



Newsletter – 16th October 2026



CELEBRATING GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Overall whole school attendance this week: 94.58%

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

Wraparound

If you know you are going to require wraparound provision for your child/ren during the next half term, please can you contact wraparound@merseaschool.org to book your place/s. If you find yourself needing last minute wraparound, just give the office a ring and they will be happy to book your child in!

Pumpkins (and squashes)

Tonight, straight after school on the playground, School Council will be selling pumpkins. These will be no more than £2 each and it will be cash only. Because of this year's weather, we have been told that we will be getting pumpkins and squashes – both are suitable for carving. We are hoping that lots of the children (and parents) will be entering our Pumpkin (and squash) carving competition on Friday 23rd October.



Poster Challenge

The Eco Warriors have shared a challenge to design an eye-catching, powerful poster that encourages people to: use a bin and recycle, take their litter home, protect wildlife and nature, respect our shared spaces and take pride in their community.

Can you think of a brilliant slogan? Can your pictures grab someones attention? Can you persuade someone to change their behaviour? Entries must be received, in school, by 20th November so that we have time to send them off. Posters will be judged by Clean Up Britain.



Our first entry by Juno

Governor Vacancies

We are looking to recruit some new governors, if you are passionate about children's education and have a little time to offer, please contact Mrs Lee in the school office for more details.

Jude P's (Rec 1) skeleton



Next Week...

- Remembrance large poppies will be on sale from Tuesday (Poppy Project).
- Year 4 dress rehearsal on Monday and Shows on Wednesday at 2pm and 5.30pm.
- FOMISA Halloween Disco on Thursday – Rec – Year 6: 4.15-5.15pm
- Pumpkin Carving Competition – please ensure all entries are clearly labelled with name and year group. Bring them to the small hall by 9am Friday with the 50p entry fee.

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HALF TERM Monday 26th October – Monday 2nd November (Staff Training day). First day back for pupils in Tuesday 3rd November.



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Stars of the Week



Nursery	This week we are celebrating Jack for his amazing contribution when reading our class texts. Jack always joins in with the repeated phrases, laughs, comments, predicts and recalls information. Jack is also excellent at sharing his thoughts, ideas and experiences during whole class discussions. Thank you Jack!
Rec 1	I am celebrating Jude P. Jude spent time in our creative area and painted this amazing skeleton after our week exploring the book 'Funnybones'. Well done Jude it is now pride of place on the wall in the classroom for everyone to see.
Rec 2	We are celebrating Douglas S for his excellent effort with his phonics and writing. Douglas is working hard to blend sounds in words and has learnt to use the letter mat to help him write independently.
1B	1B Star of the Week is Olivia C for her excellent attitude to learning. Olivia always embraces all of her work tasks with positivity and is keen to do her best. She has particularly shown great enthusiasm for creative activities and has produced some lovely arts and crafts during our superheroes topic. Well done Olivia.
1E	1E are celebrating Macen as he has made a fantastic effort to listen carefully on the carpet this week and join in with all groups in phonics! He also WOWed Miss Poole with his computing skills in the computing suite by creating a pumpkin painting and saving it! Keep up the hard work Macen!
2D	I would like to celebrate Ivy B for showing such courage in overcoming her nerves to speak during our class assembly. She spoke clearly and confidently, and you would never have guessed that she had stepped in at the very last minute! I would also like to celebrate Ivy for demonstrating our school values by showing kindness and compassion towards a classmate who became upset this week.
2E	Lucie W for her excellent effort in all areas of learning but especially in maths this week. She has worked really hard on her learning about bar models and her addition and subtraction. Well done Lucie.
3S	I would like to celebrate Marnie, for her consistently amazing presentation in all of her work, and for working hard when writing her story to uplevel her vocabulary and to include lots of interesting descriptions.
3T	Kai has worked so hard on his writing recently, taking extra care with his presentation, spelling and descriptive vocabulary. He has been really proud of himself and we are all really proud of him too! Keep up the great work, Kai!
4R	Star of the week for us is Theo. He has really listened to our lessons on descriptive writing and has produced a phenomenal set of diary entries full of emotive language, description and amazing sentence starters. What focus!
4W	Francesca G for really growing in confidence this half term. She always has a smile on her face and does a great job as Eco Warrior keeping the class informed.
5 & 6 E	Rorie for always smiling and being a very kind, caring and helpful member of the class.
5 & 6 H	JJ is being celebrated for his excellent level of participation in every lesson. JJ puts his hand up to offer an answer for nearly every single question I ask (and I ask lots of questions!) It is really important that we all join in during lessons and JJ is a great role model for this. Well done and keep it up!
5 & 6 Y	We are celebrating Tommy this week. He is an organised and committed school council representative who has shown us his amazing DT skills by making a fantastic post box for our classroom that pupils can put any happy thoughts in. Well done Tommy.
Child Led Assembly	Well done to Lillie P 4R for her child led assembly on Squishies. Who knew there were so many different types. She was very well prepared and even said she felt like a celebrity!