

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 20th June 2025



Celebrating Sports Week!

I am absolutely delighted to share with you the highlights of our **Sports Week 2025** - a true celebration of physical activity, teamwork, perseverance, and fun across our school community. (Further details on page 6)

🌟 **Blackpool Youth Games** - We were incredibly proud to have pupils representing our school. Their sportsmanship, effort, and teamwork were second to none, and they came away with memories to last a lifetime. A huge well done to all our competitors—you did our school proud!

🏃 **Sports Carousel Afternoon** - Was a whirlwind of action and smiles, as children rotated through a variety of fun physical challenges. From obstacle courses to team games, the playground was alive with cheers, laughter, and plenty of movement!

🏆 **Sports Days** - Each Key Stage had their own Sports Day filled with races, relays, and classic events. Thank you to all the families who came to cheer us on—it was wonderful to see so much support and community spirit. The children gave it their all, and every single one should feel proud of their efforts.

🌀 **Speed Stacks Competitions** - Brought out some serious concentration and dexterity! It was brilliant to see pupils challenging themselves and encouraging one another during this fast-paced and fun activity.

🏃 **Road Race** - Another highlight, with pupils pacing themselves brilliantly along the course at Stanley Park and showing great endurance and determination.

🧠 **Commando Joe's Adventures** - pupils took part in action-packed **Commando Joe's missions**, developing problem-solving, resilience, and collaboration through a range of adventurous and military-style challenges. These sessions were a big hit and offered a unique spin on physical education.

Thank You - A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Birt and all the staff who worked so hard to organise and run the week's events. Thanks also to our families for your ongoing support—your encouragement means the world to the children.

Kindest regards, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 94.4%

Rec	92%	2R	96%	3B	90%	5M	100%
1M	97%	2P	91%	4D	96%	5D	90%
1G	95%	3D	98%	4B	100%	6B	90%

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

THE MERESIDE WAY

Above and Beyond!

Illidan 4D Kian 4B Sapphire 3B
Isabelle Rec Tommy 2R Kaiden 2R Alice 2R Madeleine 2R Amber 2R
Lara 2R Harvey 2R Imogen 2R Bella 3B Alexis 3B Sophie 3D
Isabelle Rec Madeleine 2R Harvey 2R Whyatt 5D Rayna 3D
Scarlett 3B Amelia 5M Tilly 5M Maggie 1M
Jayden 5M Maggie 5M Lacey 5M Shaun Paul 5M
Scarlette 5M Theo 5M Harvey 5M Jaxson 5M Amber 2R
Cameron 1M Sapphire 3B Skarlet 5D Jasmine 5D Imogen 2R

Well done to our pupils who have achieved above and beyond recognition this week!

Important Reminders



Importance of Punctuality for Students

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day, ready to start learning promptly at 8:35am, as arriving on time helps them settle into the day calmly, ensures they don't miss important instructions or learning, and supports good routines and responsibility.



3.30pm entry to the school hall

Round 1 starts at 3.45pm

Lots of exciting raffle prizes!

OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Estienne for her fabulous learning and determination in phonics sessions!
1G	Bear - for great resilience throughout all of sports week.
2R	All of 2R for exceptional behaviour, determination and sportsmanship during sport week. Phenomenal job!
2P	All of 2HP- For showing incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship during sports day.
3B	Finley - for showing fantastic team spirit during Sports Week - giving his best effort in every activity, cheering others on, and being a kind and supportive teammate to everyone around him.
3D	Jack- For excellent writing skills and an amazing attitude during sports day!
4B	Hunter - For his outstanding participation and unwavering effort during Sports Week. Hunter consistently gave 100%, demonstrating dedication, teamwork, and a positive spirit in every event. Your energy and commitment truly stood out – well done.
4D	Illidan - for conquering his fears in swimming and working really hard on his resilience in the pool. You will be an Olympic champion before you know it!
5M	Arianna - For making a great effort in Literacy!
5D	Isaac - For his determination during sports week!
6B	Lucas - for his effort and determination during Sports Week!



Exciting New Reading Platform - MyOn

This week, our pupils in Years 1 to 6 have been introduced to *MyOn* - an exciting new online reading platform designed to inspire a love of reading and support literacy development.

MyOn offers children access to a vast library of high-quality, engaging books tailored to their individual reading level, also known as their ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). This means every child can enjoy stories and non-fiction texts that are just right for them - not too easy, not too hard - helping them grow in confidence and ability.

We are thrilled to see the enthusiasm with which pupils have embraced *MyOn* already, and we look forward to seeing their reading journeys flourish over the coming weeks.

As an extra incentive the children are in competition to win a treat for their whole class! The class with the highest average minutes reading by the last Friday before half term will all receive a mini McFlurry!

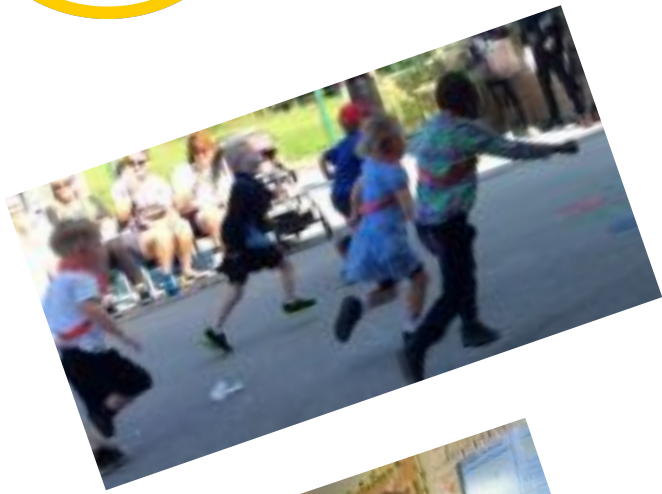
A parent guide will be shared on Mcas today to support your child at home.

Happy reading!





CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT





SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL SPORTS!

Celebrating a Fantastic Primary School Sports Week!

What a brilliant week of sport, energy and teamwork we've had at Mereside as we celebrated our School Sports Week! From exciting events in school to representing the school with pride in the wider community, our pupils have truly shown great spirit, enthusiasm and determination.

We kicked off the week with 10 of our Year 3 and 4 pupils attending a fantastic Tennis Festival, followed by 9 of our Year 6 pupils who represented the school in the Athletics competition, proudly achieving third place – a fantastic result! A huge well done also goes to the 21 pupils who took part in the Blackpool Youth Games Road Race, showing resilience and sportsmanship throughout.

Back in school, the action didn't stop! Pupils from across all key stages have taken part in a wide range of activities including:

- A long-distance run around the school field – a great effort from all involved!
- A fast-paced Speed Stacking Competition for Years 4-6, showing off some seriously quick hands.
- A joyful Key Stage Dance Afternoon where all pupils from Years 1-6 got moving and grooving together.
- A Sports Carousel packed with fun, movement, and laughter for everyone in Years 1-6.

On Thursday, the whole school came together, from our 2-year-olds in Nursery right through to Year 6, to take part in their annual Sports Days, cheering on their classmates and celebrating every success, big and small.

We wrapped up the week on Friday with an action-packed Commando Joe's session for Years 1-6 – full of teamwork challenges and adventure-style fun to finish our sports week with a bang!

A huge thank you to all the staff, pupils, and families who supported and celebrated with us throughout the week. It's been a truly memorable week of sport and school spirit – well done, everyone!

School Events 2024-25

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	Y4 Multiplication Check (National testing)
Mon 9th	Y1 Phonics Screening starts (National testing)
Mon 16th - Fri 20th	Blackpool Youth Games Sports Day (Thursday 19th of June)
Fri 20th	World Music Day

July 2025

Wed 2nd	Parents Quiz Night
Thurs 3rd	High School Transition Day (Year 6) *Not for St George's
Thurs 10th	End of Year Reports
Wed 16th	Letter to parents about new classes
Fri 18th	Moving Up Day
Mon 21st	Nursery Graduation
Tues 22nd	Whole School Awards Ceremony
Wed 23rd	Y5/6 Production 2.00pm
Thurs 24th	Y5/6 Production 9.30am
Thurs 24th	Y6 Leavers Event
Fri 25th	School Closes at 1.30pm

SCHOOL

Uniform

It's that time of year again already!

Uniform orders can start to be placed now ready for September 2025 return to school.

Please use your MCAS account to place your order and to make payment.

Orders should be placed and paid for in full by Friday 18th July in order to receive your uniforms before we break up for the Summer.

If you are struggling to access this or would like to pay in installments, please contact us at the school office where we will be able to help and support.



Item	Children Sizes Cost	Adult Sizes Cost
Royal Blue School Logo Jumper (Essential)	£10	£14
White School Logo Polo Shirt (Not essential)	£8	£10
Mereside School Logo PE Jumper (Essential)	£16	£18
Mereside Logo PE T'Shirt (Essential)	£6	£7.50
Royal Blue PE Shorts (Not essential)	£5	£5
Mereside Logo Book Bag (Not essential)	£7	N/A