



# Mellor News

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## **Audio Newsletter**

If you would prefer to listen to an audio version of this week's newsletter this can be accessed [HERE](#). The newsletter is read in both English and Gujarati.

## **Organisation for 2021/22**

You may have heard that the DfE has now published guidance for schools which include some relaxing of restrictions around year group bubbles and self-isolation for close contacts. We will be going through this guidance carefully along with information about our local context to help formulate the necessary protective measures and school organisation for next year. Whilst we are keen to get back to some normality please be assured that we will continue to put the safety of our school community first. We will write to all in early August to make them aware of the organisation for the start of the new academic year.

## **Holiday Activities Food Programme**

Children and young people who receive free school meals can take part in the free holiday activities and food programme run by Leicester City Council, over the summer holidays. The sessions will include a variety of activities, such as art, sport and music and a healthy meal will be provided each day your child attends. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis following confirmation of free school meal eligibility.

To view the programme timetable and to register for a place visit: [families.leicester.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme](https://families.leicester.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme) Please note the HAF will replace all FSM holiday vouchers.

## **Disabled Children's Summer Programme**

Disabled children who live in Leicester City can take part in free activities that are available during the summer holiday. The sessions will take place every Wednesday at New Parks Children, Young People and Family Centre. A wide range of activities will be on offer including arts and crafts, accessible bikes, forest school and the chance to meet some animals. To view the programme timetable and to register for a place visit: [families.leicester.gov.uk/disabled-children-summer-programme](https://families.leicester.gov.uk/disabled-children-summer-programme)

## **Vaccinations**

Anyone who has not yet been vaccinated or is due their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine in Leicester, or the county is urged to go and get their jab within the next two weeks. The NHS is scaling up the number of vaccine opportunities ahead of the 19 July date proposed for Covid restrictions to be lifted. For information on clinics, which will include venues in Leicester, Loughborough and Oadby, and how to book, please [view the press release](#).

More dates will be added: People are encouraged to keep an eye on <https://bit.ly/GetVaxxedLLR> for the latest available drop-in clinics, or search for #GetVaxxedLLR. If you have not yet taken up your COVID vaccination and what more information before taking this decision. An easy to read guide to vaccinations is available [HERE](#).

## **Leicester Summer Reading Challenge 2021 – Wild World Heroes**

This year's challenge starts on 26<sup>th</sup> June and finishes on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The scheme promotes library membership and use and reading for pleasure. Children can collect their Wild World Heroes pack free from a Leicester Library. This year's theme invites them to track down 6 amazing books and become a Wild World Hero. The school with the highest percentage of children entering the competition will win books for the school! Please encourage your child to take part. Matt and Sandy at Leicester Libraries have put together a video explaining this year's Summer Reading Challenge and how to get involved. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

### **School Uniform**

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the dress code policy.

**Trousers/Skirts/Tunics:** Blue, Black or Grey

**Sweatshirt/ Cardigans (no hoodies):** Black or Blue Mellor logo top or completely plain top. (No other logos)

**Polo Shirts or Cotton Shirts:** Black/Grey/Blue/White

**Shoes:** Plain, black shoes or trainers (no white/coloured logos, markings, sole or flashing lights) and black indoor plimsolls.

**Outdoor PE kit:** Black shorts or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and sweatshirt and outdoor trainers. **Please note from August 2021, all children will be required to wear completely black trainers (no coloured soles, logos or flashing lights) for PE. If children already wear black trainers as part of their school uniform these can also be worn for PE.**

### **Celebration Assemblies**

Our Celebration Assemblies can be accessed via the following links; [EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly](#) and [KS2 Celebration Assembly](#). These are for personal use only and links will expire in two weeks, we hope you enjoy them.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

We wish all of our Year 6 leavers the very best for their future endeavours, we are really proud of all that they have achieved during their time at Mellor.

### **Parking**

Please can we remind all parents to avoid parking on the pavement outside the school or blocking residents driveways in the surrounding streets.

### **Lost Property**

We still have a large amount of lost property for collection, this can be found in the draws situated in the main reception area. All lost property not collected by the end of the school year will be donated to charity.

### **Term Dates**

The last day of school for children will be on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Children will return to school after the Summer holidays on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. We wish all of our families a very happy and safe summer holiday!