

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

7 NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the close of another productive week in school, I would like to share a few highlights and important reminders.

This week we held a particularly powerful and thoughtful Remembrance Assembly. Our students demonstrated great respect as we reflected on the significance of remembrance and honoured those who have served. Thank you for supporting the values that help our young people engage so meaningfully in these moments.

Rehearsals for our upcoming school musical, Annie, are now well underway. The cast and staff are working with wonderful energy and commitment, and we are very much looking forward to sharing the performance with you in March.

We have also begun preparing for our new Awards Evening in December. This special event will celebrate students who consistently demonstrate exceptional excellence in living our school values. More information, including invitations, will be shared soon.

This week also saw the launch of our new Autumn menu, which has been very well received by students. With the colder weather setting in, we are pleased that even more students are enjoying the variety of hot meals now on offer. As the weather does continue to turn colder, please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate layers, including their school jumper and a suitable coat. This helps them stay comfortable throughout the day, particularly during break and lunch times.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I wish you and your families a restful weekend.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

11 November

- Remembrance Service
Willow Lawn 11.00am

11 November

- Valencia Trip Parent Meeting

12 November

- Year 11 Christmas Carol Performance

20 November

- Year 11 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

27 November

- Year 11 Geography field trip

2 December

- Year 7 Pantomime Trip

11 December

- Awards Evening (invite only) 6pm-8pm

16 December

- GCSE Astronomy
Observing Evening

17 December

- Christmas Lunch

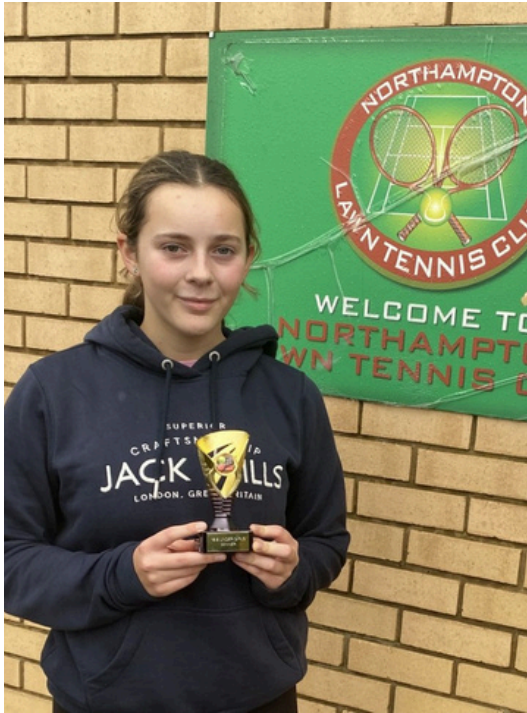
18 December

- MVC Christmas Concert
7.00pm - 9.00pm

22 January

- Year 7 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

Outstanding Tennis Success for Ellie



Over the half-term break, Ellie achieved a fantastic result by winning the Northampton LTC U18 Grade 4 Tournament.

Ellie began the competition strongly, winning her first match 4–2, 4–1. In the semi-final, she faced the second seed and demonstrated incredible determination, coming through a tense third-set tie-break 11–9 (4–0, 1–4).

In the final, Ellie faced the top seed — an 18-year-old player ranked 304 places above her — and produced an exceptional performance to win 4–0, 4–2.

Despite challenging conditions, with wind and dampness on the artificial clay (Ellie's least favourite surface), Ellie showed remarkable focus and composure throughout.

Congratulations, Ellie, on this outstanding achievement!

Odd Socks Day and Bikeathon Challenge



Next week, we are turning up the colour, fun, and kindness for Anti-Bullying Week with two exciting events.

Odd Socks Day – Celebrate Being YOU!

On Odd Socks Day, everyone is encouraged to wear their brightest, boldest, and craziest odd socks to school! It is a fun way to show that we are all unique, special, and proud to be ourselves, while standing together against bullying.

We are asking for a £1 donation, which will go towards our chosen charity. Donations can be made easily via ParentPay.

Bikeathon Fundraiser How Far Can You Go?



Alongside Odd Socks Day, we are hosting our very own Bikeathon Challenge! Students can donate £1 per go to hop on the exercise bike and see how far they can travel in 5 minutes.

There will be a prize for the furthest distance — so get ready to pedal for glory!

Our prefects will be taking bookings and collecting cash donations during break and lunchtime next week in the Common Room.

Feeling lucky? Take part in our “Guess the Total Distance” game! For just £1 per guess, you could win a special prize if your prediction is the closest. Plus, if you are working on your MVC Futures pledges, you can get them signed during the event too!

Let us make the week full of colour, kindness, and community spirit, and together, we can make a difference.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Remembrance Assemblies at Melbourn Village College



This week, Melbourn Village College held a series of special assemblies in preparation for our upcoming Remembrance Day commemorations.

During the assembly, Mr Tobutt spoke to the students about the important connection between the end of the Second World War and the founding of our school. Mr Tobutt explained how Melbourn Village College was established to bring the community together after the war — creating a place for learning, growth, and renewal. As part of the assembly, we proudly displayed the original flags that were flown outside our school when it first opened. These flags served as a poignant reminder of our history and of the enduring sense of unity that lies at the heart of our community.

We also took time to honour the fallen soldiers of Melbourn, reflecting on their courage and sacrifice. Alfie, a Year 7 student, performed The Last Post and the National Anthem on his trumpet, creating a moving and respectful atmosphere as we remembered those who gave their lives.

The assemblies encouraged everyone to reflect on the sacrifices made by others and to consider the values of peace, respect, and remembrance that continue to shape our school today.

Next week, on Tuesday 11 November at 11:00am, the entire school community will gather on the Willow Lawn to mark the national two-minute silence and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We welcome students who are members of the Scouts, Guides, or Cadets to wear their uniforms on this day as a mark of respect.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Year 7 & 8 Scooter and BMX Experience



On Thursday, a group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in an exciting Scooter and BMX experience day.

The event began with an inspiring presentation from a world champion in both BMX and scootering, who shared insights into their journey and the importance of resilience in achieving success.

Following the talk, pupils took part in practical sessions where they had the chance to develop their skills and try out new techniques in both disciplines.

The aim of the day was to show pupils that with determination and resilience, they can achieve whatever they set their minds to — a valuable lesson both on and off the ramps!

Mrs Coghlan
Head of Key Stage 3

Dates for your dairy - Football fixtures

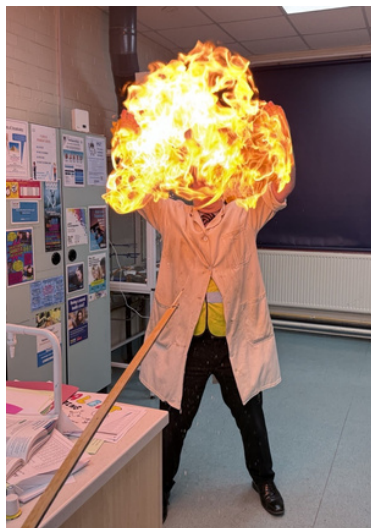


November has a few exciting football matches for MVC which include...

- Monday 10th November- Year 10 Home to Bassingbourn
- Thursday 13th November -Year 8 Home to Comberton
- Wednesday 26th -Year 7 tournament at Comberton

Mr Barlow
Head of Key Stage 4

|Key Stage 3 - Science Club Heats Things Up



This week in Science Club, pupils explored the exciting world of combustion reactions — and what better way to learn than with some fiery demonstrations!

Brave Dr Wilson wowed everyone by holding bubbles filled with methane gas while a daring volunteer set them alight. Don't worry — safety first! The spectacular burst of flame reached temperatures of around 300 °C, lighting up the room (and a few amazed faces).

The fun did not stop there. Students were treated to the famous “Whoosh Bottle” experiment, where ignited alcohol vapour sends flames dancing up and down a giant plastic bottle before forming a mysterious cloud inside. It was an explosive afternoon of science, curiosity, and plenty of “oohs” and “aahs” — proving once again that learning can truly ignite your imagination!

Dr Wilson
Head of Science

Maths Department Update

It has been another busy week in Maths! Students have completed the Number and Algebra topics (doing short “MFT” formative assessments where the teacher offers the class feedback on key areas to improve). This will help students to prepare for the end of term tests where students will have questions on all work covered in term 1. We will send a letter home with revision guidance information as well as post resources and guidance on go4schools several weeks in advance of these tests for Years 7 to 10.

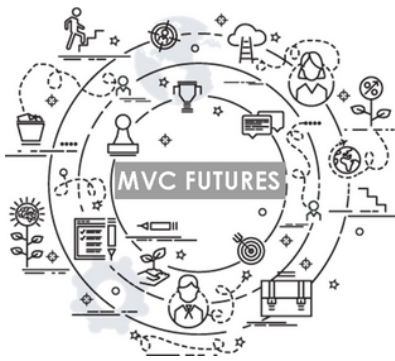
Students have just started the topic Geometry, with some Key Stage 3 classes working on angles and shapes, and older year groups working on Pythagoras Theorem and trigonometry.

We would like to advertise to all parents that on a Wednesday lunchtime in IT1 we will have a Sparx Maths Homework club for students to attend, with staff and prefects available to help out. If your child has struggled to complete Sparx, may require some help or feel this would be a good use of time please do encourage them to come along.

Year 11 students have completed their Maths mock (paper 1 – non calculator) and will over the coming days complete a paper 2 (calculator) in lesson time. They will receive feedback on these mocks from their teachers in the coming weeks, including a personalized question level analysis that will help them to focus their revision. A paper 3 (calculator with more emphasis on problem solving) mock will take place in January. Year 11 students continue to have an exam paper set for them every week on go4schools.

Our Year 11 Maths Prefects are planning an exciting Maths challenge for students one lunchtime over the next 2 weeks – more details to come!

Mr Wilder
Assistant Principal (Head of Maths)



MVC Futures Careers Talk – Joe, Partner at an International Accountancy Firm

This term's Futures Talks programme is already shaping up to be just as exciting. We had this week we had the opportunity to hear from Joe, a partner at an international accountancy firm, who shared his inspiring career journey. Joe talked about how

he began his career at a small firm in Royston, where he worked for 11 years before moving on to a much larger company.

He emphasised the importance of hard work, dedication, and taking on even the small tasks to show your commitment and willingness to learn. Joe also highlighted the value of teamwork, explaining how collaborating effectively with colleagues is essential for success in any role.

Joe spoke openly about the challenges he faced early on, especially balancing a full-time 9–5 job with continuing to study for his qualifications. It was tough at times, but he said the effort was definitely worth it in the end.

His message to students was clear: work hard, be patient, embrace teamwork, and make the most of every opportunity — because every step, no matter how small, can lead you closer to your goals.

Next week's talk is by Kate, Marketing Manage at Independent Vetcare, Europe's fastest-growing veterinary group. Please sign up your child via the MCAS app.

These talks promise to give students an even broader look at the variety of career paths available and the real-world experiences behind them.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal



Lockers for Students

We kindly thank you all for your patience over the past few weeks whilst we organise the lockers for students.

Lockers are now ready to be allocated however, lockers are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you would like to request a locker for your child please fill out the form by following the link [Locker Form Request](#). You may also find here the document to [Locker T&C's](#).





MELBOURN PRIMARY PTFA
PRESENTS

2025 FIREWORKS SAT 8TH NOVEMBER

Melbourn Primary School

BBQ, Bar, Glow Products

GATES OPEN DISPLAY STARTS EVENT ENDS

5.30PM 7PM 8PM

UNDER18SMUST BE ACCOMPANIED BYANADULT

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/MELBOURNPRIMARYSCHOOL

ADULT £6.50 CHILD £4.50
FAMILY 2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN £20
CHILD AGE - RECEPTION TO 16 YEARS
PRE SCHOOLERS ARE FREE

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

