



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
SPRING TERM – FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL – MRS PRYER

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy week across the school with Nursery learning about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and Reception representing the numbers 9 and 10 in different ways in maths. Year 1 have been comparing work by different artists while Year 2 concentrated on partner work in dance. Year 3 have been learning to do cross stitch in Design and Technology and Year 4 have been finding out about Egyptian Pharaohs. Year 5 have been working with fractions, decimals and percentages while Year 6 have been writing diary entries.

We have had further curriculum showcase sessions this week. Thank you to all the Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers who were able to attend.

Every day this week we have held an attendance raffle where every child who attended school each day, on time was entered into a raffle draw. Well done to all our attendance winners, please see page 5.

On Thursday, two children from Year 2 and two children from Year 5 attended the Berlesduna Trust Science competition. All of the children applied their scientific knowledge and skills to complete the given tasks. Well done to the Year 5 team who won the Key Stage 2 competition!

Finally, can I remind all parents/carers who drive to the school to think carefully about where they are stopping or parking at drop off and pick up times. Dangerous situations continue to occur where cars have stopped outside the school gates or on the zebra crossing, making it unsafe for the pupils of Merrylands to walk to school. Parking slightly further away from the main entrance will help to make the school journey safer for everyone.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend!



School Attendance Target: 95.00 %



This week's attendance: 93.91%

The class with the best attendance in KS1 was Mrs King's Class with 98.2%

The class with the best attendance in KS2 was Mrs Almond's Class with 97.4%

If your child is absent, contact must be made to the School Office EVERY school day that your child is absent.

RESPECT

KINDNESS

PERSEVERANCE

STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

FOCUS : KINDNESS

Nursery: Patrick V

Nest: Jonathan F-V

ASC: Oskar H

Reception, Mrs Anthony: Ollie B

Reception, Mrs Sullivan: Sienna C

Reception, Miss Bagridge: Ember P

Year 1, Mrs King: Emma O

Year 1, Mrs Camoccio: Louis C

Year 1, Mrs Andrade: Ariaiah C

Year 2, Mrs Didham: Erin P

Year 2, Miss Milne: Henry H

Year 2, Mrs Christie/Mrs Cooper:

Amaryllis R

Year 3, Mrs Almond: Ayan B

Year 3, Miss Gilmore: Murtaza H

Year 3, Miss Medina: Jude B

Year 4, Miss Lee: John L

Year 4, Miss Miller: Margot L

Year 4, Miss Atkin: Kevinas G

Year 5, Miss Day: Gracie P

Year 5, Mr Taylor: Lenny B

Year 5, Miss Osborne: Alex B

Year 6, Miss White: Alice H

Year 6, Mrs Thour: Lucas L

BADGES



Our Merrylands badges are given to the pupils who demonstrate the school values at all times.

They are good role models to other pupils and work hard to improve every single day. They try their best and persevere in all lessons, complete homework on time, have good school attendance and show kindness to their peers. Congratulations to this week's winners.

Reception	Daisy H
Year 1	Klay C
Year 2	Jordan M-H
Year 3	Hanaa M
Year 4	Mark O
Year 5	Maisie B
Year 6	Daisy G

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

MARCH

17.03.2026 St Patrick's Day Special Dinner

20.03.2026 Comic Relief Red Nose Day (Red Non-Uniform)

30.03.2026 Easter Holidays



APRIL - AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

13.04.2026 Back To School

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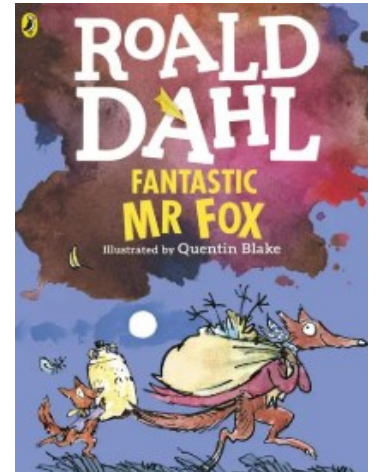
BOOK OF THE WEEK



Mrs Andrade's class Year 1 have been reading Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl.

The story is about a clever fox that helps himself to food from nearby farms. Chickens from Farmer Boggis, ducks and geese from Farmer Bunce and turkeys from Farmer Bean. But one day the Farmers decide they've had enough and hatch a plan to get rid of Mr Fox!

Avi and Felicia liked it when Mr Fox and his children were digging the tunnel to get to the chickens and Jaxon, Sonny and Louis thought it was hilarious when the farmers used their diggers to try and catch Mr Fox but they still couldn't find him!



WORLD BOOK DAY

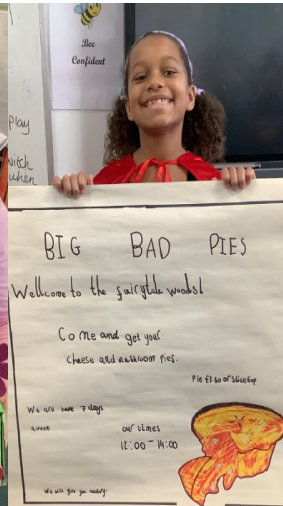
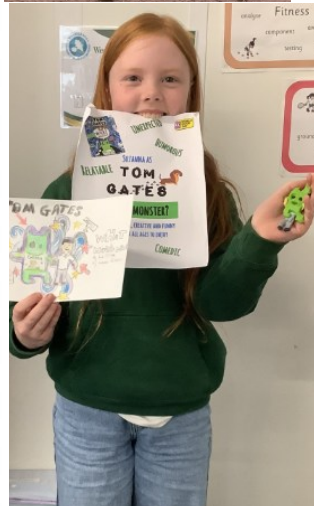


MOST CREATIVE REPRESENTATION OF A BOOK CHARACTER

WINNERS

A huge well done to Dexter W, Amaryllis R, Rosie P, Logan D, Harper S, Aria G and Suzanna F for winning the Most Creative Representation of their favourite book character on World Book Day 2026!

The children went all out and designed some amazing props to go with their costumes. Each child received a certificate and a book voucher.



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BERLESDUNA TRUST SCIENCE COMPETITION



On Thursday 12th March, Mr Andrews took 4 amazing students—Dominik, Kane, Matilda and Alaine to Felmores Primary School to take part in the Berlesduna Trust Science Competition.

The 4 children had a fun-packed morning exploring how to design paper planes, make predictions about their performance and describe how they work using scientific vocabulary such as lift, air-resistance, drag, gravity etc.

The KS1 boys designed some great planes which flew so well but were pipped to the longest distance.

The KS2 girls came up with some complex sentences to describe their predictions and reasoning and we were delighted when they were announced as KS2 winners. Congratulations to all 4 children.



ATTENDANCE WEEK RAFFLE WINNERS



This week was Attendance Week at Merrylands. Well done to all children who attended school on time each day and continue to do so.

Children who arrive on time each day establish a positive, relaxed and eager approach towards learning which in turns helps prepare children for working life in the future.

Well done to this week's winners. Great job!

Monday	Logan D 2SM
Tuesday	David S 6JW
Wednesday	Harley M 5CO
Thursday	Emma O 1HK
Friday	Chidubem E 4LM

ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Stella C in Year 3 for achieving Level 6 at SE Gymnastics Club on Thursday 5th March.

Stella has been working super hard in the lead up to testing week and finally reached Level 6 after her performance on the Vault, Uneven Bars and Floor Routine.



On Monday 16th March 2026 children will return to school on Week 1.

Please ensure all school lunches are paid for in advance on ScoPay.

Please let the office staff know if there are any changes to your child's dietary needs.



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Lighter Bites



OUR LIGHTER LUNCH OPTIONS OF JACKET POTATO & HAM OR CHEESE BAGUETTE are available to all PUPILS everyday



MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

WEEK 1

CHICKEN FAJITA WRAP
QUORN FAJITA WRAP
WITH POTATO CUBES & SALAD BAR
DESSERT - FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

SAUSAGE ROLL
VEGAN ROLL
WITH SMILEY FACES & SPAGHETTI LOOPS
DESSERT - CHOCOLATE CHIP SHORTBREAD
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

HOMEMADE CHICKEN PIE
QUORN & VEGETABLE PIE
WITH SAUTE POTATOES, CARROTS & GRAVY
DESSERT - MINI SUGAR RING DONUTS
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT

CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA
WITH PASTA IN HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & SALAD BAR
DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY
FRESH FRUIT

FISH FINGERS
VEGGIE FINGERS
WITH CHIPS & BAKED BEANS
DESSERT - STRAWBERRY SWIRL MOUSSE
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

WEEK 2

BEEF MEATBALLS
VEGAN MEATBALLS
WITH PASTA IN HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & PEAS
DESSERT - AMERICAN PANCAKES & GOLDEN SYRUP
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

BUTCHERS CHICKEN NUGGETS
VEGETABLE NUGGETS
WITH CHIPS & BAKED BEANS
DESSERT - BELGIAN WAFFLES WITH SQUIRTY CREAM
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT

BUTCHERS PORK SAUSAGE
VEGAN SAUSAGES
WITH CRISPY CUBE POTATOES, YORKSHIRE PUDDING, PEAS, CARROTS & GRAVY
DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY
FRESH FRUIT

CHICKEN CURRY
VEGETABLE CURRY
WITH STEAMED RICE & SWEETCORN
DESSERT - FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

Battered FISH
vegetable Fingers
WITH SMILEY FACES & PEAS
DESSERT - ICE CREAM
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

WEEK 3

BREADED CHICKEN BURGER
QUORN BURGER
WITH CHIPS & SALAD BAR
DESSERT - PANCAKES WITH GOLDEN SYRUP
FRESH FRUIT + YOGURT

BACON MACARONI CHEESE
MACARONI CHEESE
WITH PEAS
DESSERT - SEASONAL FRUIT & YOGHURT

BUTCHERS ROAST CHICKEN
QUORN FILLET
WITH ROAST POTATOES, YORKSHIRE PUDDING, GREEN BEANS, CARROTS & GRAVY
DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY

BEEF BOLOGNESE
VEGETABLE BOLOGNESE
WITH FUSILLI PASTA & MIXED VEGETABLES
DESSERT - BELGIAN WAFFLE WITH SQUIRTY CREAM
FRESH FRUIT + YOGURT

FISH FINGERS
CHEESE OMELETTE
WITH POTATO WEDGES & SPAGHETTI HOOPS
DESSERT - CHOCOLATE SWIRL MOUSSE
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT



ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Tuesday 17th March we will be offering a special lunch to celebrate St Patrick's Day!



Lunch

Beef Shepherd's Pie

Or

Quorn Shepherd's Pie



Dessert

Ice Cream



Jacket Potato, Ham or Cheese Baguette will still be available.





Be a superhero

and come to school every day!

If you miss school, you miss out.

HERO 

Here, every day, ready and on time

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TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time


Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



 Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

For mental health support for young people
visit: www.youngminds.org.uk