

# NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 24h April 2025



Such a lovely week at Mereside Academy!

We have welcomed everyone back and it has been lovely to see the summer clothes coming in.

We've got an exciting term ahead, and the weather is looking warmer over the next few weeks. Please remember to send your child in with a cap and suncream if you wish for them to use them.

There will be lots of information being shared in next week's newsletter about events happening over the summer term.

As we start our summer term, the children have seen the new signage that we have had put up over the half term break.

Well done everyone on a great first week back, Mrs Richardson



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 92%

Rec	95%	2R	97%	3B	86%	5M	93%
1M	90%	2P	87%	4D	93%	5D	95%
1G	89%	3D	94%	4B	92%	6B	93%

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

# THE MERESIDE WAY

## Reset day

On Tuesday this week, children across school completed a full reset day, where they revisited and practised our Mereside way, with a focus on routines, walking and working together to gain class rewards.

All children understand that we are working together to **Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Ready**.

## Above and Beyond!

Rayna (3D) Lacey (5M) Lucy Ann (5D) Maya (2HP) Myles (2HP) Nathan (2R)  
Karlson (2HP) Jayden (5D) Archie (2HP) Jayden (5M) Scarlett (2HP) Junior  
(5M) Tilly (5M) Rico (2HP)

Well done to Lacey who was picked for hot chocolate with Miss Taylor-Royston

## Important Reminders

As a reminder, following our Friday assemblies now, parents are shown out before the children are dismissed. Thank you for the support with this change.

**PE days for the school are as follows:**

**Reception - Tuesday and Friday**

**Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday**

**Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday**

**Year 3 - Monday and Friday**

**Year 4 - Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday**

**Year 5 - Monday and Tuesday**

**Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday**

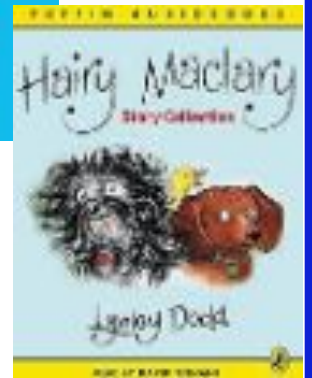


**SEND Coffee Afternoon**  
**Wednesday 30th April**  
**2.30-3pm in the Children's Centre**

**Mrs Peck will be there to introduce  
the SEND Team for the  
Summer Term**

# READING

## ★ CORNER ★



We have an exciting summer term full of fantastic books for the children to immerse themselves in and use in their English lessons to support their writing activities. The children thrive off having their own copy of the book in class to use!

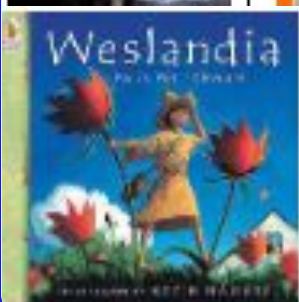
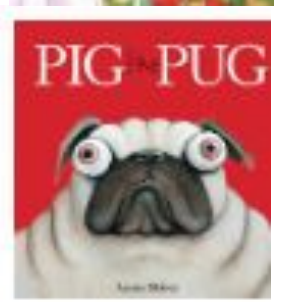
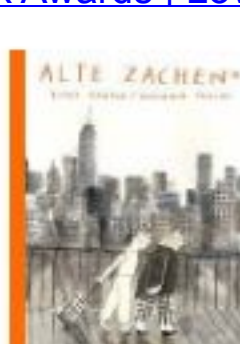
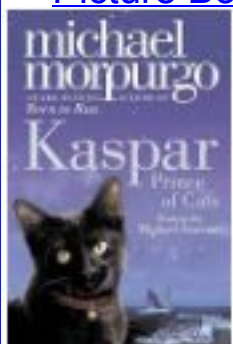
It really is fostering a love of reading in our school.

The link below is a great way to get children enthused and excited about reading. On the website you will find children's authors reading a chapter from their own books... This is a great way to get children excited about reading.

[Chapter One – free readings and home learning resources from favourite authors - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Finally, The English Association has just announced their shortlist for 2025 picture books for all ages. The link below gives a short description about each book and a link if you would like to buy one!

[The English Association announces the shortlist for the 2025 EEA Picture Book Awards | LoveReading4Kids](#)





# CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

## A day in the life of... Year 6 pre-SATs...

*What are the KS2 SATs?* The SATs are the Statutory assessments completed during May in year 6. These assessments, assess children's knowledge in relation to Reading, Mathematics and Grammar at the end of the KS2 curriculum.

*What happens with the information?* The information is shared with a child's secondary school to ensure they are in the right class to support their learning.

The few weeks before the SATs test, are spent revising and practising those last parts of the curriculum that have been taught in year 6, while making sure we can remember what we have learnt in years 3,4 and 5.

Thursday looked like this:

- Arithmetic check
- Long multiplication practice
- Reading practice with Miss Barson
- Break time
- PE lesson with Mr Tomes
- Lunch
- Arithmetic practice (+, - and x)
- Computing
- Lexia

We have been discussing what will be learnt post SATs, including what we need to prepare to transition to high school.

The efforts all the children have put in this week has been excellent. Myself and Miss Barson are extremely proud of all of the pupils and their efforts.

Mrs Richardson



# OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>1M</b>	Franky for an amazing first week at Mereside
<b>1G</b>	Lola for a fantastic first week and for adapting to the Mereside way so quickly!
<b>2R</b>	Boo - for amazing engagement in every single lesson!
<b>2P</b>	Myles- For being a superstar all week!
<b>3B</b>	McKenzie for following the Mereside way beautifully and making good choices, well done
<b>3D</b>	Mollie really showed the Mereside Way this week by working super hard and staying focused. She was also an amazing partner—kind, helpful, and great to work with during our partner activities!
<b>4B</b>	Archie for having a wonderful first week at Mereside, he has shown wonderful resilience as for his first ever lesson he was literally thrown in at the deep end (safely!) with a school swimming lesson! Well done Archie we are so pleased you are here.
<b>4D</b>	Isla for always putting 100% in to every lesson, being a shining example of how The Mereside Way should look and also being an incredibly kind and caring member of the class. Well done Isla. I am so proud of you!
<b>5M</b>	Junior - Junior - For having a fantastic week back after break. Keep up the good work!
<b>5D</b>	Isaac - for great enthusiasm and fantastic work in science!
<b>6B</b>	Jorgie - for

# 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 3rd - Fri 7th</b>	Parents Evening Week * Revised date
<b>Thurs 13th</b>	Year 3 trip to the cinema and lifeboat station
<b>Fri 14th</b>	Comic Relief Day Wacky Hair Day (*full school uniform)
<b>Fri 21st -</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>Mon 24th</b>	Pamper afternoon for EYFS parent or carer
<b>Tues 25th/Wed 26th</b>	Y3/Y4 Production - Tues 25th @ 2.15pm, Wednesday 26th @ 4.30pm

## 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)

## June 2025

<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

## July 2025

<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

## July 2025

<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