



Newsletter – 25th April 2025



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 98.21%

Well done to classes Reception2, 3E, 4B & 5T for achieving the highest attendance this week.



A very warm welcome back to the start of the summer term. I sincerely hope you all had a well deserved rest and time to relax over the Easter break. Dates for the rest of the academic year can be found on the school calendar, on the website. The calendar overview for summer 1 is also attached. Arrangements for our celebrations of the 80th anniversary of VE Day are outlined below. We look forward to the term ahead.



Thursday 8th May 2025

As a school, we are looking forward to celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Please see below our plan and the attached posters:

For the children in school time:

- All pupils are invited to wear red, white or blue
- Fish/Sausage and Chips, street party style lunch (dietary alternatives will be catered for) – halls will be set up in street party style rows and decorated with flags & bunting.
- All classes will have a special theme day to learn about what we are celebrating and why. There will be lots of exciting themed activities planned.
- Each class will have a stall on the playground in the afternoon, on the theme of red, white and blue or old-fashioned games. The children are invited to bring in money, stalls will all be 10p a go.
- Everyone in the hall to sing 'We'll Meet Again' – children are welcome to bring in flags.

For parents/grandparents/family members – 3.15pm – 4.15pm in the Main Hall.

- Come and join us for Afternoon Tea – you can book in advance via Parentpay at a cost of £1.50 per person for a slice of cake and a cup of tea/coffee/squash. You can also book for your child/ren at the same time at a cost of £1 per child. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Lighting of the Beacon – 5 – 9.30pm at the Victoria Esplanade Car Park

This is a Mersea Island community event. A group of 12 pupils will be delivering a reading.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Amelia K for being a really good friend and being so helpful to a new member of the class.
Rec 1	Arlo A-H has shown great resilience in every area and has been trying his best, even with a broken leg. He has not let anything stop him joining in and trying his best with a big smile on his face.
Rec 2	Harrison K for making such good choices this week and settling back in to school so well.
1M	Louisa-Mae B for being a great learning partner in computing this week and helping her peers to type their name on the keyboard, using the caps lock and space button. Well done!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Amelia K for her brilliant maths learning this week. Amelia solved addition equations independently and challenged herself to use known facts to write both addition and subtraction equations. Well done Amelia!
2E	Reg for his super focus this week and particularly his work on place value in maths. He has demonstrated a great understanding of numbers up to 1000 and has been partitioning them into different parts. Keep it up Reg.
2S	Ethan S for amazing sharing of ideas in his writing and super use of vocabulary.
3D	Lily-Rose G for trying hard to be independent in all of her work. She has written lots of ideas independently across all subjects and came up with fantastic designs for her Roman shield and mosaic. A great start to the new term Lily-Rose!
3E	It has been a great start to the term for Matilda C. As well as being her usual helpful and super organised self, Matilda has worked particularly hard planning her poem based on The Magic Box and in history, collecting lots of information about the Romans, their way of life and the changes they brought to Britain. Really well done Matilda and keep it up!
4W	Beau R for always having a smile when he comes into school, showing a determined attitude to improving his spellings and always being enthusiastic and keen to answer questions in maths. Well done, Beau!
4B	Jayden W for showing super skills when working in a team, with Darren from Ignition Arts.
5F	5F would love to celebrate Sealey S for showing increased effort in Reading and English. A great start to the Summer term Sealey, well done!
5T	Lucas W for showing excellent resilience with reflections in Maths.
5W	Kaitlyn F for being very attentive and contributing a lot more in lessons, it has been a pleasure to hear all her ideas. Well done Kaitlyn!
6H	Ollie for his fantastic attitude. He has been putting a lot of effort into all areas of his learning which has been great to see especially in the run up to SATs. Well done for an excellent start to the term!
6Y	Matthew P this week for a focused, determined start to the term and for beautiful solo singing during assembly.



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11+ Selection Test – 2026 entry (current Year 5 pupils)

If you would like your child to be entered for the 11+, please be aware you need to complete the registration forms online. Registration for the 11+ examination is open from 13th May until 27th June on the CSSE website <https://csse.org.uk/>.

You can also purchase past papers, if you wish, and find lots of information about the process and the examination date.



Warmer weather coming...

Next week is forecast to be much warmer, with temperatures possibly reaching the high twenties. With this in mind, please can you ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and that any suncream is applied, prior to them coming in to school.



Uniform Policy

All pupils are invited to wear summer uniform – please see below extract from our policy. This has recently been reviewed by the Governing Board and I can confirm, there are no changes. If you are in need of any items, please do remember, the Uniform Hut is open on a Monday before school, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during pick up time. Items are all in excellent condition and are available to you for a small donation (whatever you can afford).

If you can check all of your child's belongings are clearly named, we can reduce the cost of replacing lost items by being able to return things to their rightful owners!

Thank you for your help with this.

Summer Uniform

- Blue checked summer dress or jumpsuit (**shorts should be of a modest length**) with white ankle socks (not trainer socks)
- School sweatshirt or school cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Dark grey knee length shorts with white or grey ankle socks (**not trainer/sports socks**)
- Black shoes (no sandals)