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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 91.21%

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



End of Term

It has been a busy term, as always, with lots of hard work and a great deal of fun. Something which has been particularly nice has been welcoming so many parents in to school for open classrooms, class assemblies, parents evening and Christmas shows.

I would like to thank you all for continuing to work in partnership with us and for the kindness you have shown in supporting your children with dress up days, travel to events, homework...the list goes on and on!
Thank you, it is appreciated.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you so much for all your kind donations. The hampers have already been delivered to both the Colchester Food Bank and the local Porch Pantry and will be putting smiles on many faces this Christmas. Together, we managed to donate 90kg of food to the foodbank alone!

Elfridges

Wow, what an event. A huge thank you to the FOMISA team for all their efforts, it was truly brilliant, the children had the best time and were so thoughtful in their choices. We hope this becomes an annual event.



Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warrriors are determined in their quest to spread the eco message at Christmas. We would love any of your old Christmas cards as we cut these up and some children use them as Christmas postcards each year. Although next year we will be offering the FOMISA team our homemade Christmas tags for the very successful 'Elfridges'!



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Evening Gazette Takeover

Well done to our team of young reporters who made it to both the front page and a double page spread in the Evening Gazette on December 9th. It was a really lovely celebration of just some of the things which make our school really special. Superb job to Grace W, Polly T, Eliza P, Hannah C, Archie P, Morgan D and Harry E-R.

If you haven't seen the article and would like to, copies are in the school office.

Winners of our Christmas drawing competition

A huge well done to all children who took part in the Christmas drawing competition, we had a fantastic response. School Council met and looked at all the pictures and their chosen winners were as follows:

Reception and Nursery

1st Place Alfie B

2nd Place Alexis K



Years 1, 2 and 3

1st Place Max G

Joint 2nd Place Rosie B
and Thea AH





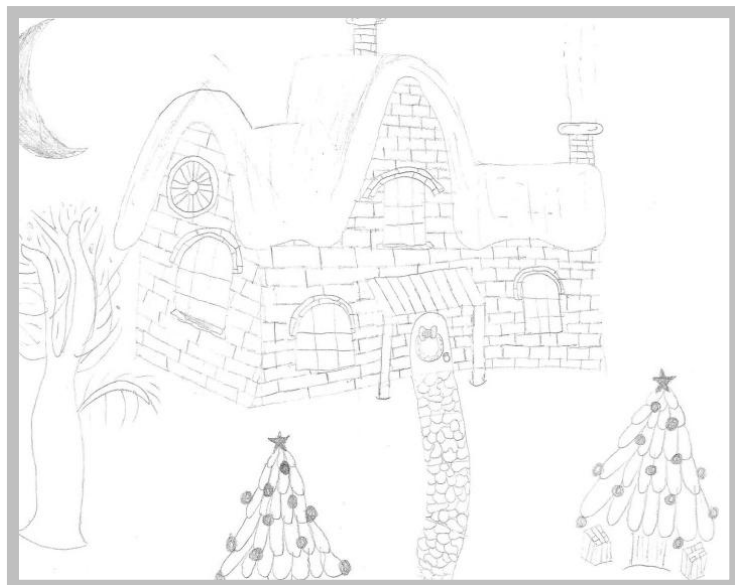
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Years 4,5 and 6

1st Place Will H

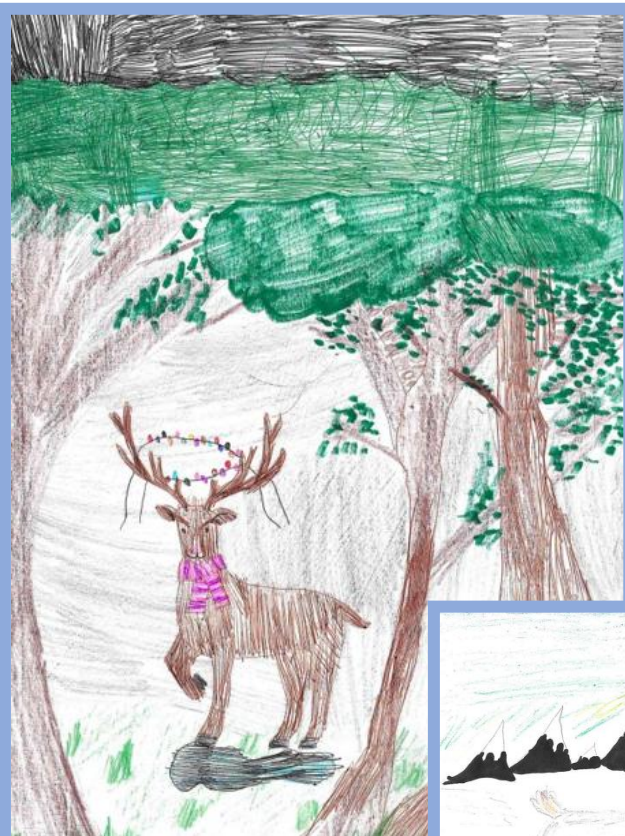
2nd Baylee-Blue B



The Art Ambassador's Special Award
Judged by Woody G - Art Ambassador
Flori S



Headteacher's Commendations
Grace W, Clara-Grace L and
Orla M.





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Science Challenge

Please see attached a fun science challenge for the holidays, should you wish to have a go with your child. We will be showcasing the entries on return to school.



Tub2Pub

We are, again, joining in 'Tub2Pub', this is organised by Greene King and it raises money for MacMillan. Last year they raised over £10,000 so we would love to be part of this success again. Please send any plastic cheese cracker tubs or chocolate tubs into school in the New Year. Last drop off to school for donations is Friday 9th January.



Farewell

As we come to the end of the term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Moore (Year 4). I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has contributed to Mersea Island School and wish her the very best for the future.

After School Clubs for Spring 1

All after school clubs for Spring 1 begin from Tuesday 6th January and can be viewed on the website. If there are spaces in your chosen club, you will be able to book a place for your child via Parentpay.

Calendar Overview for Spring 1

The calendar overview which includes all the key dates for the first half of the spring term is attached.

Can we help you?

The current economic climate is presenting challenges and is affecting everyone in different ways. If your financial situation has changed you may now be entitled to additional support including free school meals, contributions towards trips and some school uniform provision.

There is guidance for eligibility and the process does not require you to fill in a lot of paperwork or any online forms, this is something we can do for you. All families from Reception to Year 6 may apply. If you would like any additional information or would like to apply please contact Mrs Lee by emailing office@merseaschool.org



If you become aware of any child who may be 'at risk' during the Christmas holidays, please take swift action. For emergency situations please call 999 and for any other concerns please contact the Children and Families Hub on 0345 6037627.

***Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.
We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January.***

