MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Growing Together To Build Our Future

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MESSAGE from Mrs Baldwin

It has been another wonderfully busy week here at school and with the weather turning noticeably colder, please remember to send children in with warm coats and layers.



A huge highlight this week was seeing our Year 1 children take part in their Road Safety training. Supported by the BCP Road Safety team, along with a fantastic group of parent volunteers and community members from the Lantern Church, the children were truly amazing on the crossing. I received glowing feedback to say that the children, "behaved beautifully, listened attentively and impressed everyone with how thoughtfully they answered questions." They were described as "an absolute joy to be with!"



Today we marked Children in Need by wearing spots and walking/running around the field. Thank you so much to our Merley community for supporting the event, raising awareness for the charity and collectively supporting 'Run Pudsey 2026'. Our current fundraising total is over £2000 which is INCREDIBLE! Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING

While gaming devices remain popular gift choices for children at Christmas, parents of primary-aged children should be mindful when selecting games to ensure a safe experience.

Always check the official PEGI age ratings and content descriptors before buying, as many popular titles feature online chat or in-game spending unsuitable for younger players.

Set up parental controls on the device before Christmas Day—to restrict spending, limit screen time, and block communication with strangers—this will help keep your child safe while they enjoy their new gift.

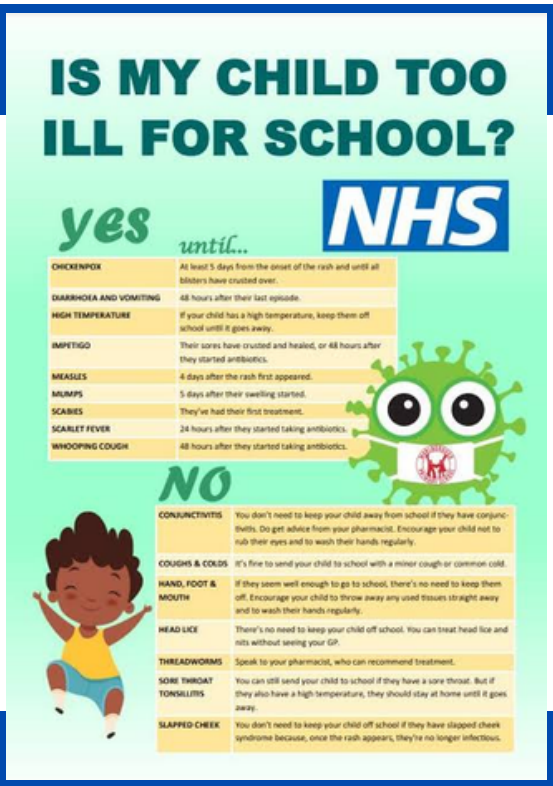
Click here for more information and advice.

SAFER SCHOOLS

ATTENDANCE

This week, Robins, Sparrows, Kestrels, Owls and Badgers all had 100% attendance which is amazing! We have lots of exciting things happening in school next week so please ensure your child comes in. If they feel under the weather but able to come in, please be reassured we will call you if they feel any worse.

Have a look at the NHS guidance for parent



THIS WEEK

Reception have made diva lamps from clay.
Year 1 have used the computers to show our science knowledge and learn how to log into Numbots.
Year 2 have been comparing London now to London in 1666.
Year 3 have been editing photos on the computer.
Year 4 created flip books to show that animation is a group of moving individual frames.

The whole school took part in the online event celebrating the wonderful poetry of Michael Rosen. Year 4 Fox Class found it particularly hilarious!



RESPECTFUL, ENGAGED & READY

Congratulations to the following children who have demonstarted our core values this week:

Reception: Hiba I, Isaac B, Maise B, Penn M, Brody-Lee N, Delilah D, Gracie C, Mabel S, Lawrence W and Ava R-R
Year 1: Ida B, Charlotte B, Darcey D, Max K, Rai S, Jude C, Oscar P, Billy C, Freya T and Bonnie A
Year 2: Jaxon S, Mia S, Liberty P, Hazel L, Ottie L, Oakley A, Imrie P, Darcie G, Anna PB and Cooper D
Year 3: Lincoln B, Lexi B, Louis D, Penny D, Adelaide W, Bukhosi M, Meredith H, Alaya S, Logan R and Myles B
Year 4: Fred E, Pippa H, Sienna K, Harry A, Malakai M, Olivia C, Jenson D, Emilia E, Isabella V and Daisy W

KEY DATES

- 16th November - wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week
- 17th November after lunch - 4F visiting Allenbourn Middle during the school day
- 18th and 25th November - Year 4 BCP Road Safety Training on the crossing
- 25th November after lunch - 4B visiting Allenbourn Middle during the school day
- **NEW** 25th November - Times Tables Rocks Stars Day (link to letter in weekly update)
- **NEW** 4th December - PTA Elfridges event in school time.

SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS

Congratulations to Erin in Sparrow Class, who was chosen to carry the flag for her Rainbow group at the Remembrance Parade in Wimborne, Sophie in Fox class who was the flag bearer for Merley1st Brownies and Kieran in Rabbits who took part in the parade with his Beavers group.

We are all so proud of you for representing your group/pack and showing respect for others.







If your child would like to celebrate a snapshot of their success - anything they have achieved, big or small - then please send a picture and a few sentences to office@merleyfirstschool.org

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RAISED MONEY

ONE BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our Merley families for their support for Children in Need. We have raised over a whopping:

£2,500



There will be more photos of our charitable activities to come!



SCAN ME!

You will need our Unique Code: 48A7



Elfridges

4th Dec 2026

Howitworks!

Thanks to all the incredible donations we have received, all classes will come into our “shop” in the hall and each child can choose a gift for a loved one for FREE!

They’ll be helped by our fabulous elves who will be filling the hall with festive joy!

They’ll be given a bag and a piece of wrapping paper, so they can wrap their gift at home and hide it away to gift at Christmas!

Although the first gift is free, there is an option of adding extra gifts. These are £1 each and can be purchased through the below link. A maximum of 2 extra gifts can be purchased (3 gifts in total!) If you have multiple children at the school, you will need to do separate orders for each child.

To buy extra gifts, scan the QR code or go to https://pta.events/elf26

Final date to buy extra gifts is 27/11/26




ELFRIDGES
The elves are back for another year and are in need of any unwanted gifts you may be able to donate!
We need your
~ Unwanted giftsets
~ Toiletries
~ Sports accessories
~ Anything you think would make a nice gift!
All items in a clean, unused giftable condition!
Please drop into the School Office
4th November - 18th November
Thank you!!
(NO ALCOHOL PLEASE!)