home and in school. Digital tools, audiobooks and augmented reality are also considered as engaging ways to support today's readers. It also highlights the power of social connection - recommending books, reading together and meeting authors - alongside the importance of modelling reading ourselves. With expert insight, this edition provides supportive, achievable ideas to help young people reconnect with reading and see it as a meaningful part of everyday life.



Our March Online Safety Newsletter is Now Available!

This month's Online Safety Newsletter highlights key guidance to help families keep children safe in the digital world. It covers the risks linked to early smartphone use, new age-appropriate recommendations from EE, and advice on delaying smartphone ownership to reduce peer pressure. You'll also find updates on YouTube's latest parental controls, an overview of popular games like Five Nights at Freddy's, and practical information on VPNs, algorithms, and managing screen time. It's a helpful, easy-to-read roundup designed to support you in navigating your child's online life. https://floremelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Online-Safety-Newsletter-March-2026_7-Florence-Melly_26-02-2026.pdf



Wishing you all a wonderfully restful weekend!

Take some time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the little moments with your loved ones. We can't wait to welcome everyone back - bright and early on Monday morning - ready for another fantastic week together at Flo Melly. Let's keep this attendance charge going - it is having such a positive impact on the children, their learning and wellbeing!

Take care, stay safe, and enjoy every minute.

Mr Leach
Headteacher



IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

This week's key attendance message...

Strong attendance is one of the simplest ways to set children up for success. Each day builds on previous learning, and being present consistently allows pupils to take part fully, develop confidence and keep pace with their class. Missing lessons can lead to gaps in understanding and missed opportunities for discussion and collaboration. Regular attendance also strengthens friendships, supports positive routines and helps children feel a strong sense of belonging. Thank you to all families for supporting good attendance and well done to the children who have shown great commitment since returning from half term – every second truly counts and you will be rewarded with exciting enrichment experiences and many opportunities to win one of our weekly prizes! As always, please reach out to us if you would benefit from additional support with attendance from our pastoral team.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS!



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

CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY WINNERS!



98.6%

2H/4T

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

93.1%

WHOLE-SCHOOL PERSISTENT ABSENTEEISM

19.5%

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS WEEK

385

NUMBER OF 100% ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

57

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 1D, 2H, 3J, 4T, 5M and 6B, who beat our 97% target this week - AMAZING! 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