



Newsletter – Friday 20th September 2024



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week:	95.89%
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Well done to classes 3D & 4W for achieving 100% attendance this week.



Just a reminder that it is our annual Harvest Festival on Monday 23rd September at St Peter and St Paul church for years 1 – 6. Pupils are invited to bring a food item for the porch pantry/food bank on the day. Donations should be brought to school, on Monday, and taken to the classroom.

Parents are welcome to attend but please be aware the church does get very busy!

The timings are as follows:

Year 2 and 5 from 1.00 - 1.40pm

Year 1 and 6 from 1.50 - 2.20pm

Year 3 and 4 from 2.30 - 3.00pm

We will walk to the church with the children and parents are asked to meet us there.

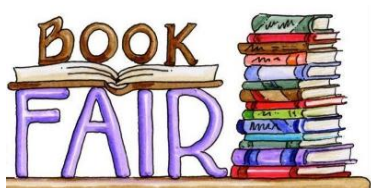
Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 to Year 7 secondary school admissions round for September 2025.

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admissions round opened on Thursday 12th September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place for September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on this website including a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-2026 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Please ensure you have made your application by the closing date!

Please do be aware that you need to consider travel costs if you are applying for any place which is not at the recognised feeder school.



The Book Fair arrives in school next week and will be open in the library, after school at 3.15 – 3.45pm from Friday 27th September to Thursday 3rd October.

After School Clubs

If you have not yet registered your child for any after school clubs, we still have a few places available. You can book through ParentPay.

Nursery Places

If you are interested in a nursery place for your child, please email: office@merseaschool.org with the subject line NURSERY PLACES



For those of you who like to get organised, term dates are available for the next two academic years. Please go to Parents – Term Dates, on the website.



Star of the Week	
Nursery	Poppy-Rae is being celebrated in Nursery this week for her kindness and care towards her friends in Nursery. She has also joined in beautifully with our stories, songs and dancing!
Rec 1	Elodie B as she has looked very carefully at herself and painted a great self-portrait. Elodie confidently found the colours she needed and looked closely at small details including the colour of her hairbands.
Rec 2	Hunter A for excellent physical development skills- great ball throwing, well done.
1M	Austin is always ready to learn, he shows such enthusiasm and contributes lots of great ideas to class conversations. This week Austin worked really hard in his science to label the body parts. Well done Austin!
1P	Jude E for his fantastic home learning this week. Jude made a poster linked to our topic 'Superheroes' all about his real life hero – his grandad. Well done Jude.
2E	We would like to celebrate Joseph L-M for his effort with his reading and graphemes this week. Keep it up Joseph!
2S	2S would like to celebrate Amelia B for her work in maths. She has been using her problem solving in written questions brilliantly and using her prior knowledge to join ideas together.
3D	Peaches H for some super work in maths. She has been focused, used her prior knowledge to help her and shown her working out clearly.
3E	Tadhg D has worked really hard all week. He has kept pushing himself to make his work the best that it can be by adding extra details, asking for the challenges in maths and being really careful about all his checks. Well done!
4B	Sophia M for excellent work in exploring our new science theme 'Electricity' and making a fabulous start to year 4.
4W	Violet S for her lovely, cheerful attitude and enthusiasm towards all her learning.
5F	Eliza P is always smiling and positive, a role model for behaviour in our classroom, and always has a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done, Eliza! Keep it up!
5T	Morgan D for a brilliant start to Year 5 showing kindness to all those around him and completing all his work to the best of his ability.
5W	Grace W for her outstanding contributions in all lessons. Grace has also impressed all of us with her reasoning skills- very well done Grace, what a superstar!
6H	Scott M for his considerable efforts and focus in maths. Well done Scott, keep up the great work.
6Y	Freddie C who has been amazing in English, putting forward relevant thoughts and ideas relating to the extract from our book. He was confident to read in his group and lead them in thought provoking discussion.

Year Group Parent Coffee Mornings

It has been lovely to meet with parents and to listen to feedback and answer any questions. Next week is Year 5 on Friday 27th Sept from 9 – 10am. All parents are welcome, please sign in at the school office.



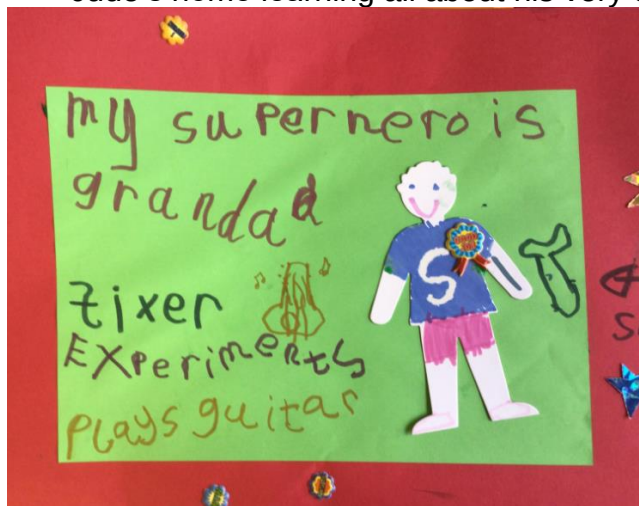
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Sadly, the fruit delivery didn't arrive on Wednesday so the nursery children decided to explore the autumn harvest and collect their own fruit from the school site!



Jude's home learning all about his very own superhero – his grandad (Year 1)



Elodie B's self-portrait (Reception)



Already we are collecting a number of items of lost property. Please can I ask you to ensure your child's belongings are all clearly named so that we can return any misplaced items and avoid you having to pay out for replacements.

PLEASE HELP US RAISE FUNDS

Please remember to sign up to the Asda App – you do not need to shop there, just signing up to the app and nominating our school puts a pound in our account! Please tell your family and friends!

SAFEGUARDING –Is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns, please ask to speak to a safeguarding lead in school. If you are worried about a child outside of school, you can contact the Early Advice Hub on 0345 6037627 or alternatively, if it is an emergency, call 999.

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs T Wright

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders: Miss S Poole, Mrs A Khan, Mrs C Jenkins