



Newsletter – 24th April 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.64%

Well done to class 4W for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Football news...

On Wednesday, we played our first football match of the season against St. Luke's primary school in Tiptree. We were incredibly proud to be wearing our fresh new Mersea Island kit. The whole team played well and showed great team spirit and sportsmanship throughout. During the first half, we had many shots on goal but they were denied by a great goalkeeper on the opposing team. At half-time the score was 0-0. In the second half, they took their chances well and managed to get a few goals past us giving a final score of 3-0. The whole team 'worked their socks off', made some amazing passes and shots and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them, and even prouder to have led them through our first match. Come on Mersea!

Report by

Morgan D (captain) and Harry D (vice-captain)



Year Five Greek Day report by Alice H and Violet S

On Thursday the whole of Year 5 enjoyed their immersive Greek Day, dressing up and really getting involved in practical learning. Alice and Violet have written the report below, telling you all about it: Firstly, we started off learning about Ancient Greece and we were given some jobs to complete, including soap carving, making pendants, mosaic pictures, clay pots and figures for the Gods. Throughout the day, the man explained the stories of Ancient Greece and that really brought the whole experience alive. After lunch, we were split into four groups and we were encouraged to create a play. In between watching the plays, we ate a variety of Greek foods (feta, olives, bread, honey cake and Greek chocolate). Everyone got to enjoy the foods as Mr Elmer and Mrs Wyatt considered allergies. It was so much fun. Overall, the Greek day was brilliant and it was one of the best experiences in our school lives.



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Tomato Plant Sale

Next Wednesday after school at 3.15pm some of our younger pupils will be selling some small tomato plants on the playground. They will be £1 and it is cash only if you would like to buy one.

Lateness

Please can we kindly ask for your help with ensuring your child is at school on time throughout the summer term. We have noticed rather a lot of children coming in late which can cause them to feel quite self-conscious when they walk in their classroom when everyone else is settled. It also means that they are missing out on completing their early morning work and hearing important messages/information about the day ahead.

The day officially starts at 8.45am which is when we would like the children to be settling down to start work. Your cooperation and help with this will be greatly appreciated.

Medical details

Please can you ensure that you have informed the office of any changes to your child's medical conditions.

We work from the information we hold on record, which you will have provided, either when you registered your child or in communication since. If your child's medical needs have changed, please do let the office know so that we can update our records and ensure that we are able to provide the best possible support for your child.

Thank you



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Thomas is being celebrated in nursery this week for his excellent listening skills and super counting. Thomas loves numbers and is always quick to share what he notices when counting a group of recognising a number. Great job Thomas.
Rec 1	Mrs Sales would like to celebrate Joseph M in Rec 1. Since returning to school after Easter he has settled back into our school routines really well and has been doing great listening this week following all the adult instructions. Well done Joe.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Sara for her willingness to "have a go" in phonics. She is learning to blend sounds to read and we are very proud of her. Keep up the super work!
1M	Flynn G for working really hard in all of his subjects this week! Flynn has tried particularly hard this week to be an independent writer. Well done you!
1E	Tabby J totally wowed us with her brilliant science work about flowers this week! She worked so hard to draw and label her diagram and then wrote super sentences about it. Tabby has also been really focussed on joining in on the carpet and we have really noticed the difference. Super effort Tabby, well done and keep it up!
2E	Isla G for her excellent independent work in writing this week. Isla has written some super sentences to describe one of Snow White's dwarfs using apostrophes for possession.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Helena for her fabulous efforts in our squash lesson this week. Helena listened carefully to the instructions and demonstrated her agility, balance and coordination skills beautifully. Well done Helena.
3D	Mrs Deacon would like to celebrate Reg Y for being a fractions superstar! He has worked really hard on his understanding and challenged himself by completing the trickier tasks. He has applied times table knowledge well when working out fractions of amounts.
3T	Cooper J for sharing his brilliant ideas this week in English while writing his own version of 'The Magic Box' poem. Every suggestion Cooper has made this week has been descriptive and thoughtful - keep up the great work Cooper!
4W	Kaitlyn C for having a permanently cheerful outlook and always wearing a smile! Kaitlyn has worked hard in English this week and answered lots of questions demonstrating that she has a really good vocabulary.
4R	Star of the week for 4R is Tadhg! He has worked exceptionally hard on his presentation and spelling to make sure any work handed in is of a good standard. He is really embracing our music topic and is unafraid to show his enthusiasm!
5E	5E would love to celebrate Luke L for showing incredible focus and resilience this week in all subjects. Luke is going from strength to strength and it is lovely to witness him flourishing in class 5E this year! A superb effort Luke, well done.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Connor L for his excellent contributions across all subjects, as well as his outstanding progress in grammar. Well done, Connor- keep up the good work!
6H	This week I would like to celebrate Archie for demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards his learning. He has produced wonderful pieces of work in maths, English, science and history! He has been incredibly focused and eager to do his best. Well done, Archie!
6Y	Hannah C is our Star of the Week – she has used some great vocabulary and punctuation in her English work and continues to be incredibly helpful and supportive to all members of the class. Well done.



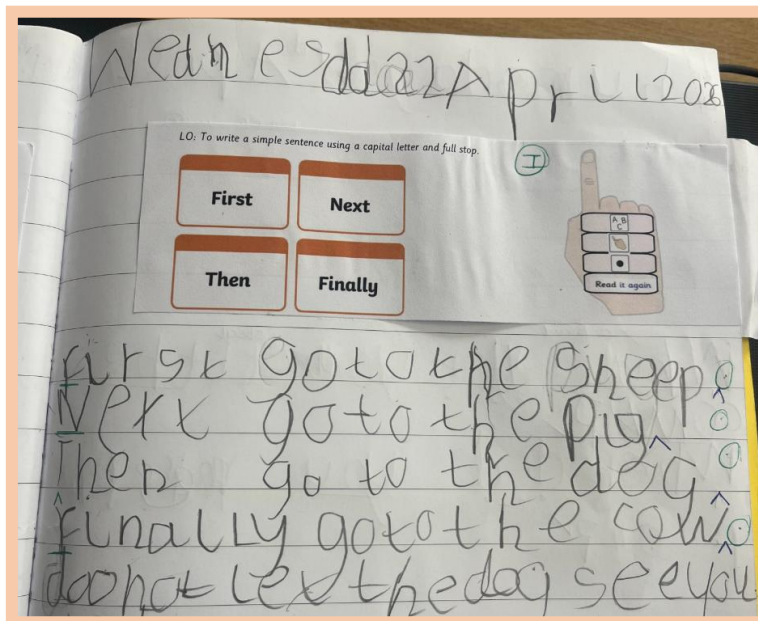
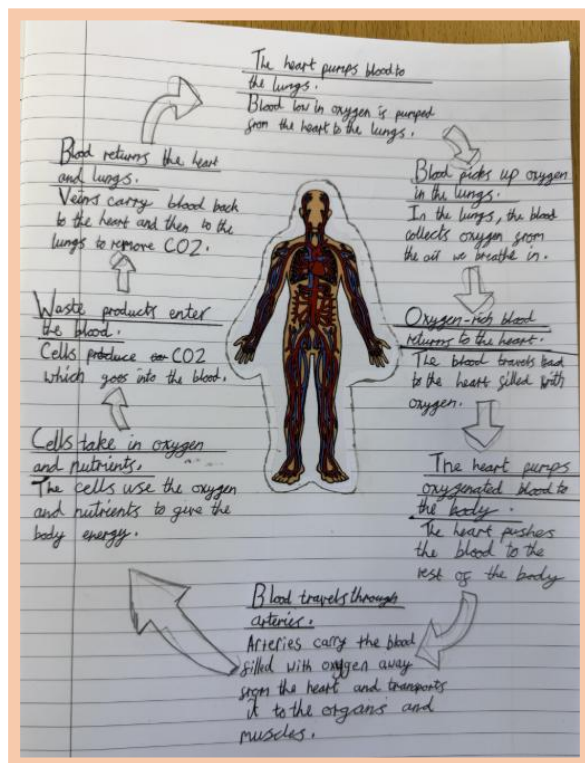


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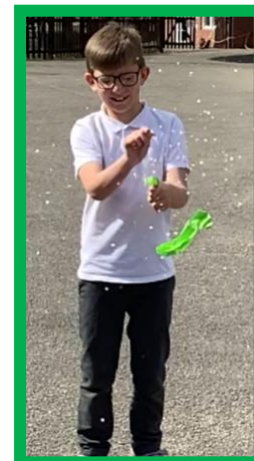


Archie's circulatory system work (Yr 6)

Flynn G's (1M) independent writing



Year 3 science in action – learning all about seed dispersal and dissecting flowers to discover all the parts of the flower we don't usually see.



Adult Community Learning Courses (ACL)

ACL currently have a wide host of parenting courses available, including sessions such as:

Understanding ADHD and Autism in Children, understanding anxiety, raising girls, strengthening family self-esteem, Managing anger in young people, zones of regulation and separation anxiety to name but a few! For a full course list please see here: [ACL Essex Course List](#)

Uniform Hut Opening Hours:

Monday- before school, during drop off
Wednesday – after school, during pick up
Friday – after school, during pick up

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.

If you need to speak to a member of the safeguarding team in school, please notify the school office.
Safeguarding team: Mrs T Wright, Miss S Poole, Mrs A Khan and Mrs C Jenkins