



MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter 35 - 3rd July 2026

It has been an exceptionally busy and wonderful week here at school! Our talented Year 2 and Year 3 children, did a fantastic job showcasing their musical skills in front of delighted families. Meanwhile, Year 4 presented their brilliant Egyptian homework projects and shared their learning for the term with both the rest of the school and their parents and carers. As if that wasn't enough, Year 4 also embarked on their highly anticipated residential trip to PGL at Osmington Bay! We would like to say a massive thank you to all the children for their incredible engagement during their few days away—you truly did our school and your families proud. A huge thank you also goes to Mr. Stone, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Morris, Ms. Legge and Mrs. Scotney, who generously gave up their time to accompany the children and make the trip possible.

On that note, we would like to wish Mrs. Scotney the absolute best of luck this weekend as she embarks on her Jurassic Coast hike in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. You will be amazing, Mrs. Scotney, and the entire school community is right behind you! If you can spare a few pennies to sponcer her, please click [here](#).

We hope everybody enjoys a well-deserved, wonderful weekend.

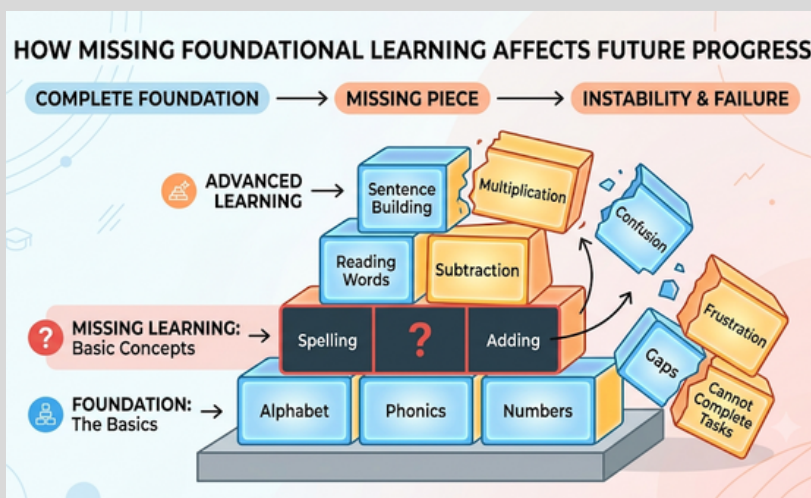
Rebecca Baldwin

This Week

- Reception** have looked at and sorted old and new vehicles.
- Year 1** watched an RNLI online webinar about how to keep safe over the summer.
- Year 2** performed the Music Box Songs for their families.
- Year 3** performed with their recorders beautifully.
- Year 4** whizzed, jumped and laughed their way around PGL - well done to you all for facing your fears and being brave!



Attendance Moments Matter



MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Dates for the Diary

- 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
- 10th July - PTA Summer Fair from 3.15pm

Community Support: BCP Access to Food Map

As the cost of living continues to impact many families, we want to ensure our school community is aware of the local food support available across Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole.

The Access to Food Partnership has created an interactive online directory designed to help residents easily find support in their local area. Whether you are looking for local foodbanks, social supermarkets, low-cost food pantries, community fridges, or community meal projects, you can view the complete interactive map online [here](#)

Please remember that as a school, we can also help families access foodbank vouchers if needed; please do not hesitate to reach out to our office in complete confidence if you require any extra support or guidance.



Can you help?

The reception Team are looking to add some new dolls and doll clothes to our Reception classroom to support children's imaginative and role play experiences.

These resources support creativity, communication, kindness and the development of social and emotional skills. If anyone has any good quality dolls or doll clothes that they no longer need and would be willing to donate, we would be incredibly grateful. Thank you for your continued support.



Congratulations

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

YR: Maddie W, Rosie S, Oscar P, Willow W-J, Alana G & Olivia St

Y1: Oakley D, Kieran F, Mia H, Mia B, Luca B & Nickolay N

Y2: Reece M, Jacob D, Ada G, Ada RT, Thea B & Rosie P

Y3: Ruby K, Harry A, Fred E, Jenson D, Ireliia H & George P

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

YR: Hallie M & Mason B-H

Y1: Jamie H & Josie Y

Y2: Lincoln B & Albie S

Y3: Charlie B & Olivia C

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

YR: Rai S & Charlotte B

Y1: Ivy A & Thomas B

Y2: Kit F & Quinn W

Y3: Franklin Q & Grace LG

PGL

WELL DONE YEAR 4

ON YOUR TRIP TO PGL.

WE ARE SO PROUD
OF ALL OF YOU!

A collage of six photographs showing Year 4 students participating in various outdoor activities: archery, fencing, ziplining, rappelling, team-building exercises, and water sports.

PGL
Adventure Holidays

ADVENTURES & FRIENDSHIPS - YEAR 4

Growing Together To Build Our Future

MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR GRAND RAFFLE



RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

When? MONDAY & TUESDAY

Time?
FROM
3 P.M.

Where? ON THE FRONT PLAYGROUND

50p TICKETS **50p** EACH (or) **£2** FOR A STRIP (e.g., of 5 tickets) **50p**

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!



COME & SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!