



Newsletter – 31st January 2025



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 84.5%

Well done to class 6Y for achieving the highest attendance this week.

THANK YOU!

so much



The return of the sound of the school bell ringing again has put a smile on many, many faces this week. I cannot thank the following people enough for their kindness, generosity and support for our school: Rowland Hill for the supply of paint and materials and spearheading the repair idea, Chris Evans and Finley Quested from Strood Scaffolding and Construction, Paul Manley from Ford and Vauxhall Centre for Welding, Jack Woodley for painting and decorating and Jamie Chatterton for organising and bringing everything together. It is a timely reminder of just how many genuinely good, kind people there are in our community.

Thank you all so much.

Nursery places for September 2025

We are pleased to be able to take applications for nursery places for September 2025. If you would like details, please contact the school office via office@merseaschool.org or pop in and speak to a member of staff.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week

We will be starting the week with an assembly with a range of different activities taking place across the week, encouraging all pupils to think about how they can best look after their own mental health and introducing them to some of the strategies which help them to feel calm, confident and able to cope when they are finding something or a situation tricky.

Did you know..?

We currently have 20 pupils who are undergoing accredited training to become Pupil Mental Health Champions. They will use their training to share strategies with other pupils in the school.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Elsa in Nursery is a maths superstar! This week she has been talking with her friends about 'empty' and 'full' and has been using her counting when exploring the water tray and singing songs and rhymes.
Rec 1	Arlo A-H. This week we have been finding out about Lunar New Year and have followed instructions to make a special lantern to help decorate our classroom ready for the celebrations.
Rec 2	Archie B is our star of the week! He is a great role model for his classmates and a very kind friend too! He is ALWAYS doing the right thing! We are so proud of you :O)
1M	Archie B for trying so hard in his Maths and English, particularly with his writing.
1P	1P would like to celebrate Blubelle R for her kindness. Blubelle is an excellent role model for our school CARE ethos and is always eager to help all of her peers. Her willingness to help others is always appreciated and she often puts a smile on everyone's face.
2E	Holly M for working really hard to improve her handwriting and presentation all week. She wrote some lovely sentences, practising for her non-chronological report on The Great Fire of London.
2S	2S star of the week is Thea A-H for her excellent work on fractions this week in maths. Thea has shown determination and independence to learn all about halves, quarters and thirds.
3D	Kaitlyn C for her effort in all subjects this week. She has been really focused and taken on board all of the information she has been told and tried really hard to incorporate it into her work. She has also been participating lots in class discussions and trying really hard with her times tables. Great job Kaitlyn.
3E	Lottie M has wowed us all again with her language choices, this time for her Stone Age story! She has thought so carefully about how to use descriptive phrases and how to build up each paragraph so that the reader really feels part of the story. Lottie is also always someone that can be relied on in class to be sensible, responsible and is very thoughtful. Really well-done Lottie.
4W	Jessica H for showing great determination to improve her handwriting and the presentation of her work, and also for her constant cheerfulness and positivity!
4B	Morgan L-H for continually trying her very best with all aspects of her learning.
5F	5F would love to celebrate William H this week for really taking time and effort with his presentation this week across all of the subjects. Well done William!
5T	Callie W for excellent drawing and measuring of angles in mathematics this week.
5W	Grace W for being a fantastic maths buddy; her explanations and wonderful teaching skills were really impressive- very well-done Grace.
6H	Riley H for his participation in our 6H assembly this week. He had written some thoughtful lines to say and delivered them with real gusto! It certainly brought some of his personality into the assembly which made everyone smile. Well done, Riley.
6Y	We would like to celebrate Fearne W this week for a fantastic piece of writing in English. She totally pushed herself with her word choices and phrases.

Would your child like to learn the violin?

We are very pleased to have secured a violin teacher and have a number of violins, in school, which we are happy to loan to anyone who has a child interested in learning to play the violin.

Please leave your details with the school office if you are interested and we will pass them onto Mrs Wakeling (Violin teacher) who will get in touch to discuss timings and costs.



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Arlo (Rec1) showing off his special lantern.



Congratulations!

Matilda C was awarded the Eastern Counties Under 8 Grass Track Cycling Omnium Winner. Her win also contributed to an overall win for the Rovers Cycling Club. Superb work Matilda. Very well done.



Mr Hall would like to say how brilliantly the team played. Everyone showed fantastic Sportsmanship throughout and made our school proud. We finished top of our group and went into the final which came down to penalties. The end result was we finished in second place but it was an incredibly close game. Well done team!



Clubs for spring 2

You will be able to sign up for after school clubs from 5pm on Thursday 6th February. Please see attached information.