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CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	94.77%
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Well done to class 5T for achieving the highest attendance this week.	
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End of Term

It has been a busy term as always with lots of hard work and a great deal of fun. Something which has been particularly nice has been welcoming so many parents into school for open classrooms, class assemblies, parents evening, Christmas shows and to the church for both the Harvest Festival and Celebration of Christmas yesterday.

I would like to thank you all for continuing to work in partnership with us and for the kindness you have shown in supporting your children with dress up days, travel to events, homework...the list goes on and on!

Thank you, it is appreciated.

Christmas Tree Festival

Congratulations to Reception who won the Christmas Tree Festival.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you so much for all your kind donations.

The hampers have been delivered to the food bank in Colchester.



Year Five's trip to the pantomime

Y5 had a brilliant time watching 'Peter Pan' at the Mercury Theatre on Wednesday and gained lots of inspiration for our pantomime in the Spring. Lots of laughs were had by all and we were all impressed by the set and the special effects too!

Reception Class Intake September 2025

A reminder to you or anyone you know of who has a child due to start school in September 2025. Please ensure you have applied for a place for your child. Even if you currently have older children at our school, you must apply for a place for a younger child.

You can do this online, through Essex County Council.

The closing date is Wednesday 15th January.

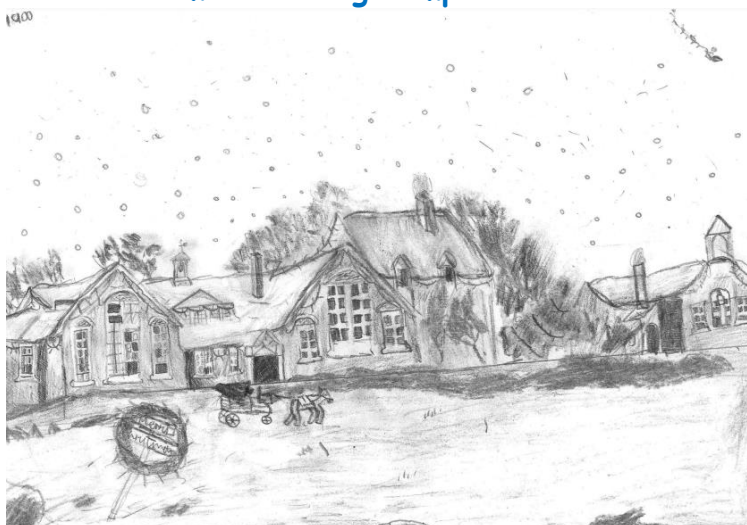
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Christmas drawing competition winners and runners up – Well done to everyone



Tommy N (Yr 6)



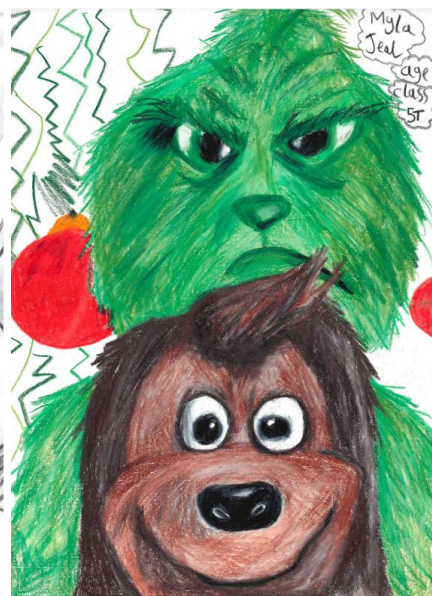
Annie G (Yr 5)



Grace W (Yr 5)



Woody G (Yr 5)



Myla J (Yr 5)



Malin G (Yr 1)



Isla K (Yr 6)



Jacob R (Yr 6)



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Lily S (Yr1)



Leela J (Yr 6)

Morgan W (Rec2) looking rightfully proud of his lovely work.



Alice H (Yr4)

Wishing Mrs Smith a very fond farewell

Very sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Smith (Year Two teacher) today. She has been a huge strength to our team, for fourteen years, and will be hugely missed. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her new ventures.

We will be welcoming Miss Bloomfield (in Year Two) and Mr Elmer (in Year 5) who will be taking over from Miss Fenn.

I am sure everyone will give the new staff a very warm welcome, we look forward to having them on board the team.



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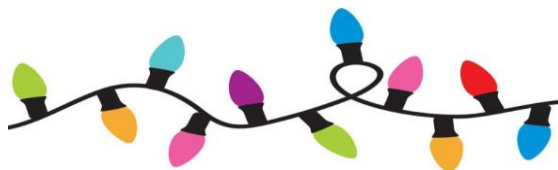


Stars of the Week

Nursery	Maia H for her wonderful, enthusiastic singing this week.
Rec 1	Arlo C has worked really hard this half term on everything and is developing a great attitude towards his learning. Keep up the hard work Arlo.
Rec 2	We are celebrating Morgan W. Morgan is always keen to engage in independent learning and leads his learning in exciting ways. This week he has been very busy in all areas of the classroom.
1M	Arthur W for trying really hard in gymnastics to master a straddle pose using the ropes and for sharing lots of great ideas in science this week. Well done!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Oliver H for his fantastic science knowledge this half term. Oliver has been a superstar at recalling prior learning and sharing it with his peers. He has been using some great key vocabulary such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. Well done Oliver!
2E	Harrison T for his super effort in his reading all term. He has worked hard on both his fluency and his comprehension skills.
2S	Class 2S would like to celebrate Ethan S for his excellent efforts in all his work and his most beautiful joined up handwriting.
3D	Molly D for always following our school values. She is extremely kind and caring. She is such a super friend and is always checking how they are. Molly will sit with people at lunch who have no one to sit with and will always go out of her way to help cheer up her friends who are sad.
3E	Indy T has been such a super star this week. She worked so hard to learn the signs and words for our carol at the Church and performed it beautifully every time! Indy also worked so hard at improving her score in her maths papers when we went through them and showed real determination to master those tricky strategies! Very well done Indy.
4W	George W for beautiful singing in church and also for being a really kind and helpful talk partner.
4B	Alfie P for writing a fabulous fantasy adventure story and a wonderful poem titled 'The Door'.
5F	Harry E-R for his perseverance in his needle work. Even though he really didn't like sewing he kept going and did a good job.
5T	Jacob A for always giving 100% in everything he does. Jacob is a fantastic listener and a wonderful friend to everyone. He has been recognised by a number of adults for being a great role model in school.
5W	Breccan R for his concentration and dedication in DT as well as being really positive, kind and considerate towards his peers and the adults in the class- well done Breccan.
6H	This week the award goes to Andrew W. He has made really good progress this half term and has impressed us with level of focus recently, especially in maths lessons. He himself said to me that he feels he has done really well so far this year and I have to agree. Well done, Andrew!
6Y	We would like to celebrate Isla for her Squash. In the tournament that we have been playing over the last few weeks, she hasn't lost a single game but more importantly, her sportsmanship and technique has been second to none.



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Would you like a Nursery place for your child in January?

We have a few spaces for 3 - 4 year olds
Please contact Mrs Taylor in the school
office via nursery@merseaschool.org for more information.

Calendar Overview for Spring 1

The calendar overview which includes all the key dates for the first half of the spring term is attached. All dates can also be found on the main school calendar, on the website. You will find key dates for the rest of this academic year and can also see our calendar dates for 2025-2026.

Can we help you?

The current economic climate is presenting challenges and is affecting everyone in different ways. If your financial situation has changed you may now be entitled to additional support including free school meals, contributions towards trips and some school uniform provision.

There is guidance for eligibility and the process does not require you to fill in a lot of paperwork or any online forms, this is something we can do for you.

All families from Reception to Year 6 may apply.

If you would like any additional information or would like to apply, please contact Mrs Lee by emailing office@merseaschool.org

After School Clubs for spring 1

All after school clubs for spring 1 can be viewed on the website. There are still some spaces in many of the clubs. If you would like to book, please do so via Parentpay.

Curriculum Overviews for spring 1

You will receive the curriculum overview for your child's year group today, via email from the school office. This gives you an outline of the things your child will be learning about over the course of the next half term. We hope you find these informative.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy 2025.
We look forward to welcoming everyone
back on Monday 6th January.*

