



Newsletter – 25th September 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 91.82%

Well done to class 2E for achieving the highest attendance this week.



Pop-up Music Event

On Sunday 27th September the school choir will be performing at the MICA. This is a fundraising event for St Helena Hospice but is free entry for anyone who would like to attend. There will also be performances by other local groups too. If you are interested in attending it is at the MICA from 2 – 4pm.

The children have been very busy practising and would love your support.

School Council

School Council met this week and talked about events for this year. They very quickly, and enthusiastically, agreed to lead our annual pumpkin event. Therefore on Friday 16th October after school we will be selling pumpkins. Then on Friday 23rd October, we will have our Pumpkin Competition. On this morning, children who wish to enter will bring their carved pumpkin to the main hall by 9am. It is 50p to enter and the categories are Nursery and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. This year we are also having a parent/adult category.

Eco Warriors

At last week's Eco meeting, some of our Eco Warriors shared that sometimes there is confusion over the recycling arrangements in our school. Yesterday, Mr Munson joined our meeting and explained about the recycling bins and what goes where. The Eco Warriors have been tasked with talking to their classes about the bins and future plans for recycling. They have also been tasked with making signs for the bins in their classroom, one for mixed recycling and one for general waste. If your child is an Eco Warrior, please support them with this.



Coffee and croissant mornings

For the last four Friday mornings, we have been running coffee and croissant mornings for the parents of children in different year groups. I would like to say a personal thank you to all those of you who have attended. It has been a real highlight of the week, having the opportunity to sit and chat to parents about what is important to them, to listen to their experiences of the transition into the new school year and also to gather ideas of how we can improve further going forwards.

Your feedback is always important to us, so if you have any suggestions or would like to share some feedback, please do come and speak to one of the Senior Leaders on the gates in the morning or email the school office. There are other similar drop-in sessions timetabled throughout the year which can be found on the school calendar.

The Book Fair has arrived – it will be open in the library after school, every day, until next Thursday. Every purchase made will also help provide much needed new books for the children in our school.



Stars of the Week



Nursery	In Nursery we are all so proud of Noah this week! Noah has been busy drawing and colouring tigers, using clear sentences to express himself and talk with the other children and he has listened beautifully to our stories. Noah has also joined in with our number songs - sharing his finger numbers.
Rec 1	I would like to celebrate Luca S in Reception 1. Luca has been so kind and has been doing the best tidying up all week. Not only for things he has been using but also helping other people tidy up their things too. Thank you Luca.
Rec 2	This week we are celebrating Elsie F. Elsie has enjoyed colouring, painting and mark making this week and has also learnt to write initial and final sounds in words. She impressed everyone with her spelling of spider (spdr), hearing many sounds within the word. What a super star
1B	1B Star of the Week is Grayson for his excellent efforts in his writing. Grayson has been working hard on his letter formation and holding his pencil and has made fantastic progress already with this. Keep up the good work!
1E	Edmund has had a super week! He has been working so hard with all his learning, especially his reading and phonics. He has also been listening brilliantly and joining in lots with our class discussions. Very well done, keep it up!
2D	I would like to celebrate Olivia B for her participation in lessons. She is growing in confidence and sharing her ideas freely within lessons. Olivia is also beginning to include some reasoning with her answers. She focuses hard on her work to ensure that she completes it to the best of her ability.
2E	Oliver L-E for his amazing maths work this week. We have been looking at using 'If I know.. Then I know..' to help us calculate 2 digit numbers and Ollie has been brilliant at spotting patterns and explaining his understanding to others. Well done Ollie.
3S	Junie M is my Star of the Week for being an amazing friend when another child was worried about the flu immunisation and supporting them so kindly during it. Also, for working so hard and making sure her work is beautifully presented.
3T	Juno O has shown excellent resilience and support to others, has asked some really insightful questions and is not afraid to ask to deepen her learning further. I know I can always rely on her to try her best and give every task 100%.
4R	Our pupil of the week this week is Tengri. He has produced fantastic work in history and English, is always challenging himself in maths and is always enthusiastic for new opportunities to learn.
4W	Ellis S-R for his fabulous contributions in class. There hasn't been a single lesson where Ellis has not been fully engaged and with his hand up contributing his thoughts and ideas. His general knowledge is amazing!
5 & 6E	Our star of the week is Violet S for writing an amazing biography, not only the content but the presentation as well. Well done Violet, a great effort.
5 & 6H	This week I would like to celebrate Lily-Rose G. She has had a brilliant week working hard in lessons. She has tried her best with everything we have done and has written some lovely sentences in English. Well done, Lily!
5 & 6Y	Sofia R is being celebrated this week. She always gives her absolute best and pushes herself in everything she does. Her writing is truly captivating and is a pleasure to read. Well done.
Maths	Miss Meanley would like to celebrate Kaitlyn C for the additional efforts and her sheer determination to help herself succeed. She has listened, taken on board all advice and tried her absolute hardest. What a great start to the year Kaitlyn!



FUNDRAISING 'POP-UP' MUSIC EVENT

2026

"Songs For St Helena Hospice"

At The MICA

Mersea Island Community Association

Sunday 27th September

2-4pm

Join In And Enjoy The Voices Of :

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And Mersea Primary School Choir.

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