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Nursery and Primary Newsletter

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100% Attendance Success Through Our 'In It To Win It' Initiative

Every Day Counts!

Welcome back to a new school year! A particularly warm welcome goes to all the new families joining the Thames Federation this term. Across our schools, staff were delighted to welcome back returning pupils and to meet the newest members of our community. We have certainly hit the ground running, ensuring that every child has settled quickly and positively into their learning. In this first week's edition, we are celebrating our 100% Attendance Champion, who attended school every day throughout the 2025-26 academic year. As a result of this outstanding achievement, they were entered into our 'In It To Win It' campaign, which rewards excellent attendance with a special prize draw, generously sponsored by Melcombe's PTA. Congratulations to our winner for demonstrating such commitment and resilience throughout the academic year. We look forward to seeing even more children join the race for 100% attendance this year. After all, every day in school is an opportunity to learn, grow and succeed!

Melcombe Star of the Week!

Reception - Atinuke Class & Y1, Michael Rosen Class	Liyan	For starting this academic year with an amazing attitude towards her learning and showing the reception children how to follow our classroom rules. Well done Liyan!
Y2 - Julia Donaldson & Y3 - Philip Pullman Class	Kylian	For his excellent effort in class this week. Well done Kylian!
Y4 - Roald Dahl Class	Yasin	For following our class routines, having a positive attitude, and trying his best in all lessons. He is a role model for his peers.
Y5 - William Shakespeare Class	Khalel	For giving his very best in every lesson and taking such care and pride in improving his handwriting!
Y6 - Malorie Blackman Class	Rin	For settling into our school so quickly and confidently, making new friends, and becoming a wonderful part of our class.

James Lee children received 18 Happy Notes this week. Well done!

Bayonne children received 10 Happy Notes this week. Well done!

Safeguarding Update

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of any child, you can report your concerns in the following ways: call on 020 8753 6600 or out of hours 020 8748 8588, email at familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk. Walk in to Ground Floor, 145 King St, Hammersmith, W6 9XY

Thames Federation Attendance Target 96%

Our School Information Management System report shows that the average attendance for Melcombe Primary School is 96.9**%** for this week.

Class	This week	Class	This week
Bayonne Pre-School	69.3%	Melcombe Y2 - Julia Donaldson Class	98.6%
Bayonne Nursery	86.5%	Melcombe Y3 - Philip Pullman Class	94.1%
James Lee Nursery	78%	Melcombe Y4 - Roald Dahl Class	95.3%
Melcombe R - Atinuke Class	89.8%	Melcombe Y5 - William Shakespeare Class	97.8%
Melcombe Y1 - Michael Rosen Class	97.5%	Melcombe Y6 - Malorie Blackman Class	98.9%

Our New Mobile Phones & Online Safety Policy

has been written to Keep Children Safe whilst they are on site

✅ Mobile phones and smart watches must be switched off during the school day.

✅ Pupils must not access or use their devices during lessons, breaktimes, lunchtimes or between lessons.

✅ Any exceptions for medical or safeguarding reasons must be approved by the Executive Headteacher or the Heads of Schools.

Please use this link for the new policy:

https://www.melcombe.lbhf.sch.uk/docs/policies/Mobile_Phones.pdf

Term Dates 2026/27

Wednesday 2nd September	Inset Day
Thursday 3rd September	School Opens for Melcombe's Pupils
Wednesday 9th September	School Opens for Bayonne & James Lee Pupils
Friday 23rd October	School Closes for Half-Term
Autumn Half Term	**Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026**
Monday 2nd November	School Opens for all Pupils
Friday 18th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Christmas Holiday	**Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027**
Monday 4th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January	Inset Day
Wednesday 6th January	School Opens for Melcombe's Pupils
Monday 11th January	School Opens for Bayonne & James Lee Pupils
Friday 12th February	School Closes for Half-Term
Spring Half-Term	**Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027**
Monday 22nd February	School Opens for all Pupils
Thursday 25th March	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Easter Holiday	**Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027**
Monday 12th April	School Opens for all Pupils
Monday 3rd May	**Bank Holiday**
Friday 28th May	School Closes for Half-Term
Summer Half-Term	**Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027**
Monday 7th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8th June	School Opens for all Pupils
Tuesday 20th July	School Closes for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 21st July	Inset Day

Contact Details

If you need to contact any of the three schools within the Thames Federation please use the following details:

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