



Newsletter – 14th November 2025



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.31%

Well done to class 6Y for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Remembering...Lest We Forget

On Tuesday the whole school observed two minutes silence at 11am. Teachers spoke to the children about why we do this, all pupils were impeccably behaved, respectful and a real credit to our school and to you, as parents.



Thank you to those of you who supported our Poppy Project and a special thank you to Mrs Enever for organising this. Poppies will be available to collect, from the main gate, at pick up time on Monday.

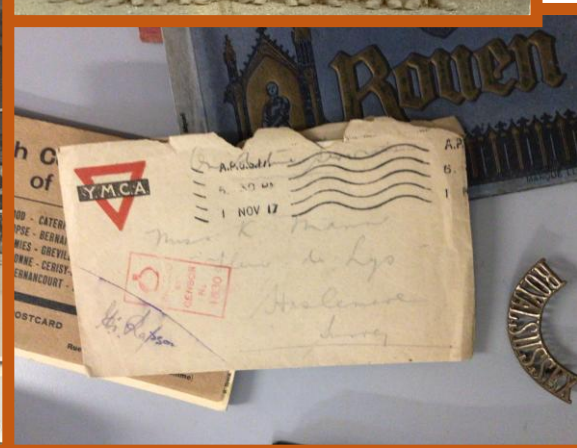
Year 6 Museum Visit

Year 6 visited the museum last week and found out what life was like on Mersea during WW1, focussing particularly on the local shop 'Digby's' and what they sold at the time. *'If you can't eat it, you can buy it at Digby's'*. The children also looked at letters that had been sent to and from loved ones in the trenches during WW1. A photograph shows a group of schoolboys outside 6Y in 1910. We know that some of them fought in WW1 as we found a picture of a few in army uniform.



The original shop and house about 1910

Photo courtesy of Dorothy Brown



Many thanks to Chris Kirkman at Mersea Museum and the volunteers for allowing us to visit.



Parents Evening

We hope you found your conversations with your child's class teacher, informative and helpful last night. It was really lovely to see such a high level of attendance. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to email positive feedback – it really is appreciated by the staff.

Please do remember, if you ever have any queries, questions or suggestions, you are welcome to share them at any time, either in person or via email to office@merseaschool.org.



School Photos – Individual and siblings

Please be aware the photo order deadline is 20th November for free delivery to school. The website address and unique access code are available on your order form.



Swimming – next week

Just a reminder, due to issues with tides, swimming next Friday is only for those pupils who have been going in **Years 5 and 6**.



Road Safety Week

We will be starting next week with an assembly on Road Safety to remind the children about all the ways they can keep themselves safe when out and about. This is especially important now that the nights are drawing in and it is getting dark very early. We want our children to be safe and to recognise the dangers with using mobile phones when crossing the road, not being able to hear electric cars coming and with not being able to be seen. If your child is riding a bike to and from school, please can you ensure they have a helmet and, if staying for clubs, lights for use on the journey home.

Stop – Look – Listen – Think!



Newsletter – 14th November 2025



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Nancy is the nursery superstar for her engagement in all nursery activities, particularly using her voice to share on the carpet and in her play.
Rec 1	Alexis K from Reception 1 is being celebrated as she has been working hard helping to make our story telling area even better with making some houses for the 3 little pigs (our class book this week).
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Fred A for making us all smile. He has been super happy in the classroom and been belly laughing when interacting with the adults too! Well done Fred.
1M	Sophia L for her excellent home learning. Completing part-part-whole models and drawing a rabbit in the 'mammal' animal group linking to our science learning in school. Well done Sophia, keep up the hard work!
1E	Zac P is always hard working and really tries to make his work the best that it can be. He often asks for extra tasks or challenges and seeks out ways to further his understanding. We can see a great improvement in all his work because of it. Very well done Zac and keep it up!
2E	Millie P for all her hard work. Millie always works hard but this week she was especially hard working at the Born to Move Festival on Tuesday and has also created some lovely sentence ideas ready for our story writing. Well done Millie, we can't wait to hear the finished story.
2B	2B Star of the Week is Rosie for her excellent attitude in PE this week. Rosie showed great enthusiasm during our Born to Move festival as well as working hard in our gymnastics lesson, using her core and leg muscles.
3D	Nick P for his fantastic science knowledge. He has been able to describe what happens to the muscles in our arm when we bend our elbows, using a card model that we made. He also wrote a detailed description in his science book, again using the correct scientific language and with a labelled diagram. Well done Nick.
3T	Poppy B consistently demonstrates a fantastic, positive attitude to learning. She goes 'above and beyond' not only in school, but with all of her homework as well. She is always resilient and can often be heard encouraging others with her kind words and positivity. When things can get challenging, Poppy keeps on going until she has achieved her goal. Keep up the great work, Poppy!
4W	Millie S for being a superstar in all subjects and always working really hard. Well done, Millie!
4R	My star of the week is Lottie M. Her effort across the creative subjects is fantastic. Her reactions to sculpture showed real thoughtfulness and her vocabulary choices in this have been exceptional. She has been working extremely hard in dance to deliver a beautiful routine.
5E	This week in 5E we would love to celebrate Sebastian for being a kind, caring and hard working member of class 5E. Sebastian has worked extremely hard in maths this week and has shown real confidence when multiplying and dividing! Well done Sebastian!
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Lula P for being kind and understanding with her peers. Lula has shown great empathy and teamwork in class, always supporting those around her. She also helped to create an amazing trench alongside her friends - fantastic work, Lula!
6H	Harrington has been chosen as he has had an all-round great week. He has been focussed in lessons, put his hand up a lot and has produced some great pieces of work. He has also demonstrated a really positive attitude! Well done Harrington.
6Y	Layla SR this week for fantastic contributions in all subjects. Layla has shown particular interest in our WW1 work and has offered some really thoughtful views on the work that we have done.

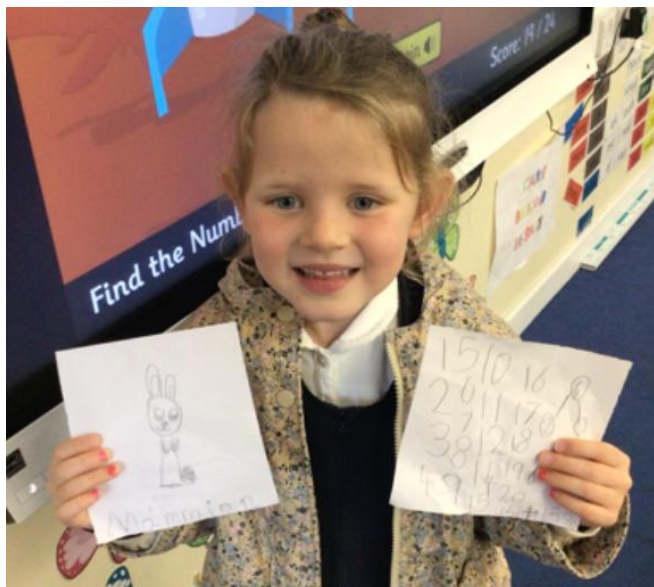


Newsletter – 14th November 2025

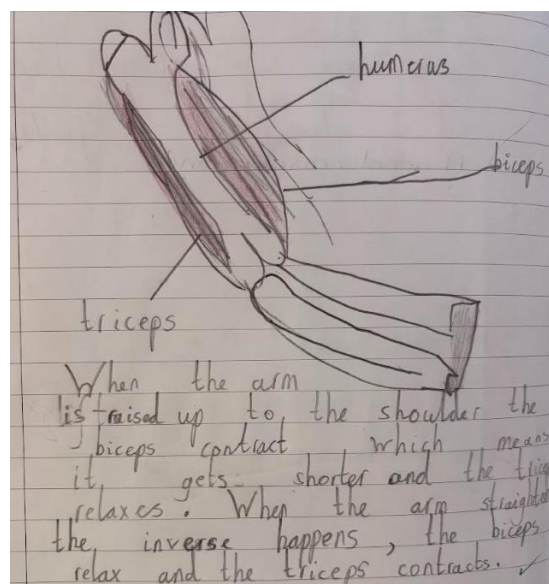


Snapshots from this week:

Sophia L's (1M) home learning.



Nick P's (3D) science work.



Important fundraising update from the Governing Board

A few months ago, we highlighted to you our hope to launch a fundraising campaign to help enhance the school learning experience for our children. The Governing Board have collectively been working extremely hard, and we are excited to announce that this will be going live very shortly via a justgiving page. The funds raised will go directly towards our wishlist which we will continually review and update. You will soon be able to locate this on the school website.

We would be incredibly grateful for your support. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference in providing the best possible opportunities for our children. If you are able to help with a donation you can choose whether it goes towards a specific project/priority or to the general fundraising pot. We will be keeping you posted on our progress. If you would like more information, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs J Enever at finance@merseaschool.org.

We are also continuing to seek support from local businesses and would love to hear from you if you work for or own a business and are in a position to help us.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community and for your continued generosity and encouragement.

Next Parent Drop-in is on Wednesday 26th November 9 – 10am all welcome.

Next intake tour for Reception September 2026 is on Thursday 27th November 9 – 10am