



Newsletter – 18th July 2025



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	95%
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Well done to class 6Y for achieving the highest attendance this week.



As we come to the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate all that we have achieved together. Our Nursery pupils have made amazing progress and are now settled, happy and thriving. Reception children have had a very successful start to their school journey, completing their first year, showing such enthusiasm and curiosity for learning. Every pupil has had a busy year with learning being enhanced with trips, visits, performances and a wealth of wider learning opportunities which we hope has made our school a really enjoyable place for them to be. We have a significant number of children learning to play an instrument, have had many successes in sporting events and also are able to celebrate many social and academic achievements. Every year, July brings a mix of emotions, saying farewell to our Year 6 pupils is always hard as they have been an integral part of our school community for the longest time. Knowing they are well prepared and ready to embark on the next exciting chapter of their journey at secondary school brings reassurance and excitement for the possibilities which lay ahead for them. As a school staff team, we would like to wish every single one of them, all the very best for the future and look forward to hearing of their continued successes.

I am immensely proud of every child and incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff, governors, FOMISA team and community for all their care, kindness and contributions in making Mersea Island School all that it is. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you, as parents, for all your continued support, understanding and collaborative working; it really is appreciated.

I wish you all a relaxing and joyful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday September 2nd, ready for another fantastic year ahead!



A huge well done to all pupils who were nominated to receive Awards last night. This is a very special achievement and one which I hope they can feel very proud of themselves for.

School Uniform Collection

If you have ordered items of uniform via Parentpay, please note, you can collect at any of the following times:

Monday 21st – Thursday 24th July between 10am and 12pm

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th August between 10am and 12pm.

Any queries please contact the school office.

Please note pupils may still wear summer uniform until October half term.

I am attaching our school uniform policy for your reference.



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Parentpay

Please can we ask that any outstanding balances are paid in full by the end of Tuesday 22nd July.

Photos

School class photos were sent home Wednesday.

Thank you to Mrs Enever for organising this.

Afterschool Clubs

Please see attached an overview of Clubs for Aut 1, these are also available to view on the website, over the summer holidays, and you will be able to book from Monday 1st September from 5pm. They will all start the first full week back (from Monday 8th Sept). These are separate to WAC provision.

Last Call for Nursery places for September

If you would like a Nursery place for your child in September, please ensure you let the school office know asap. Please email: office@merseaschool.org

Collection of Medication

Please ensure you have collected all medication from the school office. If you know your child will need medication for the new term, please ask for a new form, when you collect your medication, and return this, along with medication, on the first day of term in September.

We ask for all medication to be cleared as dates must be checked and all medical information updated annually. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note any medication not collected by Friday 18th at 3.30pm will be disposed of.

Bikeability

We are fortunate enough to have secured Bikeability training for both Years 5 and 6 in the October half term. If you are interested, please return the consent form that was emailed to you last week.

Roles of Responsibility

In September our current Year 5's will have the opportunity to take on a role of responsibility. The roles available are: Head Pupils, Ship Captain, First Lieutenant, and Learning Ambassador. Next week, we have arranged times for the Year 5 children to talk to some of our Year 6 pupils in order to gain further understanding about the roles, and ask any questions that they feel would help them to decide whether to apply for the posts. Please talk to your child at home and, should they wish to apply, we welcome letters from them outlining why they would like the role and feel that they would be the best candidate for it.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 3rd September.

Micro Scooters

A couple of years ago our School Council fundraised for balance bikes for our Nursery children and, with the support of FOMISA and Micro Scooters, bought 8 bikes and helmets. Our children have become very skilled and we found ourselves needing something else. Micro Scooters have been incredibly generous and kind and last week two of our School Council Representatives visited their Mersea office to pick up 8 Mini Micros and 8 helmets. We love them and the best bit is they are made using discarded fishing nets – its like they were made just for Mersea Island School.

Thank you so much!



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Vegetable Growing Competition

Yesterday was our Vegetable Competition. Well done to those children who entered and a particular well done to our three winners. We hope you enjoy growing your pumpkins and your voucher to spend at Mersea Farm Shop.

The most oddly shaped

Winners - Reception classes

Runner Up - Joseph L Year 2

The most interesting

Winner - Arthur W Year 1

Runner Up - Olivia P Year 5

The biggest/longest

Winner - Grace W Year 5

Runner Up - Chloe O Year 6





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Finishing the year with yet another super fundraiser

A while ago Theo told his mum he wanted to set up a stall selling things he had baked to raise money for people with autism. Saturday was spent baking cookies and making fudge and candy floss, then on Sunday Theo set up a stall to sell the things which had been made. He managed to sell everything and raised £31.50 which has been donated to Autism Anglia. Well done Theo.



Arrangements for first day back in September

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September and want to just make you aware of what the plan is for the first day. Reception pupils will enter via the Nursery gate and will be greeted by their staff. For all other year groups, teachers will be waiting on the playground, lined up from Yr 1 – 6 ready to welcome their new classes into school. The calendar dates for Autumn 1 will be sent out prior to the start of term and they will also be found on the calendar. Please note, there may be the occasional addition to the dates included. We will, of course, let you know if this is the case.

Please do check your child has all their belongings with them today and remember to label all items ready for September.

Wishing you all a very happy Summer Holiday