



Newsletter – 24th October 2025



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	95.23%
Well done to class 1E for achieving the highest attendance this week.	



I cannot quite believe that we are already at the end of our first half term! Our new intake have settled beautifully and all classes are now well established. We have enjoyed our first performances this week, with Year 4 showcasing their enjoyment of learning about World War II. We have already celebrated great swimming success, with 49 pupils attaining the required Self-Rescue standard and being awarded their certificates. Swimming lessons continue for the remainder of the autumn term for those pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are currently progressing well. A big well done to all those children who have led an assembly this half term. It is a huge achievement to be able to stand, independently, and lead the session, talking confidently on a chosen subject and holding the attention of the audience. We are very proud of you. Well done also to the Head Pupils, Ship Captains, Rapid Refill and Stationery Shop Managers, Learning Ambassadors, Librarians, Eco Warriors and School Council Representatives who have all done a brilliant job in demonstrating their commitment to their roles and carrying out all their duties. We have had many young fundraisers sharing successes, pupils learning new instruments and many children experiencing sporting successes and developing new skills.

We look forward to sharing many more celebrations at the end of the term.

Next half term is always incredibly busy for everyone, in the lead up to Christmas, so please see attached the calendar overview which I hope you will find useful.

Winter Uniform

Please note, pupils should be wearing winter uniform after half term. Please ensure your child has a coat in school and that all items are labelled so that we can return anything lost to it's owner!

For your reference, the uniform policy states the following:

Winter

- School sweatshirt or school cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue skirt, navy blue pinafore dress with **navy blue tights or white knee length socks** or dark grey trousers with dark grey or black socks
- Black shoes (no boots)

PE Kit

Children are expected to have their PE kit in school at all times. PE kit consists of:

- P.E. Ship T-shirt.
- Navy P.E. shorts (not cycling shorts or skorts).
- Plimsolls or trainers and sports socks
- In winter, pupils must have a warm plain navy or black tracksuit to wear for outdoor P.E. lessons

Clubs for Autumn 2

Clubs are available to book via Parentpay for Autumn 2. They start on Tuesday 4th November.



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FOMISA Fireworks – Tuesday 4th November

We are very pleased to invite you to our annual fireworks event, at school, on Tuesday 4th November. Gates open at 5.30pm, tickets can be purchased in advance, via Parentpay Adults £6 Children £4, or on the gate for Adults £7 Children £6.

Entry for fireworks will be via the gate opposite St Helena Hospice. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you, in advance, for supporting the school's fundraising efforts.



School Council Pumpkin Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the Pumpkin Carving Competition. We had some terrific entries and I sincerely hope that you had lots of fun getting messy! School Council would like to say a huge thank you to Mersea Farm Shop for supporting our event and for their donation of prizes. We had 74 entries which is far more than we expected! The winners are...

Nursery and Reception

1st – Owen S 2nd – Alfie B 3rd Autumn



Year 1 and Year 2

1st Rosie B 2nd Harrison K, 3rd Arthur B and Rio W-B





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Year 3 and 4

1st Isabelle S, 2nd Elvie G, 3rd Oakley W-B



Year 5 and Year 6

1st Polly T, 2nd Beau B, 3rd Woody G



Poppy Project

As from Tuesday 4th November we will be selling poppies for £2.50, via Parentpay, which will be planted in the ground to help us create a sea of poppies up to and on the Broadhurst building.

Each poppy will have a tag where a name/names can be added. This may be in remembrance of someone you know.

Poppies will be in place until after 11th November and then they will be ready for you to collect to take home.

We will be supporting the British Legion with profits.

Playtime snacks, juice and lunch menus

After half term we will no longer be selling juice cartons at playtimes and instead will be encouraging all pupils to drink from their water bottles or the water fountains at playtimes. On a Friday there will be milkshakes on offer, with 'free from' options available. Snacks will continue to be available as usual.

New menus will be in place after half term and will be available to view on the website in due course, please see the new Week 1 menu attached.

Thank you for working with us and for all your continued support over the first half term.

Wishing you a relaxing half term – please note the children return on Tuesday 4th November as we have a training day on Monday 3rd.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Jude is the nursery pop star superstar this week! Jude is being celebrated for his rhythmical drum playing and also his kindness in teaching others and leading the nursery band. Well done Jude - boom boom!
Rec 1	In Reception 1 can we celebrate Oscar C for all his hardwork with letter formation and his general positive attitude he has to everything and everyone. Well done Oscar.
Rec 2	Betty N in Reception 2 for always having a try at everything set up in the classroom. This week she has produced some lovely independent writing.
1M	Bobby W for trying really hard sounding out words, using the graphemes he knows and putting this skill into practice with his excellent sentence writing about Autumn. Well done Bobby, keep up the hard work!
1E	Kian M is always so hardworking and has had a brilliant week. He really wowed us with his writing about Autumn and he just wanted to keep writing more and more! He was very careful with all his checks and created some super sentences. Really well done Kian!
2E	Flo K for her super efforts in our class assembly, learning the songs and actions and encouraging others to do them with her. We would also like to celebrate her for her reading as she is a pleasure to listen to and discuss books with. Well done Flo, a great half term.
2B	2B star of the week is Helena for her excellent reading in our class assembly. Helena worked hard to write a super story and read it out beautifully to the audience. Well done Helena.
3D	We would like to celebrate Ryker B for his enthusiasm throughout our topic on volcanoes this half term. He has demonstrated lots of knowledge investigated both in school and at home. He has brought in books and cards to his learning and that of his peers.
3T	Alexandra W has been really inspired by our recent topic about volcanoes and earthquakes and has produced some fantastic extra work at home including doing her own research and illustrations to explain how volcanoes work. Great work Alex!
4W	Lily-Rose G for working so hard this week and showing independence and organisation with her work and homework. She also showed great kindness to a friend during the Year 4 play. Well done, Lily-Rose!
4R	Jake H is our star of the week. He tries hard all the time and has wonderful manners. He also has been working hard on his writing to produce a lovely piece. He even had the courage to perform it in our school play.
5E	5E would love to celebrate Dylan W for showing incredible resilience in maths this week when working on graphs, Dylan could confidently identify the information on a graph and could draw his own version of a line graph accurately! An excellent end to half term Dylan, well done.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Angelique E-R for her fantastic progress this half term. Her dedication to her work has been noticed by all of us – very well done, Angelique, we are incredibly proud of you.
6H	Amelia-Rose S for the incredible effort she put into our Times Tables Rock Stars tournament this half term. She scored a whopping 10,860 points for 6H and helped lead us to victory! She was the highest scoring player in all of years 5 and 6. Well done, Amelia!
6Y	Nate A for fantastic work on his Japan leaflet in English, showing great attention to detail.
From Miss Meanley	My maths star of the week is Alice H. Always in every session Alice has great questions to ask, she explores every avenue and keeps me on my toes with the questions she asks. Keep doing what you are doing Alice.