



Newsletter – 30th January 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.87%

Well done to class 1E for achieving the highest attendance this week.



SOS Day and RNLI

Well done for supporting the RNLI, together we have raised £201 today for this very worthwhile cause. Donations can still be made via Parentpay, for anyone who may have forgotten and who would still like to contribute.



We will be having our annual International Week from Monday 9th to Friday 13th February. The children will learn about different countries, foods and cultures and the lunch menu will reflect the theme, offering a selection of traditional dishes from some of the countries. The menu was sent earlier today and lunches can be ordered in the usual way. There is no change to costs/payments.



School Council

The children talked about recycling toys and having a spring clean at home. The children are encouraging their class mates to have a look at home and consider donating any unwanted toys which are in good condition to the School Council. School Council would then like to give them to a local homeless charity. They are collecting between now and Friday 13th February.



In addition, in celebration of Valentines Day the children would like to hold a pink and red raffle. Tickets will go on sale during the last week of the half term and will be drawn on the last day. If you would like to donate a small red or pink item for the raffle hampers please send them in.



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★ Stars of the week ★

Nursery	Miah is our Nursery superstar this week for the beautiful artwork she has made to decorate our learning environment. Miah is also an amazing listener who focuses on our class discussions and then shares her contributions with the whole class, demonstrating her learning - a super skill Miah.
Rec 1	Esmail M has been working really hard on her phonics. Esmail has made great progress with her reading but this week has used all these skills in her writing too.
Rec 2	This week Reception 2 are celebrating Grayson for his excellent "can-do" attitude! He starts each day with a smile and is keen to join in with our class discussions too. We are thoroughly enjoying hearing Grayson's happy and confident voice each day. What a super star you are!!
1M	Raine F-E for working extra hard to sound out and blend words in her reading and writing this week and for sharing her ideas on the carpet. Well done Raine!
1E	1E are celebrating Fraser S for having a positive attitude to learning this week. He has listened to instructions well on the carpet and written some super sentences on his lost toy poster this week. Keep it up Fraser!
2E	Elena G for her non-chronological report about the Great Fire of London. She worked really hard on it all week and is rightly proud of the finished piece. Lots of lovely facts and beautifully presented. Well done Nelly.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Prue for her excellent attitude to learning. Prue has shown superb listening skills particularly in PE and has shared great explanations of how to move our bodies to complete different gymnastic skills. She has also been contributing some fab answers during our Great Fire of London topic.
3D	I would like to celebrate Ethan S for some super writing in his Stone Age story. He has really involved his characters in every detail and describes the settings and events really well. He has known exactly what he wanted to write and been extremely focused.
3T	Skyla A for her fantastic enthusiasm in Science this week, researching and recording lots of interesting information about the palaeontologist, Mary Anning.
4W	Ava-May C for a quietly consistent attitude to everything she does - she is hardworking and always does her very best in all subjects. She is a great talk partner and contributed really well to group work in science this week.
4R	Ollie has really impressed me with his attitude to learning, including catching up on work he missed to ensure his finished piece was fantastic. His efforts to help his peers have also been noticed and we are very proud of him.
5E	5E this week we would love to Dylan W for showing excellent resilience in maths to overcome challenge questions linked to angles. Well done Dylan, a great effort!
5/6W	Lukie R for his fantastic progress in grammar and writing. Very well done, Lukie—keep up the good work!
6H	This week I would like to celebrate Davut. It doesn't matter what lesson we are in, I can be sure that Davut will be putting his hand up and giving the activities his best effort. This week in particular, I have been really impressed with Davut's effort in music lessons and when rehearsing our class assembly. Well done!
6Y	We are celebrating Joseph B this week for just the most amazing light-bulb moment that seems to have happened! He has been fantastic in everything this week but particularly Maths and Science. Keep it up Joseph.





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Miah's (Nursery) beautiful artwork



Elena G's (2E) super Great Fire of London Report

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you think you may be eligible for free school meals as well as help with the cost of trips and PE kit, please email office@merseaschool.org

It is a very easy process which we are happy to do for you.

Nursery Places for September

If you are looking for a Nursery space for 2-4 year olds please contact the school office for more information.

Class Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend the class assemblies. Please queue at the office gate after drop-off so you can sign in.

9.00 – 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd – 6Y

Wednesday 4th – 6H

Thursday 5th – Reception2

Friday 6th – Reception1



Art competition

We have received some really lovely pieces of artwork, well done to all those who have already handed them in. There is still plenty of time for entries to be handed to Miss Bloomfield as the closing date is not until the end of February! Please remember, the artwork must be completely original to showcase creativity.

Have a great weekend.

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

The Great Fire of London started in 1666 and affected thousands of people. It spread for 4 days.

How and where did the fire start?

The fire started on Pudding Lane in a baker's shop. Thomas Farriner forgot to put the fire out. They had to use leather buckets to put out the fire. The houses were made out of wood and straw so they could burn easily. Thomas Farriner was the king's best baker. Thomas Farriner jumped from his house to his neighbor's house. The fire spread for 4 days.

Did you know?

100,000 people were homeless.

London is burning down and 13,000 houses got destroyed.

What did the fire destroy?

13,000 houses got destroyed and lots of people were homeless. 87 churches got destroyed including St Paul's Cathedral. 44 livery companies got destroyed. People had to leave London. Luckily only 6 people died. They got tents on fields so they could sleep. It took years to rebuild London. 9 p.s.

Who was Samuel Pepys?

Samuel Pepys was a person who wrote a diary. That's how we know about the Great Fire of London. Samuel Pepys was rich and he could escape the fire on horse and with Samuel Pepys he had his chest and wine to keep it safe. He had a long wig to show he was rich. Luckily the fire stopped on his road. He was best friends with the King. Samuel Pepys had posh clothes. When the fire started Samuel Pepys told the King. He tried to blow up houses to try to stop the fire from spreading.

Lots of houses got destroyed in the fire.