



# MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

## Newsletter 2 - 19th September 2025

It has been wonderful to see so many amazing learning opportunities taking place this week with the children truly showing our values of being engaged and ready for their learning. Last week, we had BCP Road Crossing officers monitor the community's use of the zebra crossing before and after school. They were very pleased with how well children and parents were using the crossing safely. They did however raise some concerns regarding the number of people crossing the road at the end of Sopwith Crescent. To ensure everybody's safety, please can we kindly ask that you use the designated crossing where possible.

With the very wet weather this week, we would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who have ensured their child has a coat in school. To make sure all children can continue to enjoy using the playground and the field, please can all children have a pair of Wellington boots in school by the end of next week. Our site can become exceptionally wet, and drainage is a particular problem on the back playground, so wellies are essential for outdoor play - thank you. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

*Rebecca Baldwin*

### This Week

**Reception** have started the thumb workout in handwriting.

**Year 1** have been making 10

**Year 2** made shades darker in art.

**Year 3** had fun working in teams to build a skeleton.

**Year 4** have counting and partitioning in thousands.



### Reception needs your help!

As part of our 'People who help us' topic, Reception are looking for parent volunteers to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. If your role involves helping others in any way, we would be delighted if you could share your experiences and a little of what your role entails. We are looking for people to visit during the week commencing 20th October. If you think you can help please contact the school office, Mrs Riley or Mrs Butler. Thank you.



### Come to the Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school this month with a great selection of books to purchase. Every book sold will raise funds for the school and pupil voice will be involved to select new resources for the library. Pop into the school hall from 3:30pm to 3:45pm on Tuesday 23rd, Friday 26th & Monday 29th September.



### Merley PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Thursday evening. The group has already started formulating ideas for the academic year and we will keep you informed of how the money raised is supporting the school.



# Congratulations

The following pupils have been awarded Oak Leaves for demonstrating our values: **Respectful, Engaged and Ready**

**Reception:** Both Ladybird and Butterfly class have been awarded whole class Oak leaves

**Y1:** Arabella K, Reggie L, Evie W, Luca B, Mia B & William P

**Y2:** Ada RT, Delilah K, Thea BL, Lexi B, Alfie G & Emma I

**Y3:** Arlo W, Hollie C, Fletcher V, Ellie L, Robbie W & Asher B

**Y4:** Ethan, Levi, Albie, Matilda C, Joey S & Elizabeth G

These children have a **Headteacher's Award** because they have been recognised for being respectful:

**Y1:** Ivy A & Hallie

**Y2:** Ada G & Rosie P

**Y3:** Caitlin B & Faye S

**Y4:** Tilly H & Leo W

These pupils have been recognised for fantastic effort in a particular lesson or subject and are **Star Learners:**

**Y1:** Anna P & Tobias L

**Y2:** Hannah & River R

**Y3:** Colby & Malakai

**Y4:** Sienna B & Molly

## Pupil Charter

Last week we informed you about our Pupil Charter Initiative and we are delighted to share more details with you. This year, our focus will be:

### Careers and Choices

We aim to broaden the children's experiences of future opportunities.

Yesterday, we started this exciting journey and welcomed two players from the AFC Bournemouth Women's first team. Katie Scadding (goalkeeper) and Abby Jones (defender and Captain) visited our school to talk to the children about how important qualities such as motivation, resilience and always trying your best can help you achieve anything you set your mind to.

Throughout the year, we will provide opportunities for pupils to:  
**learn more about a wide variety of careers,**  
**discover new interests,**  
**make meaningful links between their learning and the wider world.**

We look forward to keeping you updated as we inspire our children to think about their futures and the many choices open to them.

*Mrs Riley - Personal Development Lead*



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# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

THE CHILDREN AT MERLEY ARE INVITED TO WEAR A YELLOW ITEM ALONGSIDE THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER TO SUPPORT WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY.

A YELLOW ITEM CAN BE- SOCKS, HAIRBAND, T-SHIRT, BRACELET, SCARF, BELT.

WE ARE FOLLOWING YOUNGMINDS HELLO YELLOW THEME AGAIN THIS YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETING A YELLOW CRAFT ACTIVITY IN THE AFTERNOON. PHOTOS TO FOLLOW!

