



# Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 92.39%

Well done to class 5/6W for achieving the highest attendance this week.



### A little bit of Christmas magic

A huge well done to all the children who have performed so brilliantly in their Christmas shows this week. It was lovely to see so many of you sharing these special moments.

It is easy to forget that the children were all aged between 2 and 6 as they sang, spoke and navigated the stage with such confidence! I hope you all now have some very cherished memories and that it has given you a little bit of Christmas sparkle.



### Advent of Giving

Thank you for the donations to the Advent of giving hampers so far. We are still able to add items to the hampers on Monday so any last minute donations will be much appreciated.



### School Council's Christmas Drawing Competition – Deadline for entries is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Celebrations at St Peter and St Paul church – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

You are welcome to join us for our annual celebration of Christmas, timings are as follows:

**Year 5 and Year 6 Times 9.10 - 9.50**

**Year 1 and Year 4 Times 10.00 - 10.30**

**Year 2 and Year 3 Times 10.40 - 11.15**

**Christmas lunch - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We are looking forward to enjoying our annual Christmas Lunch. The cost of the meal will be £2.50, as usual, but for pupils in Rec, Yrs 1 & 2 and those in receipt of free school meals this will be free. Parents are able to pre-book the meal in advance on Parentpay or pupils can book in the classroom on the day, in the usual way. Pupils will be encouraged to wear their Christmas outfit/jumper on the day and every child will receive a Christmas cracker with their meal or packed lunch. The cost for the cracker will be £1 and payment should be made for this, via Parent pay.

Please note there will not be any jacket potato or cold lunch options on the day.



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**Spring term before and after school clubs with EPC are now LIVE.. (With one big change, we have added an additional booking slot) from Karl at EPC.**

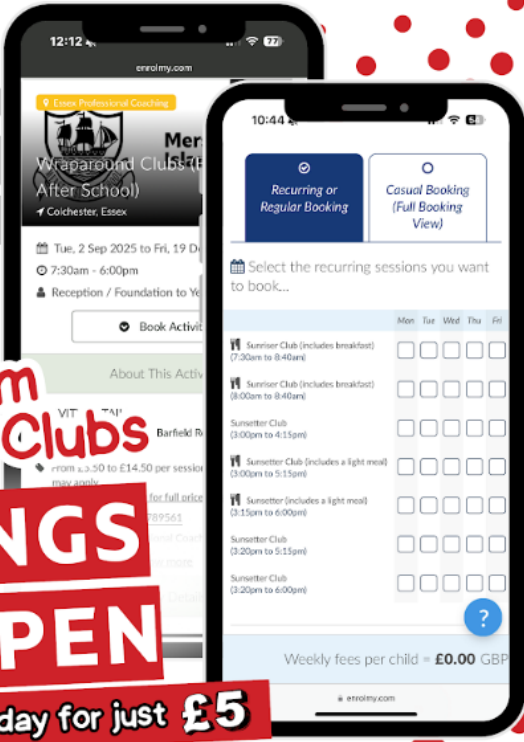
Before and After School clubs will continue with EPC in the New Year offering a choice of up to 15 different clubs throughout the week ranging from football, dodgeball, and basketball, to Lego, arts & crafts, and archery.

Reserve your child's place at a choice of these clubs taking place throughout the week for just £5.00 today. Each club is suitable for children in school years R – Year 6 as we group them appropriately on ages.

We have added an additional booking slot from 4:15pm – 5:15pm for those of you doubling up on the clubs for your child on any evening Monday – Thursday, we also appreciate that from a childcare perspective you may require your child to remain active/engaged a little longer than 4:15pm.

Further info including the cost of this slot is all available via the following link;

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



**Spring Term  
Wraparound Clubs**

**BOOKINGS  
NOW OPEN**

**Reserve a space today for just £5**

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## 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](mailto:office@merseaschool.org)



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## Stars of the Week

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| <b>Nursery</b> | Finley G is being celebrated in nursery this week for his wonderful singing and animated actions in every performance of the Early Years show. Finley confidently stood at the front and performed with gusto! We are so proud of Finley for this, and all his achievements.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Rec 1</b>   | Poppy-Rae G for her amazing singing and musical instrument playing in our show this week. She was a real super star.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Rec 2</b>   | This week R2 are celebrating Olivia C. Olivia has worked extremely hard on creating a class book. She has drawn each member of the class and written their names, independently too :O) She has shown huge amounts of dedication and focus on this task and has enjoyed sharing her work with the class. Well done Olivia!                                                                                                                 |
| <b>1M</b>      | Harper C for her amazing acting, singing and dancing in our nativity! Harper had one of the main speaking roles and remembered all of her lines so well and did it with such great enthusiasm. She was very brave being the first to talk and welcome everyone, well done Harper!                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>1E</b>      | Lily H has been such a star this week. She has tried so hard, particularly with her independent writing and phonics tasks. It has also been so lovely to see her joining in more with class discussions. Really well done Lily, keep it up.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>2E</b>      | Finley P for a very positive week. He was so focussed and proved his learning brilliantly in our assessments of English and maths. Well done Finley.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>2B</b>      | 2B star of the week is Max for the super progress he has made in his reading. Max has been working hard on practicing his reading every day and is becoming a fluent reader. Max also always shows super manners, well done Max for being so polite.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3D</b>      | Violet C for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning in all subjects. She listens intently during lessons and tries hard to apply her learning to her work. Violet has concentrated extremely hard on her sewing in DT and produced a very good Christmas tree decoration. In Music, she composed an effective short piece of music which really went well with the clip from The Snowman which we had watched. Great job Violet! |
| <b>3T</b>      | Tanner O has tried extremely hard in his assessments over the last couple of weeks, showing great determination and resilience which has paid off with a fantastic 100% in his maths arithmetic paper. Well done Tanner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>4W</b>      | Theo J for great contributions in class, especially in geography, showing he has listened well and thought carefully about the question. What great general knowledge and logical thinking you have, Theo!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>4R</b>      | My star this week is Cruz. Not only is he sensible and helpful and ready to learn, he is also very generous with his ideas and has worked exceptionally hard in his English this week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>5E</b>      | 5E would like to celebrate Oscar A this week for displaying wonderful effort in our 'Write phase' in English. Oscar has focused carefully to complete his GPS checks and this helped him write an excellent Character Analysis of Hatty in Tom's Midnight Garden. A super effort Oscar, well done.                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>5/6W</b>    | Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Harry E-R for his fantastic war poem. It vividly shows the difficult conditions faced by soldiers in World War One. He has also done extremely well in his maths assessment – well done Harry.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>6H</b>      | This week I have chosen Arron for trying incredibly hard with his reading comprehension assessment despite worrying about how he was going to do. It was amazing to see him rise above his worries and, in the end, come out with a very impressive score. Well done, Arron!                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>6Y</b>      | Cameron C this week for a super job on his embroidery for his WW1 postcard and his excellent suggestions during the science lesson on light this week. He has had a fantastic week!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |