

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 2nd May 2025



Welcome to Mr. McDonald - who has joined the Mereside Leadership Team as a seconded Assistant Headteacher from Armfield Academy for the Summer Term. The children have already met Mr McDonald during assemblies and from him being in and around school and we are really pleased to have another member of the FCAT team join us.

Farewell to Mrs. Peck - This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Peck, our long-standing SENCO, who has been a dedicated and compassionate part of our school for many years. Her commitment to supporting pupils with special educational needs has made a lasting difference to so many children and families, and her kindness and expertise will be greatly missed. We thank her for everything she has done and wish her the very best for the future.

Outdoor Learning - This week we have embraced the beautiful weather during lessons and break time! Classes ventured outside to engage in hands-on activities that connected their curriculum, from forest school, to our archeological dig site and chalking artwork on the playground floor. Outdoor learning often encourages teamwork, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the environment.

Librarians - Many of our children from Year 4 - Year 6 have applied for this special student leadership role in school. The first round of interviews took place in classes. Then short listed applicants were shortlisted and interviewed by the schools leadership team. Successful applicants will be announced in next weeks assembly. The children were very impressive during their interviews and making the final decisions to appoint for the role was a real challenge. Best regards, Ms. Chapman

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Whole School 92.8%

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| Rec | 95% | 2R | 97% | 3B | 83% | 5M | 92% |
| 1M | 95% | 2P | 89% | 4D | 94% | 5D | 95% |
| 1G | 95% | 3D | 92% | 4B | 99% | 6B | 90% |

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

THE MERESIDE WAY

Above and Beyond!

Amelia 4B Cristabel Rec Skarlet 5D Whyatt 5D
Amelie 3D Nylah 5D Cillian Rec Isabella 5M
Amelia Rec Rayna 3D Eryk 1G Ilona Rec
Cash Rec Ram Rec Raven 2P Archie 2P
Scarlett 2P Rory 2P Sophie 3D Jayden B 4D
Kai Rec Elsie Rec Betty Rec Arianna 5M
Emily Rec Dottie Rec Alexa 4B Nathan 3D

Wow! So many purple stars this week! Well done to all the children listed above for being recognised as being above and beyond in school this week.

Important Reminders

☀️ Sun Safety Reminder ☀️

As the sunny weather continues, please remember to send your child to school with:

- **Sunscreen** (applied before arrival)
- **A hat** to protect them from the sun
- **A refillable water bottle** to stay hydrated throughout the day



EVENTS

Year 6 SATS Exams

Mon 12th / Thurs 13th May



Year 4 Multiplication Check &
Year 1 Phonics Check

Mon 9th June

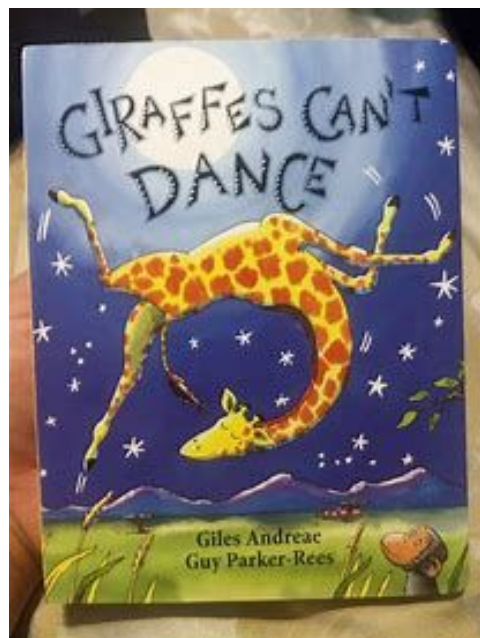


READING CORNER

Thank you to all parents who have already submitted their responses to the online reading survey. It is really important to have everyone's views on home reading books. If you haven't already responded, then please may I kindly ask that you complete as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

Our school library is looking fantastic and staff members are working tirelessly to ensure it is the most wonderful environment for our children to enjoy. Miss White has been busy organising the library and Miss Barson has been busy planting in the outdoor area and has secured gift vouchers as well as companies to come to resource the area. A special thank you to them for going above and beyond for our wonderful children.

Reading assembly this week was all about International Dance Day... children learned all about its history, looked and discussed possible careers in dance and they really enjoyed listening to a story.





CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

In our Literacy lessons we have been exploring, 'Lizzy and the Cloud'. The children have been writing an instruction manual to help Lizzy take care of her cloud. They are beginning to use subordinating conjunctions to add extra information and have written in the role of the cloud-seller

This week in History, Year 2 visited the archaeological dig site to look for clues, all about King Charles' coronation!

In Maths Year 2 have been learning all about fractions. This week the children recognised and found the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$.



In PE, the children have focused on team building skills. We have worked in groups and pairs to give clear, concise instructions and to demonstrate a safe method for giving physical support.



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



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| 1M | Gracie-Mae for settling into school with a positive attitude and quickly becoming a part of team 1M |
| 1G | Isaac for being super helpful and trying hard with his work! |
| 2R | Marley - for excellent work in our new maths unit as we have been learning to recognise and find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| 2P | Rory Roberts - For always trying his best and for becoming a more independent writer. |
| 3B | Amelia Smith - For showing 100% effort all week, especially during maths when learning about fractions. Amelia has also shown a lot of resilience this week. |
| 3D | Millie Mc- For being a kind, cheerful presence who gets along well with others, always willing to help and makes the classroom a joyful place to be. |
| 4B | Sophia - for being a wonderful example of the Mereside Way from representing school at football to creating wonderful salt dough teeth! A fabulous week. |
| 4D | Alfie for being an incredible member of 4D. You are a great role-model to everyone at Mereside! Keep being the amazing person you are! |
| 5M | Harvey R - For having an unbelievably positive week! So proud! Keep up the good work! |
| 5D | Lucy Ann - for always showing the Mereside way and trying her best! |
| 6B | Lucas W - incredible efforts all week - well done, keep it up! |

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MERESIDE AFTERSCHOOL FOREST SESSION

FAMILY
FRIENDLY
SESSIONS

EVERY TUESDAY STARTING FROM
7TH MAY TO 15TH JULY

15:15AM TO 4:45PM

MEETING AT MERESIDE PARK
(///GATHER.EXPORT.SPRINT)

Suitable for children aged 2-13.

TERM TIME ONLY!

ACTIVITIES:

- Bush craft skills
- Den building
- Woodworking
- Arts and Crafts
- Outdoor games
- Storytelling
- & More

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BPRsMay2025](https://tinyurl.com/BPRsMay2025)

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Stay safe this summer



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess
your surroundings.

Look for the
dangers and
always research
local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go
with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the
coast, call 999 and
ask for the
Coastguard.

Don't enter
the water to
rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become
tired - stay calm, float
on your back and call
for help.

Throw something that
floats to somebody that
has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk

School Events 2024-25

May 2025

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| 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

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| 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 (Variety of sports competitions) |
| Fri 20th | World Music Day |

July 2025

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| 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 |

July 2025

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| Wed 23rd | Y5/6 Production 2.00pm |
| Thurs 24th | Y5/6 Production 9.30am |
| Thurs 24th | Y6 Leavers Event tbc |
| Fri 25th | School Closes at 1.30pm |