



# MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

## Newsletter 3 - 26th September 2025

Can you believe it's nearly October? The first few weeks of term have flown by and we wanted to say a huge well done to all the children for their fantastic start. They are working incredibly hard in class, and it's a joy to see them so engaged with their learning. Our new maths scheme, White Rose Maths, is proving to be very popular, and we're so impressed with how confidently the children can talk about their work and the methods they are using.

It's been a lovely week of sunny weather, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed making the most of the school grounds during their playtime. We've also seen some brilliant teamwork and resilience from our Year One pupils, who have been very busy taking part in their Outdoor Adventurers sessions! We are also incredibly proud of our oldest pupils in Year Four, who have shown fantastic maturity by taking on new responsibilities around the school; from preparing the hall for assembly and keeping the library tidy, to being wonderfully kind and supportive role models for our newest pupils during lunch play.

I would also like to extend my thanks to parents and carers for their continued support and kindness towards the staff - it really is appreciated.

*Rebecca Baldwin*

### This Week

**Reception** have learnt their first four sounds in phonics - S, A, T and P

**Year 1** have started their guided reading sessions and were simply brilliant segmenting and blending.

**Year 2** went in search of the crayons in Geography - following a map to find them.

**Year 3** have improvised in music along to 4 beat songs.

**Year 4** have been exploring pitch with a range of different musical instruments

### Harvest Festival

As we celebrate Harvest Festival this term, we are kindly asking for donations to support our local community through the Wimborne Food Bank. We welcome contributions of non-perishable food items such:

- as tinned goods
- pasta and rice
- cereals
- long-life milk
- sauces
- soup
- toiletries

Please bring any donations with you on **Monday 6th October**. Your generosity will make a significant difference to local families in need. Thank you for your support.

### Thank you!

The book fair was a success on Tuesday after school and there is still a chance to visit TODAY and MONDAY. So far, your purchases have secured us £200 to spend on books for the school - thank you!



## Celebration of Learning Event

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, we warmly invite parents and carers in to school celebrate their child's learning with them in the classrooms. At **2.45pm, the front gate** will be opened for parents and carers to enter the building via the external classroom doors.

Once you have finished looking at your child's work, you will be free to leave and take them home. The **back gate will be opened at 3pm**.

This event is a fantastic opportunity before parents evening to view your child's books and celebrate their learning with them.

Please don't worry if you are unable to attend, as children who do not have a grown up with them will celebrate their work in the hall with me, Mrs Baldwin.



## Attendance

Whole School	96.9%
Reception	96.2%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	94.5%

## Safeguarding

If you have any concern about the safety or well-being of a child or young person in the BCP area, it is vital that you report it.

For immediate concerns, contact the BCP First Response Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) at:  
01202 123334

For out of hours emergencies, the number is: 01202  
738256

If a child is in immediate danger, you should always call the police on 999.

## Dates for the Diary

- **NEW** 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Celebration in school - donations for Wimborne Food Bank
- 7<sup>th</sup> October - 5:00pm - 6:30pm - Prospective Reception Parents 26/27 Open Evening
- **NEW** 9<sup>th</sup> October - Merley Road Awareness Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - World Mental Health Day - wear school uniform with a yellow accessory
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October- 9:30am - 11:00am - Prospective Reception Parents 26/27 tours
- **NEW** 21<sup>st</sup> October - Shoebox appeal donations at drop off. Please click [here](#) for details
- **NEW** 21<sup>st</sup> October - 2.45pm Celebration of Learning in classrooms - parents/carers to attend
- **NEW** 23<sup>rd</sup> October - PTA Halloween disco - please click [here](#) to book tickets
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term - school closed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November - INSET Day - school closed to pupils
- 4<sup>th</sup> November - Pupils return to school
- 4<sup>th</sup> November - Individual and sibling photographs - all pupils in school uniform please

# Congratulations

**The following pupils have been awarded Oak Leaves for demonstrating our values: Respectful, Engaged and Ready**

**YR:** Natalie I, Mason H, Elodie D, Thea D, Monty R & Mabel L

**Y1:** Darcie G, Ava K, Leon PA, Nya R, Arlo K & Louis H

**Y2:** Kit F, Charlotte A, Milo M, Thamarai, Meredith & Charlie E

**Y3:** Hunter L, Charlie B, Arthur RR, Ireliia, Olivia C & Devyn

**Y4:** Dolce, Jackson M, Harvey, Theo S, Dillon & Ella H

**These children have a Headteacher's Award because they have been recognised for being respectful:**

**YR:** Sebby B & William S

**Y1:** Kieran F & Tayah P

**Y2:** Lexi B & Otilie B

**Y3:** Sienna K & Emilia

**Y4:** Eddie & Elsie

**These pupils have been recognised for fantastic effort in a particular lesson or subject and are Star Learners:**

**YR:** Jude C & Bella S

**Y1:** Noah H & Eddie T

**Y2:** Jacob D & Cole H

**Y3:** Alfie A & Jensen E

**Y4:** Matilda & Jason J

# Total Energy

services



**DONATIONS NOW OPEN**

**Drop your items into  
Merley First School  
(outside main office)  
Morning drop off  
on Tuesday 21st October  
8.30am - 9am**

**Last year we  
bought joy to  
over 150 children  
in need around  
the world.**

**Help us spread  
more joy and love  
this Christmas**

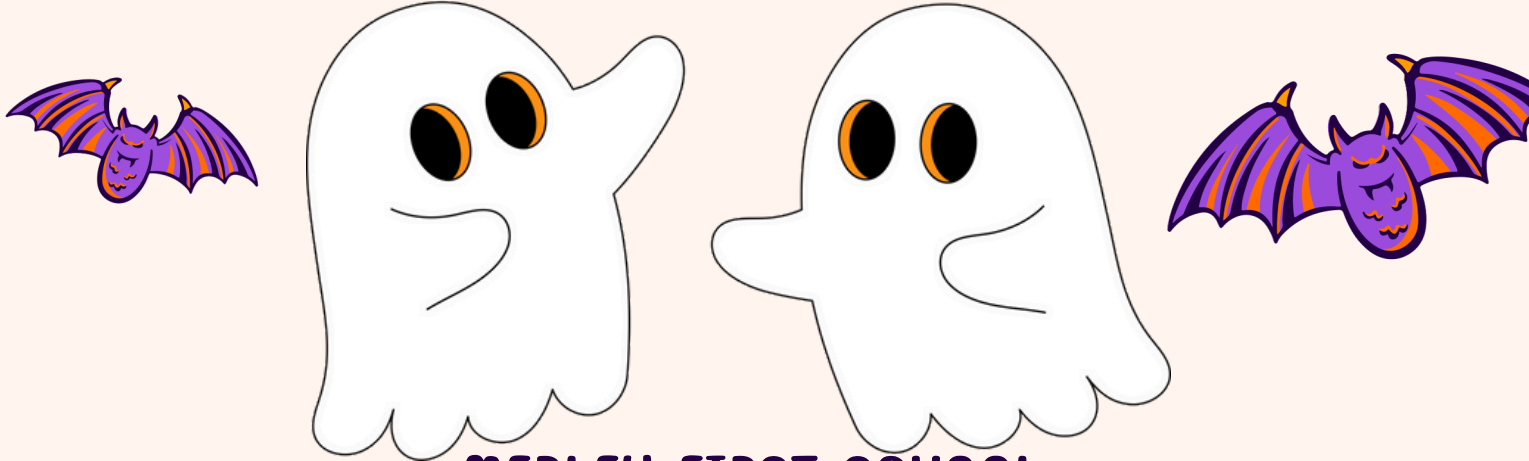
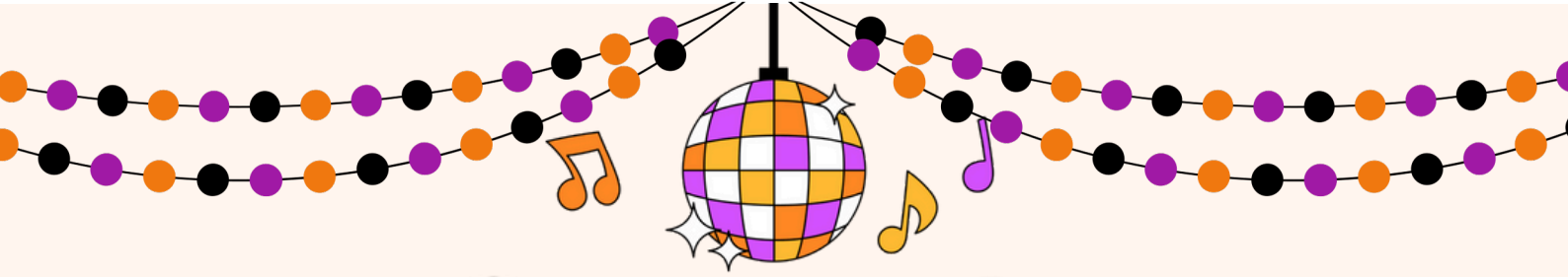
### **How can you help?**

Simply drop any donations into our office and we will do the rest.

No need to donate shoeboxes we sort, pack and send for you.

Items can be new or used but must be in good condition.

**For more information call Holly 01258 472132  
or email [holly@totalenergy.co.uk](mailto:holly@totalenergy.co.uk)**



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# HALLOWEEN

# DISCO

# 23RD

THURSDAY

OCTOBER

RECEPTION ~ 3.45 - 4.15  
YEAR 1 & 2 ~ 4.30 - 5.15  
YEAR 3 & 4 ~ 5.30 - 6.15

COSTUMES OPTIONAL!



USE THE QR CODE  
OR FOLLOW THE  
LINK TO BUY  
YOUR TICKET!

