



Newsletter – 13th December 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	96%
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Well done to class 3D for achieving the highest attendance this week.



Christmas Celebration at St Peter and St Paul Church – Thurs 19th Dec

Year 2 & 3: 9.10 – 9.45am

Reception and Year 6: 10.00 – 10.45am

Year 1 & 4: 11.00 – 11.40am

Year 5: 11.50 – 12.15pm

Feel free to come and join us – everyone welcome.

Christmas Dinner Day is on Fri 20th Dec

You can pre-book if you wish, alternatively children can order it on the day. Please note, there will not be a jacket potato or cold lunch option on the day. THIS IS ALSO NON-UNIFORM DAY, children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers or favourite Christmas clothes.

After School Clubs for spring 1

All after school clubs for Spring 1 can be viewed on the website. If there are spaces in your chosen club, you will be able to book a place for your child via Parentpay.

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

WhatsApp

Some of our Year 6 children have been reporting that they are worried about being added to groups which have members on it that they are not friends with and don't have contact details for. As of April 2024, the minimum age for WhatsApp is 13. It has been reported that WhatsApp can pose safety risks for children due to potential exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying and privacy concerns. We therefore strongly recommend you don't allow your child to have it on their phone. Anyone using WhatsApp needs to have the skills to navigate the situations they may be presented with and children of 10 and 11 are simply not equipped. Please check your child's online activity.

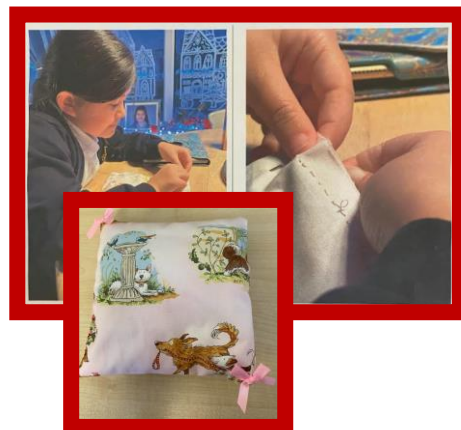


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Snapshots from the week...

Olivia and Harper (Rec) getting ready for their first performance



Polly's (5F) Super stitching

'Whoops a Daisy Angel' cast 2024



4B absorbed in their clay work this week





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Stars of the Week



Nursery	Finley G for really good listening and joining in during carpet time sessions.
Rec 1	Please can I celebrate all of Reception for their amazing performances this week but especially Harper C for being an amazing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. She has been amazing remembering her lines and acting on the stage too.
Rec 2	Star of the week this week is Olivia T. She has listened carefully to her adults and engaged in many new experiences with a smile! She has been communicating her needs with adults and using her words effectively. We are so proud of you!
1M	Albie B for his excellent independent writing this week and super efforts in everything he does. Well done Albie!
1P	1P would like to celebrate Max T for his excellent maths learning. He has enjoyed learning about time this week and has been extremely independent with his learning. Well done Max!
2E	2E would like to celebrate Nick for his application of his knowledge and learning this week. From using his times tables to create secret messages to showing off his writing skills in our unaided writing, he has been a super star.
2S	2S star of the week is Max for his amazing story writing about how Father Christmas got home after being stuck on Roly Poly Mountain without any transport!
3D	Jack B for always challenging himself in his learning and trying to go the extra mile. He always puts 100% effort into his work and it shows in both presentation and content for every subject.
3E	What an incredible week for Roman D. He was the first in the whole year group to achieve his Level 3 times table award and got so close to full marks on both his maths papers. He has shown such determination to improve and has kept on pushing himself to get better and better. All that hard work has paid off Roman! Really well done!
4B	Edward S for always trying his best at everything and presenting his work to a very high standard.
4W	Phoenix I for showing great resilience when reading and also great perseverance and courage in swimming lessons.
5F	Polly T for being inspired by a DT lesson then going home and making a cushion, going above and beyond.
5T	Molly W for a beautifully written 'wishing plot' story about the Vikings.
5W	Kaitlyn F for her fantastic progress in reading comprehension and maths; her learning attitude this week has been exemplary! Well done Kaitlyn.
6H	Kayla is the very deserving winner of this week's star of the week award. She is always helpful, always quick to get on with her work and always tries her best in lessons. This week in particular, we have been doing our end of term assessments which Kayla has approached with a brilliantly positive and determined attitude. Well done, Kayla!
6Y	Letty S for her amazing focus and determination in her Maths work - particularly when doing the fractions work.
Miss Meanley	Charlie W from 6H for having a superb can-do attitude towards his mathematics work, this has had a massive impact on his scores.



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Celebrating Martha's fundraising efforts

At the weekend, Martha raised £75.00 for Redwings Horse Sanctuary by selling jewellery that she had made. She sold the items for £1 each and still has some which she would like to sell. She will be selling her jewellery on Monday, after school, on the playground and would be appreciative of any support for this cause which is close to her heart.



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.

<https://educationportal.essex.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>



Don't forget! Nursery Sing-a-long

All parents are welcome to attend the Nursery class Christmas sing-a-long on Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm in the Main Hall.

Please sign up for your tickets via ParentPay.

Please sign in at the office gate.