



# Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.85%

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



This week, we were very pleased to be awarded our CPR Smart School Award. This acknowledges the fact that all of our teaching staff and Year 5 and 6 pupils have received training and would know what to do in the event of someone having a cardiac arrest. This initiative has been led and funded by the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance team. They have attended school, provided us with manikins and training resources and have delivered training sessions. Staff were then able to cascade the training to the children. The plan going forwards is for us to put on additional training sessions, free of charge, for parents and the wider community so that we can ensure as many people as possible are equipped with these life saving skills. Our aim is to raise enough money to purchase 6 manikins so that we can continue the training year on year, reaching as many people as possible.



Jon Stevens from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance presenting the award.

### More good news...

We also received the following email from the Healthy Schools Team:

*'I'm emailing to congratulate you and Mersea Island School on achieving a Healthy Schools Award for your project regarding Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing.'*

This award was regarding all the changes we have made to our lunchtime procedures to make the dining hall experience really positive for all. This is an identified area on our School Development Plan and the improvements made are something we are very pleased with. Pupil feedback is a huge driver for the changes we make so it is particularly pleasing that the changes have made a real difference to the children.



## ★Stars of the week★

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| <b>Nursery</b> | Rufus is our nursery champion this week for his enthusiasm during story time and his excellent comprehension and questioning skills about our class texts. Rufus has also shown kindness, care and focus during tidy up time - which we are all so proud of.                                                         |
| <b>Rec 1</b>   | This week Sonny H has been amazing us with his musical knowledge naming different instruments and also talking about the different pitches each instrument makes.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Rec 2</b>   | This week we are celebrating Eligh - Eligh has made a big effort to learn all his new friends' names and has settled into his new classroom very confidently. Eligh is an excellent role model and already understands and follows our school rules perfectly. What a star!                                          |
| <b>1M</b>      | Hudson C for his excellent writing with dictated sentences. Hudson has been listening really carefully to remember the sentence and write it down using all of the sounds. He has also been checking his work independently. Well done Hudson!                                                                       |
| <b>1E</b>      | Hudson M has had such a super week. He has been working so hard in all his learning. He really impressed us with his sentences in English, his enthusiasm and effort in phonics and he remembered lots of our previous learning in history, which helped the whole class! Really well done Hudson, keep it up!       |
| <b>2E</b>      | Emmie S - for her hard work this week working on calculating money in pounds and pence, making totals and giving change. Well done Emmie, keep up the great focus and effort.                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2B</b>      | 2B Star of the Week is Malin for being an excellent role model. Malin sets a super example for behaviour in the classroom and is always listening, following instructions and puts a fabulous effort into all of his independent work. Well done Malin.                                                              |
| <b>3D</b>      | I would like to celebrate Ryszard S for always participating enthusiastically in classroom discussions. He provides well thought out and often profound answers which make everybody think even more deeply. He often asks pertinent questions as well. Ryszard is always very respectful of other people's answers. |
| <b>3T</b>      | Amelia K has worked hard all week, doing extra Maths homework and showing great progress with her times tables. Keep up the great work Amelia!                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>4W</b>      | Blake M for his endless enthusiasm to learn and keen participation in every lesson from rugby to art to English to maths - Blake contributes brilliantly to everything!                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4R</b>      | Our star of the week this week is Isabella W. She has shown incredible determination and dedication in completing her times table heatmap. Its been lovely celebrating with her in class and seeing how confidently she is now applying it to her work on time. Huge congratulations!                                |
| <b>5E</b>      | In 5E we would love to celebrate Emilia S for writing a wonderful setting description linked to our learning on the Arrival. Emilia has used superb vocabulary and a range of fronted adverbials to enhance her writing. A wonderful effort Emilia, well done!                                                       |
| <b>5/6W</b>    | Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Aidan C for his fantastic learning attitude, for always being attentive, and for demonstrating an excellent work ethic. Keep it up—well done!                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>6H</b>      | Mr Hall's star of the week this week is Dexter! He has approached his 'mock' SATs with a committed and focused attitude each day. On top of that, he has worked incredibly hard in our lessons and produced some wonderful work. Well done, Dexter!                                                                  |
| <b>6Y</b>      | Mrs Green and Mrs Clegg would like to celebrate Jacob C this week for amazing knowledge and contributions in geography this week.                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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## Comic Relief – Non-school uniform for £1 donation

Next Friday we will be supporting Comic Relief. Everyone can come to school in non-school uniform for a £1 contribution to Comic Relief, please donate via ParentPay.

Children are invited to share a joke – the best one from each class will be shared in a joke assembly next Friday with a prize for the one voted, by the children, as the funniest! Please can we ask that you vet your child's joke prior to them sharing in their classes! Thank you very much, we look forward to hearing them.

## FOMISA Easter disco

FOMISA are organising an Easter disco on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. It will be from 4.15 – 5.15pm. Please see attached poster for details.

## School Council Competition Time

The School Council are running a number of Easter Competitions. We are having our usual Easter Bonnet Competition and, for the second year, a 'Guess the number of Mini-Eggs in the jar'. Following many requests from the children they are also running an Easter Cake Competition. All details for each event are below:

### Easter Bonnet Competition

The age categories are Reception and Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. This year we are also doing a parent category! It is 50p to enter. Please bring entries into school, to the main hall, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### Easter Cup Cake Competition

The idea of this is that children who decide to enter will create an Easter themed cup cake arrangement. To enter, please send in a photo of your display (or email it to the class teacher) and send in one cup cake for the taste test. We will then ensure the photo and the cup cake are displayed for your entry. The age categories are Reception and Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. It is 50p to enter. Please bring entries into school, to the main hall, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### 'Guess the number of mini-eggs in the jar'

Children can guess the number of mini eggs in a jar. It is 20p a go and School Council will be running this on the playground at play and lunchtime on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## Parents Evening Appointments

Appointments went live for Parents Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm. If you have not received an invitation please speak with your child's class teacher. Please note, we are only able to offer one appointment per child.

## Uniform

Please note we move to summer uniform after half term, if you are thinking ahead to purchase any items of uniform, please do check our policy (see attached) and remember there is plenty of stock in the uniform hut for a fraction of the cost of buying new.

## Hut Opening Hours:

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

**Don't forget it is the Year 3 Show next week!**  
**Thursday from 2 – 3pm and from 6 – 7pm**  
**Ticket deadline is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

