

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 10th January 2025



What a lovely first week back to school!

The school has been alive with excitement and enthusiasm for reopening and I know the staff and I have really found it particularly special to see the children and families again.

- **Thank you** for supporting us to keep the children safe during arrival and dismissal time while we experience this current cold chill - we really appreciate your understanding.
- I would like to welcome **Ms. Ryder** who is our new Year 2 teacher into our school community. I know she has already thoroughly enjoyed her first few days with her class.
- We are launching a **NEW approach to behaviour** across school. This is a positive change for the school which will raise our standards even further. We now have clearer expectations and routines for our community and we are increasing the positive noticing, recognition and rewards. We will continue our mindset that school is safe place for mistake making as this provides learning opportunities for our children - alongside this however will better regulation, restoration and education for those that may need support in this area. I will sharing more information about this with the parental community in the coming weeks.
- We are also launching a **NEW Assembly Programme** across school. This will allow us to drive our school mission to 'Learn Together and Achieve together to prepare our children for a successful future'. We will be involving the children more in decision making and developing a Mereside Play for break times. We will also introduce new student leadership opportunities across the school and invite guest speakers in to our new curriculum assemblies.
- I would like to apologise that I did not share the PE days in the last Newsletter. This was my fault - sorry for missing this off. I know that as a parent you would be wanting to know this information in good time.

Kindest regards, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Coming to school every day is super important for your child's learning.

- They learn new things every day, and missing school can make it harder to keep up.
- School is where they make friends and learn to play well with others.
- It helps them develop good habits and feel comfortable at school.

Let's work together to make sure your child is in class as often as possible!

Every child ✓
In school ✓
On time ✓
Every day ✓

SCHOOL UNIFORM

MERESIDE WAY

Be ready to learn

School Uniform



blue school logo jumper and a white polo t-shirt

Dark grey, skirts, pinafores or trousers should be worn.

Plain white or grey socks, or plain tights.

Plain black school shoes should be worn.



School uniform is **important** as it gives children a sense of belonging and we have lots of positive meaning and pride behind wearing our school logo. It also prepares our children for High School and eventually the world of work.

We fully understand and appreciate that school uniform costs and that your child may have a sudden growth spurt etc. We will do all we can to support you and your child with school uniform:

- We will support children who forget to bring their Mereside jumper by loaning them a clean one for the day (this also keeps them warm this term)
- We will support families with providing jumpers at no cost should they be struggling financially (parents can go to the family hub to collect a jumper if needed) *We have a some stock available.

THE MERESIDE WAY

Mereside Assemblies

This week our focus for the whole school has been on the what our new assembly structure will look like and why. We have practised showing our manners, listening, patience and more when in a larger group of people.

All the children in school are invited and expected to take part in assemblies across school. This is their opportunity to have whole school learning, updates and the opportunity to meet visitors.

Above and Beyond!

We look forward to celebrating those pupils who have gone above and beyond next week!

Important Reminders

PE DAYS for Spring 1 

Reception - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 1 - Monday and Thursday

Year 2 - Thursday and Friday

Year 3B - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3D - Monday and Friday

Year 4 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 - Tuesday swimming and Thursday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday



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January 2025

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Mon 6th - Inset Day

Tues 7th - Inset Day

Wed 8th - School Re Opens

Mon 13th - Early years reading workshop (Postponed - date tbc)

Mon 13th - Fri 17th - Y6 Waterpark Residential

Mon 20th - Y6 SATS Parent Talk

Tues 21st - Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop

Thurs 24th - Y4 Multiplication Parent Workshop

Family Support

Please remember we are always here to support your family - we are a listening ear, we make a good brew and always ready to listen.

The family hub is accessed through the door within the main entrance - Hope to see you soon!

OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



Nursery	Prince for being enthusiastic and following our nursery rules and Nico for an amazing first week back
Reception	Alvie - being a good friend and being investigative
1M	Rueben - for having a fantastic attitude to learning
1G	Felix - for being organised this week and ready to learn.
2R	Alvie - for excellent work in all lessons but particularly for his brilliant sequence in P.E!
2P	Brody-Lee - for an amazing first week back!
3B	Jimmy - for excellent work on his phonics sounds and excellent blending, we are super proud of you!
3D	Amelie - for being eager to learn, she is very positive and she is kind to everyone!
4B	Frankie -Rose - a really fantastic start to the half term showing the Mereside Way - great manners, listening and engagement, Keep it upn Frankie you are a super role model.
4D	Bryanny - for excellent handwriting, presentation and ideas in English. Your diary entry was fantastic and really impressed me!
5D	Bailey - for returning to school with a great attitude to learning! Well done!
6B	All of 6FB - for a fantastic attitude towards our Mock SATs, and excellent participation in the Question and Answer session with the author Dan Freedman!



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February 2025

Mon 3rd -9th - Children Mental Health Week

Mon 10th - Oracy Week

Tues 11th - Safer Internet Day

Mon 17th - Fri 21st - Half Term holidays

Mon 24th - School Re Opens

March 2025

Thurs 6th - World Book Day (Dress up)

Mon 10th - Fri 15th - Parents Evening Week

Fri 14th - Comic Relief Day (Wacky hair day - full school uniform)

Fri 21st - World Poetry Day

Tues 25th/Wed 26th - Y3/Y4 Production

April 2025

Wed 2nd - Family Easter Bingo

Fri 4th - Nursery - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade, Y3-Y6 Egg Scene competitions.

Fri 4th - School closes at 1.30pm

Mon 7th - Mon 21st - Easter Break

Tues 22nd - School Re-opens



School Events

May 2025

- Mon 5th** - Bank Holiday (School closed)
- Mon 12th / Thurs 13th** - Y6 SATs week. (National testing)
- Mon 26th - Fri 30th** - Half Term holidays (School closed)

June 2025

- Mon 2nd** - School Re Opens
- Mon 9th/ 11th** - York Residential Trip (Y3-Y6)
- Mon 9th** - Y4 Multiplication Check (National testing)
- Mon 9th** - Y1 Phonics Screening starts (National testing)
- Mon 16th - Fri 20th** - Blackpool Youth Games (Variety of sports competitions)
- Fri 20th** - World Music Day

July 2025

- Wed 2nd** - Parents Quiz Night
- tbc** - High School Transition Day (Year 6)
- tbc** - Moving Up Day
- Thurs 10th** - End of Year Reports
- Mon 21st** - Nursery Graduation
- Tues 22nd** - Whole School Awards Ceremony
- Wed 23rd** - Y5/6 Production 2pm
- Thurs 24th** - Y5/6 Production 9.30am
- Thurs 24th** - Y6 Leavers Event tbc
- Fri 25th** - School Closes at 1.30pm

August 2025

- Fri 25th July - September 3rd** - School is closed for the Summer Holidays