



# Melrose Primary School

*Parent/Carer Christmas Bulletin 6:19<sup>th</sup> December 2025*



## A Festive Thank You to Our Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy and exciting term, we would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

The run-up to Christmas has been full of wonderful activities across the school. Pupils worked incredibly hard preparing for the Christmas Fair, designing and making items, running enterprises, and showing great creativity, teamwork and confidence. Our P1 Nativity – *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel* was a joy to watch and brought many smiles, while Christmas parties, Christmas lunch, and plenty of festive fun helped create lots of special memories. During our Christmas-themed week, pupils enjoyed seasonal movies, produced beautiful winter artwork, and took part in a range of creative and engaging activities that really captured the spirit of the season. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, effort and kindness shown by our pupils throughout this busy term. Thank you again for your support, it truly makes a difference.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term.

Click the link below to enjoy our **P5 pupils singing a special Christmas song** to share festive cheer with the wider community:

<https://youtu.be/Ia6P5SaUPgo>

## Christmas Jumpers

Thank you kindly for donating Christmas jumpers to our sustainability shed for children to wear to our Christmas lunch on Thursday 18 December.

## Christmas Trees

A special thank you to Mr McVicar from Rhymer's Glen who again kindly donated Christmas trees for both of our buildings. A large selection of trees, stands, wooden reindeer and wreaths are available up to 24th December. Local delivery available, open 9am – 7pm daily – just follow the signs from the Borders General Hospital. For further information call 01896 822141.



## Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair was a great success. The event ran smoothly, with festive singing in the hall and a wide range of stalls run by our children alongside parents and carers.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and supported the event, and an extra special thank you to those who generously gave their time to set up, run and tidy away the stalls. We are also very grateful to the local businesses and traders who kindly donated prizes for the P7 Raffle.

So far, an impressive £3,061 has been raised. This total does not yet include all final amounts, and the money raised will go towards new resources and equipment for the school.



## Carol Singing in the Community

Our amazing P6 and P7 learners have been out in the community spreading festive cheer through Christmas carol singing. Our P7 pupils visited Borders General Hospital, P6G sang at St John's Care Home, and P6T performed at Priorswood Court Care Home.

The pupils represented Melrose Primary School exceptionally well during this valuable experience, learning about kindness, giving back to the wider community, and bringing joy to others at this special time of year, particularly to those who may not have family close by.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson and Miss Tait who supported and organised these visits and helped make these meaningful experiences possible.

## ELC Inter-generational Project

ELC learners had a wonderful time singing for the residents at St John's care home this morning. We were so proud of all the children for their fantastic singing, their marvellous manners and for getting involved and joining in from start to finish. The residents loved it.

We wanted to say a huge thank you for all the donations for the hamper we gifted them today. They were very appreciative and thanked everyone.

They also told us how much they are looking forward to seeing the children again in the new year. We will be continuing our visits in small groups every Wednesday.

A massive thank you to Mrs Patterson and Mrs Scott for their dedication to this project. It is making such a positive impact for the children and the residents.



## P5 Church Service

By the time you receive this bulletin, our Primary 5 pupils will have already delivered their wonderful church service. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Moore and Miss MacDonald for making this possible.

As you can imagine, preparing for the church service requires a considerable amount of time, effort and commitment from everyone involved. We are delighted to share that £343 was raised for Down Syndrome Scotland, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who generously donated.



We would also like to thank Melrose Parish Church for kindly allowing us to present the service and share this special occasion with the wider community.

## Our Christmas Class Parties!



Over the past two weeks, all our learners (ELC-P7) had the opportunity to attend their Christmas party. Our Christmas parties were full of fun and festive cheer, with pupils enjoying a range of games, plenty of dancing, and taking part in Scottish dancing too. There was lots of laughter, music and excitement, and it was clear that fun was had by all.

Our ELC children had a very special visit from Santa Claus, bringing lots of excitement, smiles, and festive cheer to start the Christmas season!

## Primary 1 Nativity

Our Primary 1 pupils performed their Nativity during the first week of December, delighting P2–7 pupils at a morning performance and then entertaining parents and carers at a special evening performance.

For many of our children, this was their very first performance at MPS, and they took it in their stride, captivating their audiences with confidence and enthusiasm.

A big thank you and well done to Miss Brown and Mrs Santini for producing such a wonderful show.



## Christmas Lunch

Pupils enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch, listening to seasonal music and enjoying time to chat and celebrate with their friends. A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff, led by Liz, for preparing such a delicious meal for everyone.



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 5 January 2026 – School and ELC open

Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026 – holiday, school and ELC closed

Monday 23 February 2026 – in-service day, school and ELC closed

Friday 27 March 2026 Talent Show

Friday 3 – 17 April 2026 – Easter holiday, school and ELC closed

Monday 20 April 2026 - School and ELC open

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 May 2026– May Day holiday and in-service, school and ELC closed

Tuesday 19 May 2026- P5 Countryside Day

Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 & Monday 25 May – Parent / Carer Consultations

Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 June 2026 P7 visits to Earlston High School

Wednesday 10 June 2026 Sports day

Wednesday 17 June 2026 alternative Sports day

Friday 3 July – Friday 14 August – summer holiday school and ELC closed

Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 August – first day for staff school and ELC closed

Wednesday 19 August – first day of school for school and ELC

**Thank you for making this festive term so special. Wishing all our pupils, families, and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

*Jane & Jo*

