



Newsletter – Friday 8th November 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	96.64%
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Well done to class 2E for achieving the highest attendance this week.	
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Welcome back to the start of autumn 2 half term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This is always a very busy time of the year as we lead up to Christmas, so please do check the calendar so that you are aware of dates and events which will be taking place.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the FOMISA fireworks event on Monday, I am sure you will agree they did a brilliant job. Thank you for all your lovely feedback.



Max M's Firework painting (R1)

A special mention to our year 5/6 dodgeball team who performed brilliantly at this week's tournament at Colchester Sports Park. As always, Mersea's sportsmanship was unrivalled. Mr Hall was very proud of the entire team. Well done!



Beach Clean – Everyone welcome to join

Mersea Island Watersports have very kindly organised a beach clean for our Eco-Warriors and anyone else who would like to join them on Saturday 16th November at 10am. Meet at MIW.



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Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024**, for parents to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

Please be aware, the deadline of the 15th January still applies, even if you have another child in the school which your younger child is due to start.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.



The School Council would like any donations of toys for their toy sale. These can be brought into school and handed in to the school office please.

When they have enough for a stall, they will announce the date of the sale.

Year One Phonics Session – Wednesday 13th November at 9am

Year One parents are invited to come and see a phonics session in action next week. Please sign in at the school office gate, after drop off. Please note, we do not have enough space to be able to accommodate buggies in the classroom.

Parents Evening is on Thursday 14th November

All teachers will be based in the Blackwater building, so please enter via the main entrance to the hall.

If for any reason you are unable to attend, please do let your child's class teacher know.



Children In Need – Friday 15th November

Children are invited to come to school wearing their favourite clothes and are invited to bring loose change to make our coin Pudsey on the playground. If you would like to make a donation to Children In Need you can do so, via ParentPay.

All money donated goes directly to Children In Need.



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Nursery are celebrating Betty this week for her excellent listening skills, careful colouring and cutting and above all her kindness to everyone in Nursery.
Rec 1	Max M in Reception 1 is being celebrated this week. Max has produced a lovely firework painting he looked carefully at a picture and then had a go at making his own.
Rec 2	Sofia is our star of the week for her hard work in phonics. She is now able to sound out 2 sounds in a word! Great work.
1M	Marnie D for truly brilliant independent writing and using all of her phonics skills to do it.
1P	Merlin F for his many acts of kindness this week. Merlin has gone above and beyond with helping his peers and the adults in the classroom. He has put many smiles on lots of our faces. Thank you Merlin!
2E	We would like to celebrate Artie D for his really positive start to the new half term. He has worked hard all week in all subjects and shown a positive attitude and interest in his learning. Well done Artie.
2S	2S would like to celebrate Nai-Nai H this week. She has been ploughing all her efforts into her work, trying her very best and exceeding in all areas. Well done Nai-Nai.
3D	JJ D for making a brilliant effort with the presentation of his work leading to improved handwriting and neatness. Keep it up JJ!
3E	Amelia C has had such a great week! In every subject she has really pushed herself to go over and above what has been asked of her and her enthusiasm for learning is wonderful. Really well done Amelia!
4B	Alfie P for always completing and presenting his work, in all subjects, to an extremely high level. Lilia H for fabulous dance work and helping everyone to learn how to jive.
4W	Ava D for amazing work in our dance lessons, reading aloud to the class with excellent expression AND working extremely hard in maths. What a great week, Ava!
5F	Olivia P for making really positive choices and completing extra homework of her own accord – an excellent week Olivia, keep it up!
5T	Nate A for giving absolutely everything a go and having an excellent, positive attitude to his learning.
5W	Maahi A for his superb inference skills and great learning attitude. Both Mr Clarke and Mrs Wyatt have been really impressed with his reading comprehension skills- well done Maahi.
6H	Scott M for putting a lot of effort into developing his grammar and punctuation skills. He has been very successful as a result and it has been lovely seeing him take pride in what he has achieved. Well done, Scott.
6Y	Tommy N has been exceptional in squash this week—totally focused, hitting the ball with much better precision, and listening carefully to the game's rhythm. His concentration and determination were on full display, making for a standout performance. The children in his group have all been singing his praises.



FOMISA Uniform Shop Opening Times:
Monday – before school
Wednesday and Friday – after school



Please see attached information re SEND coffee mornings & Young carers letter