



# Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026



## CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 95.39%

Well done to class 2B for achieving the highest attendance this week.



Please note, sports day is on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – everyone is welcome. In response to parent feedback from last year, please see attached the running order for the day so that you can see what will be happening when. Entrance will be via the main pedestrian gate, opposite St Helena's Shop. Please note a couple of housekeeping points: we cannot allow alcohol, vaping or smoking on site and mobile phones should only be used to take pictures of your own children please and not posted on social media. Please be aware that pupils will not be able to come and sit with you during race/activity times or cross the track to get drinks. There will be refreshments available at the FOMISA tent.

We sincerely hope that you are able to join us for the picnic lunch.

We look forward to seeing you – feel free to support your child's (and possibly your family's Ship) through wearing team colours!



Grenville – Yellow  
Beatty – Blue  
Drake – Red  
Nelson - Green



### Year 5 Viking Day and Kayaking

Year 5 have been extremely busy this week with our Viking topic launch, we made Viking shields and learnt about the history of the Vikings including how they invaded Britain. On Tuesday, we went to Mersea Island Watersports for our first kayaking session, unfortunately we were not able to go onto the water because of the weather but we had a great session learning about water safety and how to put on our life jackets correctly! We are very excited to go out on the water next week!

### Plant Sale

On Wednesday we will be selling some more plants by the main gate opposite St Helena. At the moment there will be tomatoes and peppers, please note this is cash only.

### Green house Plea

Following the recent plant sale success, we would love to expand and have a second green house and wonder if anyone knows of one that is free, and/or is able to offer help transporting it or laying a base for it. If you can help with anything, please let the office know.

### School Council Fundraising



The children are raising money for more speakers in order to have music far and wide across the school. They will be selling ice lollies, for 50p, on the playground after school every Friday.



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## Stars of the Week



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| <b>Nursery</b> | Eira is being celebrated in nursery this week as she always models our school rules. She is an extremely kind friend, she is careful and safe in our nursery and she cares for everyone and our nursery toys. Eira has beautiful manners and uses these with everyone in our nursery and school.                         |
| <b>Rec 1</b>   | We are celebrating Kitson for always trying his absolute best in every PE lesson. He has been putting in his very best efforts during our practice for Sports Day.                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Rec 2</b>   | This week in R2, we would like to celebrate Georgie SS, due to her consistent positive nature in our PE sessions. Georgie demonstrates fantastic sportsmanship, and we cannot wait for you to show this off next week at Sports Day.                                                                                     |
| <b>1M</b>      | Madden P for always making good choices and working really hard. Madden made an excellent design of the United Kingdom flag in geography this week, including the Welsh flag as part of it. Well done!                                                                                                                   |
| <b>1E</b>      | What a super week for Sofia L! She has worked so hard, kept up her focus in all her learning, joined in lots with class discussions and been so kind and helpful to those around her. Really well done Sofia, keep it up!                                                                                                |
| <b>2E</b>      | Millie P for her excellent attitude to learning and focus in class. She is a super role model to the other children and is always ready to learn. Great work Millie!                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2B</b>      | 2B Star of the Week is Blubelle for her fantastic attitude to learning. Blubelle approaches all of her learning with a smile on her face and is always motivated to complete lots of independent work. Well done Blubelle.                                                                                               |
| <b>3D</b>      | I would like to celebrate Ryker B for excellent understanding in maths and being able to apply this understanding by writing his own word problems involving multiplication and division. As well as this, Ryker always gives 100% effort in every subject and extends his learning further wherever possible.           |
| <b>3T</b>      | Nai-Nai H for excellent, descriptive sentences in English, sharing lots of great ideas and encouraging others. Nai-Nai also achieved 100% in her pre-unit quiz in Maths! Well done Nai-Nai!                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4W</b>      | Theo J for his amazing general knowledge, especially about science and geography, that he shares with the class to enhance our learning. Keep sharing your knowledge, Theo!                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4R</b>      | My star of the week is Sienna! She has worked really hard to learn all of her times tables and the Year 4 team are exceptionally proud of her.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>5E</b>      | 5E would love to celebrate Logie A-P for showing an excellent attitude this week linked to our learning on 'The Last Viking'. He has been enthralled by our learning and has displayed a real interest in Viking life. Well done Logie!                                                                                  |
| <b>5/6W</b>    | Mrs Wyatt would like to celebrate Lukie R for his huge progress in writing, particularly in his use of vocabulary and punctuation. Well done, Lukie—keep up the good work!                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>6H</b>      | This week I would like to celebrate Laiton B. Our show rehearsals are in full swing and Laiton has been trying incredibly hard to deliver his lines with a bit of <i>oomph</i> ! He is really helping bring his scenes to life. As well as that, he has continued to work hard in all of our lessons. Well done, Laiton! |
| <b>6Y</b>      | We are celebrating Jacob C this week for totally embracing the character of Hades in our rehearsals for our show. Great characterisation - well done.                                                                                                                                                                    |

### School books

If you have any school books at home, we would love them to be returned to school please.  
We know you haven't kept anything on purpose so no questions asked!



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## Information SESSION

### Information Evening for parents of current Year 4 and 5 pupils

There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June to explain the plan for September for pupils in the current Year 4 and 5, from 6 – 7pm in the Main Hall. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

### School Uniform

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including shoes for the remainder of the summer term. Nail varnish, bright hair colours and make up are not appropriate for school. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Next week...a quick reminder!

**Monday** is Thurstable transition meetings with parents taking place here in school. If you have a child who is currently in Year 6 and transferring to Thurstable in September, you should be aware of your timing. Any issues, please ring Thurstable as this is being organised by them.

**Tuesday** – Great Science Share for pupils who have been invited to attend.  
Nexus Partnership Sports Event for pupils who have been invited to represent the school.  
Year 5 kayaking – please collect pupils at 3.30pm from Mersea Island Watersports

**Wednesday** – Year 1 Boat Day  
Year 6 History Off The Page – Greek Day – dress up!  
Year 3 Beach Visit – Roman Roads

**Thursday** – Sports Day (see attached schedule of the day)  
Information Evening for parents of current Year 4 and 5 pupils 6 – 7pm in Main Hall

**Friday** – Year 5 & 6 football match v's St Lawrence – here at Mersea Island School 3.30 – 4.30pm

### Children, Phones & Online Safety



### Does your child have a mobile phone?

If your child has a mobile phone, please can I urge you to ensure you are checking their online activity, including what they are receiving, browsing and sending. Please check their photos and any chat groups they are in for inappropriate conversations, images or content.

Sadly, it has come to our attention this week that some children have seen things which are totally inappropriate. Whilst I appreciate this has happened beyond the school gates, we all have a duty of care to protect our children and to keep them safe and it is only by working together that we can do our very best to achieve this.