



MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter 4 - 3rd October 2025

As we enjoy the autumn season, we have some wonderful learning opportunities and important events coming up at school. Here is a little update on what we've been doing and a look at the busy week ahead. In our assembly on Monday, we began our focus on the Harvest Festival. We had a lovely discussion about the important role that farmers play in our lives and where our food comes from. We will be continuing this theme next week as we celebrate harvest further. Please remember that we will be collecting harvest donations on Monday, 6th October. Next week is a busy one! Thursday 9th October is Road Safety Day: Our pupils will be taking part in special activities to learn and reinforce essential road safety skills. To show our support for young people's mental health and wellbeing, we invite all children to wear a bright, yellow accessory with their school uniform on Friday 10th October This could be a hairband, socks, a scarf, or a badge – just a little splash of sunshine to show we care! Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers that we have strict safeguarding policies in place at the end of the school day. Staff may need a few moments to check our pick-up records before allowing children to leave so please wait respectfully and know that they are trying to keep the children safe. Thank you.

Enjoy the weekend!

Rebecca Baldwin

This Week

Reception have made 3D portraits using different collage materials.

Year 1 have worked hard in their reading groups.

Year 2 wrote some beautiful colour poems.

Year 3 were reading about archeologists and finding out about the past.

Year 4 have learnt about the world wide web in computing.

Thank you!

Your amazing support at the book fair raised **£754** for us to spend on books for leaning and the library. Our Voice Champions will be involved in asking classes what kind of books they would like.

Thank you so much!



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.



Helping the Community

I was delighted to receive an email this week to inform me that two Merley pupils were involved in the Wimborne Community Clean Up last weekend.

Emma in Year 2 and Natalie in Reception, helped pick up litter, look after the planet and help our local community.

Emma said, "I felt very proud because I was helping the world."



Attendance

Whole School	96.7%
Reception	98.5%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	95.9%

Safeguarding

The NSPCC have a wealth of information for parents and carers on how to support your child and keep them safe. Click [here](#) for more information.

The logo for the National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NSPCC), consisting of the letters 'NSPCC' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

Dates for the Diary

- **NEW** 6th October - Harvest Celebration in school - donations for Wimborne Food Bank
- 7th October - 5:00pm - 6:30pm - Prospective Reception Parents 26/27 Open Evening
- 9th October - Merley Road Awareness Day
- 10th October - World Mental Health Day - wear school uniform with a yellow accessory
- 13th - 17th October- 9:30am - 11:00am - Prospective Reception Parents 26/27 tours
- **NEW** 21st October - Shoebox appeal donations at drop off. Please click [here](#) for details
- **NEW** 21st October - 2.45pm Celebration of Learning in classrooms - parents/carers to attend
- **NEW** 23rd October - PTA Halloween disco - please click [here](#) to book tickets
- 27th - 31st October - Half Term - school closed
- 3rd November - INSET Day - school closed to pupils
- 4th November - Pupils return to school
- 4th November - Individual and sibling photographs - all pupils in school uniform please
- **NEW** - 19th November - 8.45am - 9.30am - NHS Dorset Healthcare School Nursing Team Toileting drop-in session - school hall. Entry at 8.45am via main entrance - parents/carers only.

Congratulations

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

YR: Luis W, Benji B, Blake R, Bonnie A, Rosie S & Billy C

Y1: Oakley A, Tommy C, River H, Remy F, Lando R & Daisy W

Y2: George C, Isla R, Arthur S, Arlo H, Rawdon R & Emil T

Y3: Elvis H, Pearl H, Henry S, Evie E, Theo WJ & Nathan W

Y4: Jack W, Henry S, Lily-May, Theo L, Sammy W & Joel CP

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

YR: Theo G & Alana G

Y1: Imrie P & Florence L

Y2: Millie H & Thea A

Y3: Viba & George P

Y4: Thea B & Eden PA

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

YR: Hallie M & George F

Y1: Buddy & Tom W

Y2: Louis D & Connie H

Y3: Charlie R & Ruben B

Y4: Thea P & Elizabeth G

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**

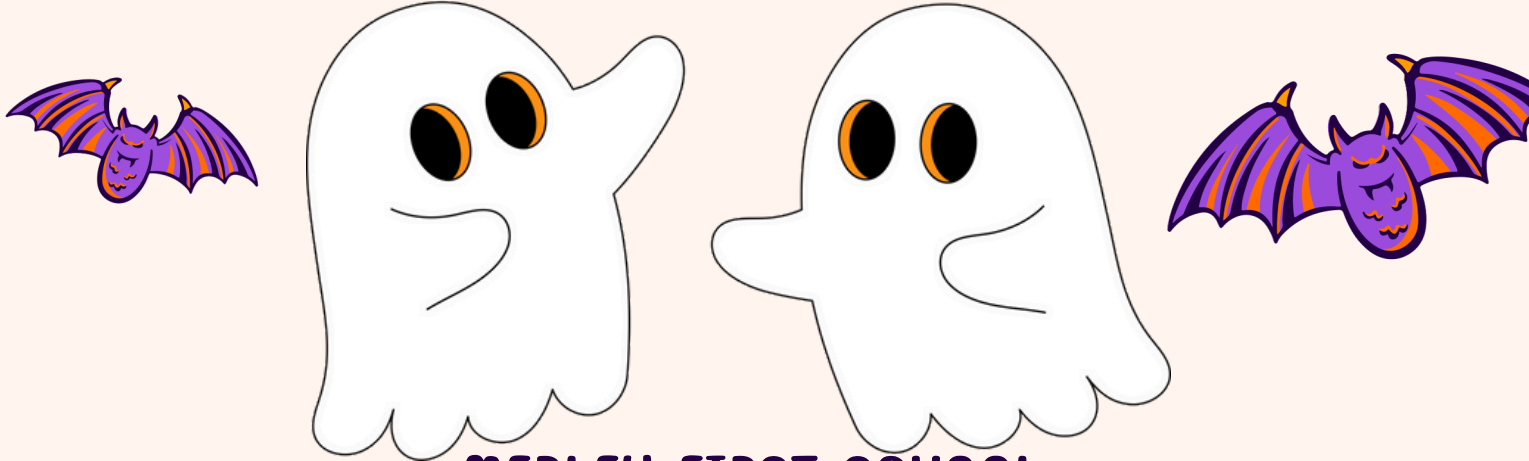
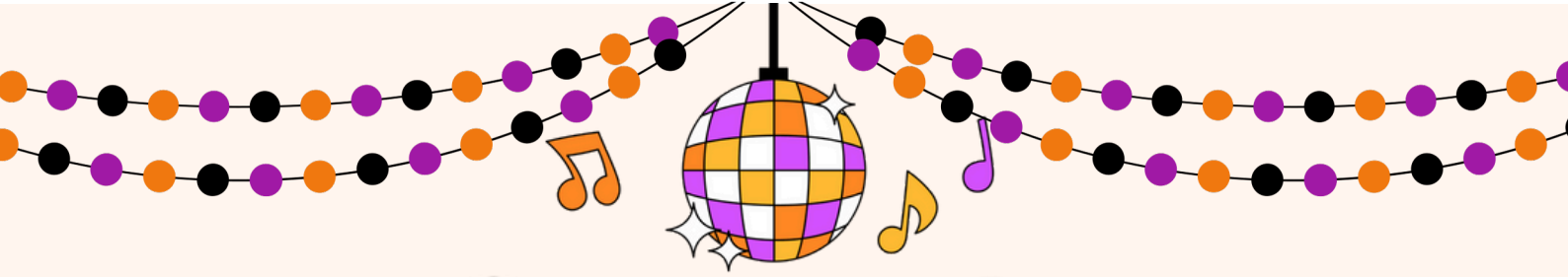
How can you help?

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**



MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN

DISCO

THURSDAY 23RD 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!**

