

# NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 14th September 2025



## Wow! We have had a really successful half term.

**Valentines Day Disco** - Our children had a great time dancing and singing on Thursday evening. Thank you to all the staff that volunteered their time to support the organisation of the event.

**Fudge Class Rosette Award** - As part of our rewards and recognition across the school for both the Mereside Way and Mereside Play, Fudge will be choosing a class of the week. This week's winning classes for the best attendance were 2R and 4D. Classes will work towards collecting as many rosettes as they can and we will look to reward the class with the most rosettes a very special class reward at the end of next half term.

**Read Write Inc** - Very exciting - we have had a huge delivery of resources and books! As a school we have spent a significant amount of money on the new scheme - which will really benefit our children for the many years to come.

**Blackpool Catering Services** - Year 4 had an important visit from Blackpool Catering Services. We were able to ask all about where our school dinners come from as part of our geography topic. Did you know all the sugar and bananas we eat in school are fair trade? They also use local suppliers from the Ribble Valley and Fleetwood to help reduce food miles! It was a fantastic way to complete their unit 'Where does our food come from?'

**Thank you** - for all your continued support to the school. The staff and I would like to wish you a lovely half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 25th February.

Many thanks, Ms. Chapman

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our Target: 96%

Rec	94%	2R	97%	3B	90%	5M	92%
1M	88%	2H	86%	4D	95%	5D	94%
1G	91%	3D	96%	4B	92%	6B	86%

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

# THE MERESIDE PLAY

## Lunch times

This week we introduced some exciting changes in our lunch times. We now have the capacity to take Year 5 and 6 children to the MUGA daily. We have moved their lunch time to the start of lunch to allow them to eat quickly and head on over. We have also moved our Year 2 and 3 children to our circular yard at lunch times. This has been very exciting and a lovely opportunity for our children to mix ages across. We've seen friendships created across year groups already this year. This means that our Year 1 children are also able access our continuous provision area within the EY area.

## Above and Beyond!

AJ Myerscough	Reegan
Grace (4B)	Cameron
Isabella (2R)	AJ (1G)
Nathan (2R)	River (4B)

## Important Reminders

As part of our uniform policy the following footwear should be worn to school:

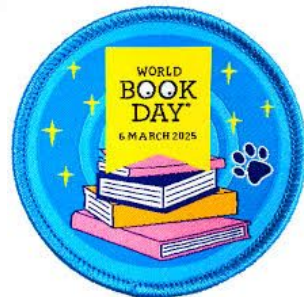
- Plain black shoes
- Plain black pumps or trainers



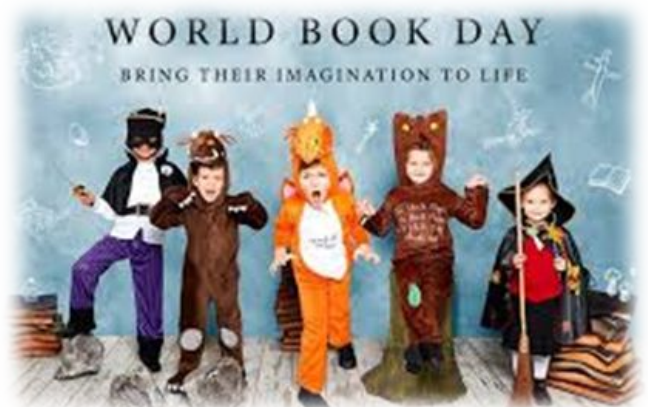
## Family Support

A message from the family hub team:  
We hope you all have a lovely half term week and see you on Tuesday 25th February ready for a busy half term. Please remember we are here in the family hub to support the families.

# EVENTS



World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March**. All children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book to celebrate.





# CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

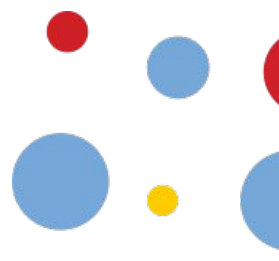
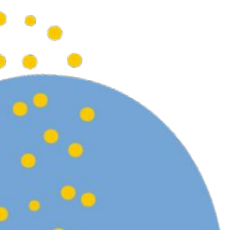
## Year 3

This week, we explored prehistoric art by creating cave-like backgrounds using natural materials. We painted prehistoric animals with handmade paint made from spices, flour, and water—it was messy but fun! It was an exciting, hands-on way to connect with history and creativity.



## The Romans

We learned about the Roman army's strategies and tactics that made them so successful in conquering many countries. Their discipline, advanced weapons and clever battle formations helped them build a powerful empire.



# OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>Reception</b>	Sallie for being smiley and relaxed, chatting to familiar adults and helpful with friends
<b>1M</b>	Cameron for always following the Mereside Way. For also trying hard with everything that he does and making us smile everyday.
<b>1G</b>	Logan for always having beautiful manners and a lovely smile on his face.
<b>2R</b>	Kaiden - for showing great determination in everything he does!
<b>2P</b>	Halleigh - for always trying her best and for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
<b>3B</b>	Scarlett- for being a constant ray of sunshine and making everybody smile!
<b>3D</b>	Hannah- for showing amazing conflict resolution skills this week and being a great friend!
<b>4B</b>	Layla - for her wonderful effort and resilience in her work this week. She has done some wonderful writing and has persevere with a new strategy for division. I am really proud of your fabulous Mereside attitude.
<b>4D</b>	Evie - for an incredible story in English. You used ambitious descriptive language and I was hooked reading your story! Well done.
<b>5D</b>	Nylah - her positive attitude to learning and being a brilliant member of 5D.
<b>5M</b>	Scarlett - For trying really hard in her Maths this week and always showing kindness to others!
<b>6B</b>	Mira - For demonstrating the Mereside Way, all day, every day!

MISS FARR AND MISS BARKER  
PRESENT

# **PERFORMING HEARTS**

**MONDAYS  
AFTER SCHOOL**

**COME AND JOIN OUR PERFORMING ARTS  
CLUB, WHERE IMAGINATION COMES TO LIFE!  
WHETHER YOU LOVE ACTING, DANCING, OR  
SINGING, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU TO  
SHINE. LET'S CREATE, PERFORM, AND HAVE  
FUN TOGETHER!**

**OUR FIRST MINI MUSICAL WILL BE  
WICKED!**

**SHOW DATES INCOMING**

# School Events 2024-25

## February 2025

<b>Mon 3rd -9th</b>	Children Mental Health Week
<b>Mon 10th</b>	Oracy Week
<b>Tues 11th</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Fri 14th</b>	Class photographs
<b>Mon 17th - Mon 24th</b>	Half Term holidays
<b>Tues 25th</b>	School Re Opens
<b>Thursday 27th</b>	Reception Reading Event @ 2pm

## March 2025

<b>Thurs 6th</b>	World Book Day (Dress up)
<b>Mon 10th - Fri 15th</b>	Parents Evening Week
<b>Fri 14th</b>	- Comic Relief Day Wacky Hair Day (*full school uniform)
<b>Fri 21st -</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>Tues 25th/Wed 26th</b>	Y3/Y4 Production

## April 2025

<b>Wed 2nd</b>	Family Easter Bingo
<b>Fri 4th</b>	Nursery - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade, Y3-Y6 Egg Scene competitions.
<b>Fri 4th</b>	School closes at 1.30pm
<b>Mon 7th - Mon 21st</b>	Easter Break
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	School Re-opens

# School Events 2024-25

## May 2025

<b>Mon 5th</b>	Bank Holiday (School closed)
<b>Mon 12th / Thurs 13th</b>	Y6 SATs week. (National testing)
<b>Mon 26th - Fri 30th</b>	Half Term holidays (School closed)
<b>June 2025</b>	
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	School Re Opens
<b>Mon 9th/ 11th</b>	York Residential Trip (Y3-Y6)
<b>Mon 9th</b>	Y4 Multiplication Check (National testing)
<b>Mon 9th</b>	Y1 Phonics Screening starts (National testing)
<b>Mon 16th - Fri 20th</b>	Blackpool Youth Games (Variety of sports competitions)
<b>Fri 20th</b>	World Music Day
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>Wed 2nd</b>	Parents Quiz Night
<b>tbc</b>	High School Transition Day (Year 6)
<b>tbc</b>	Moving Up Day
<b>Thurs 10th</b>	End of Year Reports
<b>Mon 21st</b>	Nursery Graduation
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	Whole School Awards Ceremony
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>Wed 23rd</b>	Y5/6 Production 2.00pm
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	Y5/6 Production 9.30am
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	Y6 Leavers Event tbc
<b>Fri 25th</b>	School Closes at 1.30pm