



Newsletter – Friday 12th September



This week, the children have really settled back in to their learning. Ship Captains did a brilliant job at introducing themselves to their Shipmates on Thursday, School Council and Eco Warriors have all met and it has been lovely to see so many children attending clubs after school.

Swimming restarted today for Years 5 & 6 with lessons planned for Year 4 to start in Week 4.

Our Wraparound provision is up and running with places available.



It is very encouraging to see many pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school. Please can you ensure, if your child is riding a bike to school, that they are wearing a helmet.

Yesterday we received a call from a very worried resident, concerned about where children are choosing to cross and the number of cars which are causing obstructions when children are crossing. We will be reminding the children about road safety but if you can also do the same to reinforce the message, that would be great. If you are driving to school, please park responsibly and not on yellow lines, zig zags or across driveways. Thank you for your support.

Secondary School Admissions 2026-2027

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12 September 2025 and 31 October 2025.

Before you apply

You should:

- check you live in the [Essex administrative area](#)
- read the [secondary school admissions booklet](#)

You may also want to check [the priority admission catchment area schools](#).

You can also watch our video on applying for a secondary school place.

[Secondary school admissions](#)

Apply

[Apply online](#) for your child's secondary school place starting September 2026.

Online applications can be made up to and including the closing date of 31 October 2025.

Please ensure that your online application, including any changes made, is submitted by 31 October 2025.

All applications received after 31 October 2025 will be treated as late and will only be processed after all on-time applications.

You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late.

Curriculum Fair – Wednesday 24th September

This event is an opportunity for all parents to come and learn more about the curriculum, see some of the resources we use to delivery learning, meet subject leaders and ask any questions you may have which will help you support your child with their learning.

Please email the school office by Friday 19th September to let them know you will be attending this event – office@merseaschool.org



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Community fundraising initiative

As with all schools and public services more generally, we are having to tighten our purse strings at the moment, and this has prompted us to look at how as a school we can generate income for the benefit of all our children, ensuring we are able to enrich their educational experience as much as we possibly can.

We will shortly be starting a community fundraising initiative, starting with local businesses and an article will appear soon in the local press. As parents and guardians, you are a valued part of our school community and we wanted to let you know about this approach from the school directly. If you do have any questions about this, do please contact the Senior Leadership Team in the usual way. Perhaps you own a business and would like to be involved, if so we would love to hear from you! Should you be in a position to donate to the school, we would greatly appreciate any contribution that can be made via FOMISA <https://www.merseyschool.org/fomisa-2/> The next phase of our initiative will involve providing information to parents and guardians about the ways you can support the school and this will be covered in a further newsletter update in due course.

As always, we thank you for your continued support for our school and ethos.



Please can you ensure all your child's belongings are named. We have un-named lost property already and feel for those children and parents whose belongings have already been 'lost'.

Wraparound with EPC

There are places available at Wraparound with EPC. They offer before and after school care, in our setting, providing lots of different activities for the children, not just sports! The feedback from parents and children who attend is very positive. Please contact the school office for more details.

Chess Club

A big thank you to all the children who came to chess club on Monday after school. Everyone was very kind and caring, teaching each other different moves, explaining their strategies and winning and losing graciously. A special well done to Roy for returning his chess quiz the next day and getting all the answers correct! Thank you to Mr Moore for his generosity in purchasing the chess sets for our club. So kind.

Market Gardening club

At this after school club the children will receive hands-on experience from seed to table. We would be very grateful for donations of any unwanted seeds, ideally vegetables, but not limited to. Please can any donations be handed into the office. There are still places available.

Rapid Refills Shop

Rapid Refill Shop is open every Wednesday from 8.30 – 8.45 and 3.15 – 3.30pm in the Reef beach hut. Come and have a look to see all the eco-friendly products which are on offer. Remember to bring your Containers and if you have any spares, the children who run the shop would be most appreciative of them. At the moment, it operates on a cash only basis.



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Wow! We are so excited to be back and busier than ever. The nursery teachers are so proud of Alfie for being an excellent role model to the younger children. Alfie has remembered all of our rules and routines and is always there to help the other children. We are so pleased to have Alfie in our nursery.
Rec 1	Atis W has had an amazing first week at our school. Atis has very quickly become part of our school and has a great attitude that has seen him enjoy everything he does. Well done Atis.
Rec 2	Lily C for showing such kindness towards her peers and being a very helpful member of the class.
1E	Hugo FT has had a fantastic first week in Year 1. He has worked really hard, shared his ideas and shown himself to be a really thoughtful and kind member of our class already! Very well done Hugo, what a great start to the year.
1M	George B for his excellent readiness to learn since coming back to school. George has listened very carefully during carpet time and has shown a strong eagerness to learn. You are a great role model to your friends! Well done George.
2B	2B star of the week is Leo for modelling excellent classroom behaviour. He has shown kindness when working with other children, used super manners and has been a great role model to the class when listening and participating in lessons.
2E	We would like to celebrate Marnie Duffy for her excellent attitude to learning and behaviour in school. She is an excellent role model to all those around her, well done Marnie.
3D	Sienna P for always having such a fantastic attitude to her learning. She comes into school with a beaming smile on her face and settles down to her work really quickly and sensibly. She always applies 100% effort in every subject and asks appropriate questions to secure her understanding. A great start to year 3!
3T	Evie M-D for always being a 'ray of sunshine' in the classroom. Evie radiates positivity and resilience in everything she does and has made a fantastic start to her learning in Year 3. Well done Evie!
4R	The star of the week in 4R is Raiden B who has shown an exceptional 'have a go' attitude in maths, leading to some brilliant work.
4W	Sebastian B for settling in so well, making new friends and learning how to do things at Mersea Island School. He has already had so many green cards! Well done, Sebastian, we are very pleased to have you!
5E	5E would love to celebrate Tommy W for being a general superstar this week, he has had a wonderful attitude from the moment he walked in to Year 5, he is producing excellent work in all subjects, offering support to peers and giving some superb explanations in class discussions. Well done Tommy, keep up this terrific start.
5/6W	Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Maahi A for his wonderful learning attitude. He has particularly impressed Mrs Wyatt with his recall of grammatical terms, as well as his artwork. Well done, Maahi — keep up the good work!
6H	Belle for being an excellent role model this week. In every lesson, she has been quiet, focussed and ready to learn. She has got on with her work without any fuss and has made a real effort to do her best. Well done, Belle!
6Y	Joey P who has been amazing this week. He has been helpful and kind to his classmates and has worked hard on improving his handwriting.