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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 95.12%

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

Performing at the O2



On Tuesday 20th January, many of our fortunate choir members got to perform at the astounding O2 arena. It all started on a sunny morning. We were doing our work until 10 o'clock then we went to the library to get ready. We were given our special Young Voices 2026 t-shirts. We were all so excited to leave for this wonderful trip.

We were on the coach for approximately an hour and twenty minutes before we noticed we were in London. The first sign that gave this away was the road sign that pointed in the direction of the O2 arena. After seeing that sign I think people were even more excited.

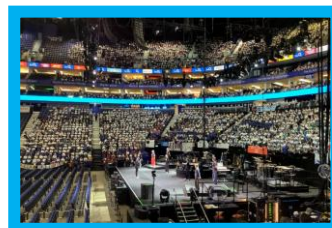
When we parked we did a quick count and set off on our walk to the O2. When we arrived, we took a massive group photo of everyone. After we managed to get past the vast queue of schools, we sat down at a spot to have our lunch. Walking through the doors to our block of seats, we were astounded to see the inside, some of us returning for our second or third time.

When rehearsals started we stood up for our first song which was 'All over the world'. After that we slowly worked our way through the rest of the songs such as the 'Sea shanty medley' and the 'Pop medley'.

Later that afternoon, we started to see our parents and family walk through the aisles. We loved waving at them across the arena! When the event had begun we started to sing our songs, one by one we worked through to the end with the rest of the eight thousand nine hundred and fifty seven children, a live band and special guest performers.

What a lovely day we had. Thanks to Miss Tokley for organising the trip, Mrs Deeks for all of her help in rehearsals and to Mrs Waites, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Hempstead for coming with us. A big thank you to all of the parents and families for coming and supporting us at our big performance!

By Tommy W 5E





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Year 3 & 4 Cross Country

Mrs Sales would like to celebrate the children she took to the Year 3/4 cross country event. It poured and not one of the children complained! They all did their absolute best and I was proud to have them representing the school. Thank you also to all the parents who stood out in the rain to support us.



School Council

School Council met this week and discussed some projects and initiatives that they were keen to do. 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 and good condition toys to 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, suitable for children, for the raffle hampers please send them in.

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.

SOS Day

Celebrating SOS Day – Friday 30th January

Living on an island, we all recognise what an invaluable service the RNLI is. SOS Day is a chance to show our appreciation. We will be celebrating the hard work and dedication of our RNLI volunteers next Friday. Children are invited to come to school wearing spots, stripes or something nautical for a donation of £1 to the RNLI (via Parentpay).



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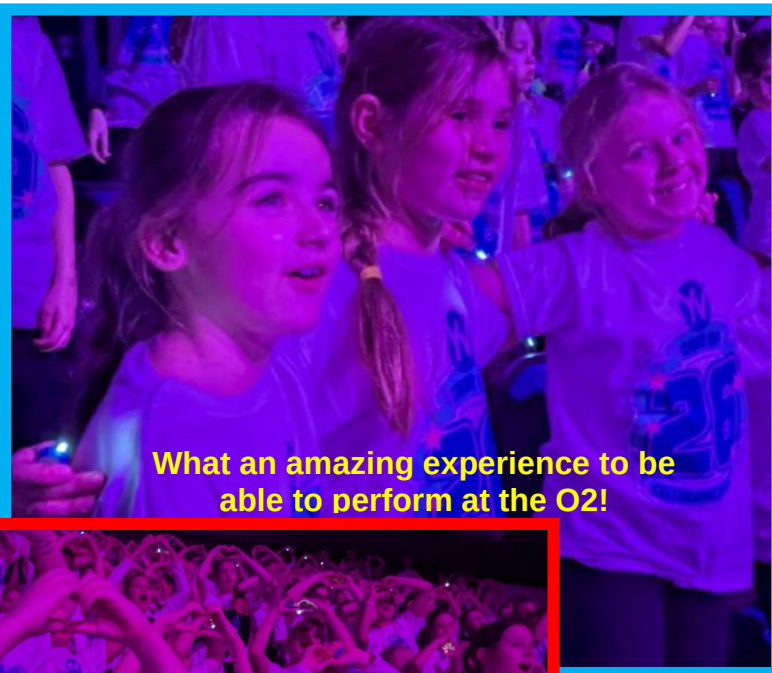


★ Stars of the week ★

Nursery	One of our newest members of Nursery is being celebrated this week, Christopher! We are all celebrating him for his excellent listening skills and kindness to all the children and adults. Christopher is a fun friend to play with, a busy-learner-bee. Well done Christopher!
Rec 1	I would like to celebrate Ivy G this week. Ivy always tries her best and always greets me with her lovely smile and has nice things to say about everyone in our class. She is a pleasure to have in the class. Thank you Ivy.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Olivia C - Olivia has been working hard on her independent writing skills and has shown that she can write sentences all by herself! Olivia takes great care with her letter formation and careful segmentation skills too. What a star:0)
1M	Arlo A-H for working really hard in class, putting his hand up and sharing his ideas. Arlo also did a maths challenge at home to find out what time he has breakfast, dinner and goes to bed and he went above and beyond and drew clocks to go with them too!
1E	Lachlan J has had such a super week. In maths, he has wowed us with his explanation of clocks and time as well as showing some great reasoning skills in science. He has also been noticed by lots of adults being really kind, caring and thoughtful to his classmates. Really well done Lachlan!
2E	Albie B for his extra effort this week in improving his handwriting and letter formation. He has worked hard to make sure he is listening carefully and tried hard to ensure all his work is nicely presented. Keep it up Albie.
2B	2B star of the week is Eden for her excellent attitude to learning in our Great Fire of London topic. Eden has shown a keen interest in learning lots of new facts about the fire and has learnt all the words to our song. She has done some super writing showing all of her knowledge.
3D	I would like to celebrate Elvie G this week. She is such a good ambassador for our school and completely embodies our school values. She is so caring, supportive, respectful and encouraging to everyone. Elvie is so proud to be part of our school community and represents herself and us extremely well.
3T	Luna H for contributing some fantastic ideas when planning her 'Stone Age Boy' story. Luna thought carefully about the original story and made a range of descriptive changes to make her story more exciting for the reader. Well done Luna!
4W	Albi K for working really hard in reading and making great progress as a result and also for his permanently cheerful and helpful attitude in class. Well done, Albi!
4R	This week's star of the week is Lucas. He has been focusing so hard on his presentation, has listened exceptionally well in maths and is paying attention to detail in his work. It is lovely to see the progress he is making.
5E	5E would love to celebrate George W for showing curiosity and interest in our learning on the Ancient Maya. George has a wonderful knowledge of the geographical make up of the Central American countries! Well done George!
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt and Miss Meanley would like to celebrate Eva P for her exceptional commitment to her studies. Eva consistently goes above and beyond in all subjects and loves every aspect of learning. It is an absolute pleasure to teach her. Well done, Eva!
6H	This week I want to celebrate Albie G as he has been a superstar in class! He has shown really good listening, put his hand up lots of times to join in and has produced some of his best work so far this year! Well done, Albie!
6Y	Zac C is being celebrated for his superb demonstration of skills in netball, resilience during gymnastics and maturity towards the sensitive themes in our English work.



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What an amazing experience to be able to perform at the O2!



Enjoying every moment





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Year One pupils making and enjoying taste-testing Marmalade sandwiches. This was linked to their class text *Paddington*.

Well done to all the children who took part in the recent performances of *Beauty and the Beast* at the MICA.



Before and after school clubs with EPC – from Karl Andrade

We hope your children are all enjoying the start of the new term both in and out of school hours at various extra curricular activities. Before and After School Clubs with EPC continue this term and we have had lots of fun.

This term we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the clubs team, Mr Bailey and Miss Lambert have joined us, and we're really happy to have them on board.

A reminder you can see the latest timetable of clubs activities and book a one off session here;

<https://enrolmy.com/essex-professional-coaching-ltd/book-now/137-Wraparound-Clubs-Before--After-School--Spring-Term>

Looking ahead, we will be running **three Holiday Camp days** at school from 16th–18th February - we will announce when booking goes live shortly.

Parent Drop-in

The next parent drop-in session is on Wednesday 11th February from 9 – 10am. Everyone is welcome. Please let the office know if you will be coming so we are aware of numbers.