



Newsletter – 16th July 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 96.03%

Well done to class Reception1 for achieving the highest attendance this week.



As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate all that we have achieved together as a school community.

Our Nursery children have made wonderful progress and are now settled, happy and thriving. Our Reception pupils have completed their first year at school with great enthusiasm, curiosity and a genuine love of learning, making an excellent start to their educational journey.

Across the school, every child has enjoyed a busy and rewarding year. Classroom learning has been enriched through educational visits, visitors, performances and a wide range of exciting opportunities beyond the curriculum, all of which have helped to make school an engaging and enjoyable place to learn. We are also incredibly proud of the many children who have developed their musical talents by learning an instrument, represented the school in sporting competitions and celebrated a wide range of academic, creative and personal achievements throughout the year.

July always brings mixed emotions as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. Having been such an important part of our school community for many years, they and their parents, will be greatly missed. However, it is also a time of pride as we see them leave as confident, resilient and well-prepared young people, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead at secondary school. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish each and every one of them every success and happiness for the future. We look forward to hearing about all they go on to achieve.

I am immensely proud of every child and deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, governors, the FOMISA team and our wider community for their continued care, commitment and support in making Mersea Island School such a special place. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing encouragement, understanding and partnership throughout the year. Your support plays a vital role in the success of our school, and it is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a happy, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 2nd September, refreshed and ready for another exciting and successful year together.

Mersea's Got Talent

We had a wonderful afternoon being entertained by all of our fab finalists. Well done to all the children who auditioned. The winners were:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Winner – Prue S

2nd Place – Max, Harper, Raine, Elsie, Elodie, Sophia, Ivy

3rd Place – “The Great Huddini” AKA Hudson M

Years 3,4,5 and 6

Winner – Myla J

2nd Place – Lily-Rose G, Isabelle, Millie, Lottie, Kaitlyn, Esther, JJ

3rd Place – Alfie P and Edward S





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Fundraising

Another busy weekend for one of our pupils! Olivia (and her sister) made and sold some Belgian chocolate cookies and raised £50. We really do appreciate the support. We hope we have nearly got enough to be able to order another speaker very soon.

Ordering new uniform

If you would like to order new uniform, please do so on Parentpay. The office is open during the holidays for collection. We have many items in stock so may well be able to do this prior to breaking up so you have one thing less to think about!

Medications

If your child has medications in school, please do remember that you will need to collect these today.

Music lessons

Individual, optional music lessons take place via specialist music tutors within school hours.

We currently offer: Guitar on Mondays, IRock (Group lesson) on Wednesdays, drums on Thursdays along with piano and woodwind lessons on Friday. Please contact the office for more information. If your child is particularly interested in learning to play an instrument, please do let us know. We will do our best to accommodate.

Have you booked your Wraparound care for the autumn term?

If you know you are going to require wraparound provision for your child/ren during the autumn term, please can you contact the school office to book your place/s. This will really help us in having an idea of numbers. If you are a parent who may need to book the odd days here and there, you will still be able to sign up last minute so please do not worry!
Wraparound provision will begin from the first day back.

Please ensure your child has all their belongings, before leaving site to go home today. Please be aware, all lost property is sorted and either recycled or disposed of at the end of the year.

Nursery places for September

Currently we still have spaces for 3 and 4 year olds.
Please contact office@merseaschool.org with the subject line NURSERY PLACES.

End of year reports

You will have received your child's end of year report yesterday, via email. Should you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher. Any feedback should be sent to reports@merseaschool.org please.

Parentpay

Please can we kindly ask that you ensure all monies owed are paid by the close of business tomorrow.

Thank you

A very heartfelt thank you to Mersea Island Educational Tales Trust for funding the kayaking lessons for Year 5 again this year. We are very lucky to be surrounded by such kindness within our community.





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Sebi and Theo's artwork in the Royal Academy

We would like to celebrate Sebi and Theo Gidlow in Year 3 for their fantastic piece of artwork 'Busy City'. Over 25,000 students submitted works of art for consideration to the Royal Academy of the Arts for their Young Artists competition and just under 200 were selected. Sebi and Theo's piece is titled 'Busy City' and was inspired by their frequent visits to London. The artwork will be on display at the Royal Academy of Arts until the 30th of August 2026 and is also available to view online at <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2026>. Well done Sebi and Theo, what an amazing achievement!



Contacts for new class teachers next year

Nursery – Mrs Clarke, Mrs Deeks – Nursery@merseaschool.org

Reception 1 – Mrs Sales - Reception@merseaschool.org

Reception 2 – Mrs Turnbull - Reception@merseaschool.org

1B – Miss Bloomfield – 1b@merseaschool.org

1E – Mrs Edwards and Mrs Elmer – 1e@merseaschool.org

2D – Mrs Deacon – 2d@merseaschool.org

2E – Mrs Elson – 2e@merseaschool.org

3T – Miss Tokley – 3t@merseaschool.org

3S – Mr Strutt – 3s@merseaschool.org

4R – Mrs Richards – 4r@merseaschool.org

4W – Mrs Waites and Miss Prior – 4w@merseaschool.org

5&6E – Mr Elmer – 5and6e@merseaschool.org

5&6H – Mr Hall – 5and6h@merseaschool.org

5&6Y – Mrs Green and Mrs Clegg – 5and6y@merseaschool.org



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Roles of Responsibility

In September our current Year 5's will have the opportunity to take on a role of responsibility. The roles available are: Ship Captain, First Lieutenant, and Learning Ambassador. Should your child wish to apply, we welcome letters from them outlining why they would like the role and feel that they would be the best candidate for it.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 2nd September.

Arrangements for first day back in September

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 2nd September and want to just make you aware of what the plan is for the first day. Reception pupils will enter via the Nursery gate and will be greeted by their staff. For all other year groups, teachers will be waiting on the playground, lined up from Yr 1 – 6 ready to welcome their new classes into school. The calendar dates for Autumn 1 are attached and can also be found on the school calendar. Please note, there may be the occasional addition to the dates included. We will, of course, let you know if this is the case.

Please do remember to label all items ready for September!

Wishing Mrs Wyatt a very happy retirement from teaching, with huge thanks to her considerable dedication, hard work and commitment to our school. She has worked for over 30 years in education which is truly commendable. We are also wishing Miss Moore all the very best as she relocates and continues in her career. We would also like to thank her for all her hard work over the last two years. Sadly we are also bidding a fond farewell to Mrs Bruce, one of our hard working MDAs. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best of luck for the future.

Community opportunities over the summer holidays

Mersea Beach Club 2026



When?
Mon 20th July - Fri 24th July
10am – 12pm

Where?
At the bottom of Empress Ave (CO5 8XB)





What?
A free event for ages 0-16
Areas for craft, games and activities
Tea/coffee for adults

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<https://merseabeach.club/>
contact@merseabeachclub.co.uk
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**Wishing you a very happy and
healthy summer holiday – see you in September!**