



MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter 18 - 6th February 2026

It was wonderful to see a glimmer of sunshine this week! The children made the most of the brighter weather on Tuesday and enjoyed being back out on the play trail.

Next week, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. Throughout the week, children will participate in tailored classroom activities and learning focused on emotional resilience and wellbeing.

On this theme, we invite all parents to our wellbeing event on Tuesday 10th February at 6:30pm in the school hall. The focus will be on equipping parents with tools to support children who are suffering from anxiety. We will be joined by expert guest speakers who will offer practical support, guidance, and strategies to help you and your child navigate anxious feelings. We hope to see many of you there.

Wednesday 11th at 2:45pm is our termly Celebration of Learning event in the classrooms. This is an opportunity to look at your child's books before parents evening next term. Please enter via the front gate.

To conclude the week, we will also be supporting SCARF Day (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) on Friday. This is a great opportunity for the children to celebrate and recognise the messages that we share in our PSHE lessons and school environment.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Rebecca Baldwin

This Week

Reception have enjoyed their fairy tale day in the Reception base today!

Year 1 have made shortbread with a guest chef - Miss Jessop's mum!

Year 2 have been creative and designed their own bugs and will be writing about them next week.

Year 3 are preparing to retell part of The Iron Man story using dialogue.

Year 4 have watched an animation in English and written about it.



Healthy Snacks & Eco-Reminder

As we focus on wellbeing and our environment, please remember that we only allow healthy snacks for break times. This includes:

Fresh fruit and vegetables

Healthy dried fruit

Healthy nut-free snack bars

Please ensure all snacks are wrapper-free and sent in a NAMED reusable container.

We are finding a significant amount of plastic waste being dropped on the floor, and we want to keep our play areas clean and safe for everyone.



Congratulations

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

YR: Freya T, Arthur N, Thea D, Charlotte B, Mason B-H & Erin S

Y1: Archie, Ivy A, Evie W, Bella W, Arlo K & Tayah

Y2: Kit F, Rex P, George C, Drummer, Emil & Lenny

Y3: Theo WJ, Frankie-Lee D, Elwyn H, Sarah H, Alfie A & Evie R

Y4: Lydia DC, Jason J, Harvey S, Eden, Charlie & Montana

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

YR: Max K & Florence S

Y1: Annika D & Buddy H

Y2: Charlotte A & Hannah B

Y3: Daisy W & Henry S

Y4: Cici R & Remy

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

YR: Tommy M & Oscar P

Y1: Nya & Oakley A

Y2: Isla R & Rosie P

Y3: Finley A & Franklin Q

Y4: Brooke T & Jesse

EPIC

Explore, Play, Imagine, Create!

As we head towards the Spring, we are eager to move into the next stages of our playtime development and as ever we need your support.

We need sturdy, plastic crates that can be used with wooden decking planks to make paths and walkways.

If you can help source some for us, please speak to the office, Miss Stone or Mrs Baldwin.

Thank you.





Merley First School and ReWellness Counselling invite you to our information event to help parents/carers understand anxiety in children and provide practical tools to help at home.

Tuesday 10th Febuary 2026 at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Talk duration - 30 minutes followed by time to discuss and ask questions.

