



Newsletter – 8th May 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.35%

Well done to classes 6H & 3T for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Football Success 6 – 1!



Last night we travelled to Tiptree to play Baynards school. In the first half, both teams were quite evenly matched and at half-time the score was 1-1. We entered the second half with a great team spirit and determination. We gained 5 more goals with Conor L scoring one, Thomas M scoring two (one of which nearly went through the net!) and Morgan scoring two to add to his goal in the first half. Our strong defence (Harry D, Zac C and Roman D) denied Baynards of adding to their scoreline. As ever, we are incredibly proud of the whole team for their sportsmanship throughout

Final score Baynards 1: Mersea 6

Hat-trick from Captain, Morgan D

Thank you to our team of parents, grandparents and friends who came to support us.

Morgan D and Harry D
(team captains)

Market Gardening Club

The children are really excited to share everything they have grown so far and almost all they have grown from seed.

We currently have 2 potato varieties, garlic, onions, leeks, several tomato varieties, green beans, yellow beans, peas, sweetcorn, bell peppers, leeks, raspberries, strawberries, carrots, cucumber and lots of herbs (basil, thyme, rosemary, coriander & parsley).

They also have lots of Sunflowers ready to pot on and go outside and they have sewn some wild flower troughs to attract butterflies and bees.

Yesterday's garden group planted out some of our green beans as a teepee which should fill out over the next few weeks.

With help from Mr Munson we also now have our own compost area to compost the vegetable scraps from the school kitchen.



As ever any donations of seeds (even out of date ones) or compost are most welcome.





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Conduct of pupils outside of school

Sadly, we have received a complaint from a local resident, regarding the anti-social behaviour of a number of pupils from our school, whilst at the park. This is obviously incredibly disappointing to hear that there are children who are behaving disrespectfully, using inappropriate language and wilfully causing upset to local residents. I am sharing with you so that you are aware and can have relevant conversations with your child, should you be trusting them to go to the park unaccompanied before or after school. Whilst I fully appreciate that this is not a reflection of the conduct of the vast majority of children who enjoy playing in the park, it is easy for innocent bystanders to become associated. I am sure you will share these concerns and like to know that your child is not getting involved, and your child knows what to do if something happens which they know is not okay. I would really appreciate your help in ensuring your child understands the expectations of them as young citizens of Mersea Island and as representatives of you and our school.

Year Six – Breakfast Club and SATs timetable for next week

Year Six pupils have all been working very hard in preparation for their SATs next week. We always like to make sure the children have the opportunity to join their friends for breakfast during the week. It gives them all something to look forward to each morning and makes for a relaxed and calm start to each day.

All Year Six pupils are invited to join their friends for breakfast Monday – Thursday next week, from 8.15am. There is no charge and entry to site will be via the School Office gate.

2026 KS2 SATs Schedule:

- **Mon, 11 May:** English GPS Paper 1 (Questions) & Paper 2 (Spelling)
- **Tue, 12 May:** English Reading Test
- **Wed, 13 May:** Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning)
- **Thu, 14 May:** Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

We know they will all try their hardest and wish them all the very best.



It is with great sadness that we will be wishing a fond farewell to Mrs Richardson (HLTA) at the end of this half term. Mrs Richardson has worked at our school for over 22 years, supporting learning, leading classes, overseeing the library and even gardening during her own spare time, here at the school.

She has decided to retire and have some much deserved time to herself to enjoy travelling and her own garden!

She will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work, efforts and dedication to our school over the years.

We wish her all the very best for the future.

Wraparound Care from September

Please look out for a survey which has been sent to you regarding potential changes to Wraparound Care from September. We really would appreciate your feedback so that we are able to plan accordingly.

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to take action. Please ring 999 immediately if you think a child is at imminent risk. For any matters within school please report immediately to a member of the safeguarding team. You can contact them by notifying the school office that you need to speak to a member of the safeguarding team and you will be put in swift contact.

Safeguarding team: Mrs T Wright, Miss S Poole, Mrs A Khan and Mrs C Jenkins



Stars of the Week



Nursery	Benedict is being celebrated in nursery this week for his excellent singing during song time, careful listening during story time and fantastic number skills in shared maths. Well done Benedict.
Rec 1	Owen S has been a really kind friend and made some really sensible choices and really helped his friend be included in a game. Well done Owen.
Rec 2	We are celebrating Albert for being amazing! He always tries his best, is kind, shares his ideas confidently and smiles a lot! He is a pleasure to have in class. What a super star!
1M	Jack K has been working so hard on his handwriting, phonics and sentence writing. He is being really careful with his checks and trying to make interesting sentences. It is so lovely to see him becoming proud of his work too. Very well done Jack, keep it up!
1E	Elsie P for her determination in maths, never giving up when it is tricky! Elsie has been working really hard this week with adding and subtracting within 100. Well done Elsie!
2E	Salah H for his excellent effort and sportsmanship in PE. He showed great sportsmanship, helping his classmates when they were finding activities tricky as well as working to improve his own skills. Well done Salah.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Lois for her excellent effort in all of her learning. In particular, Lois has put a super effort into her writing and reading. She wrote a great letter to Snow White persuading her not to eat the poisonous apple and has become really fluent in her reading, it is lovely to listen to her read.
3D	I would like to celebrate Harvey R for being a conscientious pupil who always makes the right choices. He is an excellent talk partner and works well with all of his peers. He is becoming more and more confident in his own abilities which is fantastic to see.
3T	Tommy G for showing a positive attitude to his learning, a great increase in his pace of work this week and for going back and checking his work carefully.
4W	Thomas S-H for his enthusiasm in all subjects. Thomas always has his hand up to answer questions and is really keen to do well. His work in maths is particularly good and he loves a challenge!
4R	Demi has been in, down and on all week, showing exceptional focus and attention to detail. She is carefully proof-reading and editing her work before it is submitted to make sure standards are high! Well done, Demi!
5E	5E would love to celebrate Darcie C for showing increased confidence this week when adding and subtracting decimals. Well done Darcie, a super effort.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Beau B for her fantastic learning attitude across all subjects, particularly in English, maths and PE. Beau is making excellent progress by going the extra mile in lessons and completing extra homework. Well done, Beau—we are incredibly proud of you.
6H	This week I would like to celebrate Freddie. He has come in this week with an absolutely fantastic attitude. He has been mature and thoughtful in his learning, producing some great pieces of work. Additionally, he was the first to hand his homework in! Well done Freddie. Keep up the good work.
6Y	Callie W has been really determined, focused and confident in her approach to her work in the lead up to SATs.

Squash Stars of the Week

Oliver H 2B & Nelly G 2E

Both children listened intently to instructions during their squash lesson and tried their hardest to put what they had learnt into practice. Both players showed a natural talent for squash and I look forward to teaching them squash in future years.

Miss Meanley