

NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 31st January 2025



Another fantastic week at Mereside!

Wow! The school has been a hive of learning from our Nursery to Year 6. I was very proud to give out the 'Stars of the Week' certificates which shared a theme of academic excellence and success this week.

Assembly Programme: We have had a fun week of assemblies. On Tuesday we discovered the Scottish Poet Robert Burns and on Thursday we also delved into History with Ms. Richardson talking about chronology and careers.

Read Write Inc - Inset Day: The team and I are very much looking forward to our Read Write Inc launch and we are eagerly awaiting the various new books and resources to be delivered. Thank you again for your understanding behind our Inset Day on Monday 24th February.

Assembly Ambassadors: After a full interview process Mr Lydon and I have appointed our four ambassadors. The majority of children from Year 5 applied for this special role. They prepared well and making the decision to appoint was very difficult due to the professionalism of the children. We are however proud to announce that Jayden T, Isabella, Whyatt and Skarlet have been successful. Well done, you should be incredibly proud of yourself.

Learning showcase: Next Wednesday the 5th of February we will have our second Learning Showcase event across the school - which is a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate ambitious learning across each stage of the school.

NSPCC Number Day: Will also be celebrated across school on Friday 7th of February. Our Maths lessons that day will be extra special and we will also host a special assembly. This will be a normal school uniform day

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

THE MERESIDE WAY

Mereside Manners

On Monday Ms Chapman spoke with the whole school about our Mereside manners. We spoke about saying thankyou, please, you're welcome. Our children could tell Ms Chapman what our manners were and how and when to use them. We hope you have seen an increase in good manners at home too.

Above and Beyond!

Tina 4B

Rayna 3D

Kai RW

Cole 3B

Dominik 5D

Scarlett 5M

Emily RW

Luke 3B

Emily RW

Maggie 5M

Cillian RW

Cillian RW

Teddi Y6

Alicia Y6

Kai RW

Important Reminders

Punctuality teaches primary-aged students responsibility and helps them build a routine, which is crucial for their overall development. Being on time also ensures they don't miss important lessons or activities, allowing them to fully engage and succeed in their learning.

Arrival time: 8.35am

Register closes: 8.45am



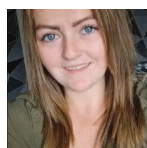
EVENTS

Wednesday 5th February - Our Y5/6 athletics team will be representing school in the sportshall athletics plate competition. Good luck!

Thursday 6th February Schools Alive performance @ the Winter Gardens.

Family Support

Welcome to the team to Mrs Maddiss-Griffiths.



She will be will be part of the family support team with Mrs Thomas & Mrs Taylor-Royston. She will help us support all our families. She will be working here on a Thursday and Friday.



OUR STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Cillian - Mereside way all day, every day ! Trying hard in everything, being kind, being ready, being safe.
1M	Darcie for demonstrating fantastic P.E skills. Her concentration and control when rolling and travelling were excellent.
1G	Eryk for trying hard and being enthusiastic in every lesson.
2R	Tommy - for his effort in everything. He is Mereside Way all day and gives his all. Mr Tomes was particularly impressed with you in PE this week!
2P	Rico- For always following the Mereside Way.
3B	Luke - for a huge improvement in his attitude to learning and for reading at home every night! I am so proud of you!
3D	Lilly-Ann - She was very proud of her history work. She added extra details to her writing and wanted to show everyone! Great Job!
4B	Alexa - For her fantastic contributions and hard work in all areas of our curriculum this week. Her work around looking at packaging and 'Fair Trade' has been particularly excellent. Well done!
4D	Jayden - For working so hard in all lessons, completing lots of work and really improving on The Mereside Way. I am so very proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work you are doing.
5D	Whyatt Junior - for trying his best in all areas of the curriculum and contributing well to class discussions. Well done!
5M	Maggie - For always trying her best and not being afraid to ask for help! Well done for all your hard work ... especially in your spelling!
6B	Nikita Marshall - for excellent presentation and some lovely work on vertebrates!

PUNCTUALITY

IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it.

I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it!

I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early?

The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

5 minutes late per day,
every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time.

10 minutes
= 6.5 days
lost per
school
year

15 minutes
= 10 days
lost per
school
year

20 minutes
= 13 days
lost per
school
year

30 minutes
= 19 days
lost per
school
year

WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Get everything you need for school ready.
- Set your alarm with plenty of time to spare.
- If you bring your lunch to school - make it now.
- Turn off electronic devices 30mins before sleep.
- If you use your phone before bed download a blue light filter app to look after your eyes.
- Remember that people aged 11 - 16 need 8 - 10 hours of sleep!

WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNING

- Get out of bed as soon as your alarm goes off.
- Have a shower first thing - it will wake you up!
- Have a nutritional, but quick, breakfast. Fruit, toast and healthy cereals are perfect and will give you enough energy to last to lunch time.
- Keep an eye on the clock and don't waste time.
- If you wait for friends, don't wait if they are late.
- If you're late - don't make excuses - we've heard them all before and honesty works much better!



School Events

January 2025

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

February 2025

Mon 3rd -9th - Children Mental Health Week

Wed 5th - Y5/Y6 Athletics Comp

Thurs 6th - School's Alive

Friday 7th - NSPCC Number Day

Mon 10th - Oracy Week

Tues 11th - Safer Internet Day

Mon 17th - Fri 21st - Half Term holidays

Mon 24th - Inset Day

Tues 25th - School Reopens

Thurs 27th EYFS Reading Event

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)

Wed 19th - Scholastic book fair arriving (one week)

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