



MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter 34 - 26th June 2026

This has been a very unusual week, which has certainly brought its challenges for both our staff and pupils. However, despite the intense heat, the children have continued to do their absolute best in everything they do. I am incredibly proud of their resilience. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all of our staff for going above and beyond to ensure the children stayed as cool and comfortable as possible. I think it's fair to say the staff enjoyed the misting spray just as much as the children did!

I would like to warmly welcome a new Teaching Assistant who joined our school family on Monday. Mrs. Holland will be supporting in EYFS for the remainder of this school year and we are delighted that she will be staying with our EYFS team into September. Please join us in giving her a very warm welcome. I would like to thank Mrs Emery and Mrs Bostridge for supporting in EYFS over the last term.

As you are aware, today was Transfer Day across the school. I am sure our Year 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed spending time at their new middle schools and we wish them the absolute best as they take this next big step. We are proud to share that the rest of the children at Merley transitioned beautifully into their new classrooms today. They had a fantastic time getting to know their new teachers and classmates and the positive energy across the school was wonderful to see. Have a lovely weekend everyone - keep safe in the sun!

Rebecca Baldwin

This Week

Reception learnt about throwing underarm and overarm in PE.

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful Lighthouse Keeper's picnic under the shade of the trees with their families.

Year 2 designed a magical toy and planned a narrative around it.

Year 3 finished their science experiment and made their conclusions.

Year 4, in preparation for the summer holidays and PGL have been perfecting their money skills.



Safeguarding - water safety

REMEMBER these five key points

SWIM SAFE
WITH THE ASA AND THE RRLI

- 1 Always swim in a safe place**


- 2 Know the people who can help**

- 3 Make sure an adult is supervising at all times**

- 4 Cold water makes it more difficult to swim, breathe and stay alert**

- 5 Know how to call for help**


Take part, have fun, stay safe

Lifeboats the asa swim for life

Dates for the Diary

- 29th June - 1st July - Year 4 PGL Trip
- 30th June - 2026/27 Year 2 Parent/carer meeting - 4:30pm
- 30th June - 2026/27 Year 1 Parent/carer meeting - 5:00pm
- NEW - 2nd July - Year 3 Recorder Performance to Parents
- NEW - 3rd July - non-uniform day for the Summer Fair - (information below)
- 7th July - 2026/27 Year 4 Parent/carer meeting - 4:30pm
- 7th July - 2026/27 Year 3 Parent/carer meeting - 5:00pm
- 9th July - Year 3 Science Centre Visit - information sent
- 10th July - Reception Trip
- 10th July - end of year reports sent to parents/carers via Arbor

Attendance Moments Matter

This week, I am exceptionally proud of all the children and our whole school community's approach to attendance. Our overall percentage remained high at 92.6%—and while that's a slight dip from previous weeks, it is still a fantastic effort given the hot weather.

A huge shout-out goes to Hedgehog Class, who achieved a perfect 100% attendance on Wednesday despite the soaring temperatures! Wow!

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in getting the children into school ready to learn. Have a wonderful weekend!



Buddy Bench Community Project

The children have been working hard to design, paint and decorate some new Buddy Benches for the playgrounds as part of a community project with Jen from Know Wander Art Clubs. The benches will be on display at our Summer fair on the 10th July, where Jen will also be helping children add a drawing of their favourite things to the last bench. Do pop over and see her - the aim is for all the children at MFS to add their favourite thing to demonstrate the wide variety of interests and hobbies within our school community.





All the staff at Merley are so proud of the children this week for still working hard even with the heat! You are all fantastic and showed our Merley values of being Respectful, Engaged and Ready!

MUFTI - DAY

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

Wear whatever you like!
In return, please bring one or more of the following items to help with the summer fair!!

Reception & Year 1
Bottle in a Bag!
Any bottle, from lemonade to prosecco! in a bottle bag please!

Year 2 & 3

Filla Jar!

Anything weird & wonderful! Marbles, hair bands, sweets, paper clips - this is for our Jar-Bola!

Year 4

Please bring a book to donate to the summer fair!
good clean condition,
Suitable for age 4 - 11

Please put on the trolley outside the office at drop off

THANK YOU!!