



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
SUMMER TERM – FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL – MRS PRYER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past two weeks, the children in Year 4 have worked incredibly hard completing the Multiplication Tables Check. They approached the challenge with determination and resilience, and we are very proud of the effort they have shown.

A special well done also goes to the children in Year 1 and Year 2 who completed the Phonics Screening Check this week. They all tried their very best, and it has been wonderful to see their growing confidence and enthusiasm for reading.

After a rather wet couple of weeks, it looks as though the weather will be improving next week. As the temperatures increase, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school and ensure they come to school with a sun hat and a named water bottle.

This week, I am delighted to share some exciting news. Thanks to the generous sponsorship raised through the Mini Marathon, we will be welcoming two GB athletes into school as part of the *Athletes in Schools* programme. They will deliver an inspirational assembly, as well as lead PE sessions with the children throughout the day. This special event will take place on Monday 13th July 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children, and we are certain it will be a memorable and motivating experience for all involved. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed so generously and supported the Mini Marathon. We are currently exploring how best to use the remaining sponsorship funds to further benefit the children and will share more information with you in due course.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Nursery and Reception Sports Days, as well as the Father's Day Sale. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!



School Attendance Target: 95.00 %



This week's attendance: 93.46%

The class with the best attendance in KS1 was Miss Milne's Class with 97.33%

The class with the best attendance in KS2 was Miss White's Class with 100%

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

Please report your child's absence by phone 01268 417893, ParentMail or by email: admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk

RESPECT

KINDNESS

PERSEVERANCE

STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE

FOCUS: PERSEVERANCE

Nursery: Davina D

Nest: Vinnie A

Reception, Mrs Anthony: Ruben M-H

Reception, Mrs Sullivan: Ollie F

Reception, Miss Bagridge: Caelen L

Year 1, Mrs King: Aryah-M S

Year 1, Mrs Camoccio: Selina D

Year 1, Mrs Andrade: Louis L

Year 2, Mrs Didham: Ava G

Year 2, Miss Milne: Brianna O'C

Year 2, Mrs Christie/Mrs Cooper: Skyla M

Year 3, Mrs Almond: Cillian D

Year 3, Miss Gilmore: Skylar M

Year 3, Miss Medina: Rory-Paul B

Year 4, Miss Lee: Logan R

Year 4, Miss Miller: Olivia-R W

Year 4, Miss Atkin: Teddie C

Year 5, Miss Day: Isla C

Year 5, Mr Taylor: Sofija S

Year 5, Miss Osborne: Amelia S

Year 6, Miss White: Millie C

Year 6, Mrs Thour: Nuwair M

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	George G
Year 1	Acasia P
Year 2	Sophia S
Year 3	Skye K-F
Year 4	Billy M-S
Year 5	Ameerah M
Year 6	Mia A

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

JUNE

15.06.2026 - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm-3pm

15.06.2026 - Father's Day Sale

16.06.2026 - Reception Sports Day - 2pm-3pm

23.06.2026 - Year 1/2/3 Sports Day- 9.15am-11.15am

24.06.2026 - Year 4/5/6 Sports Day- 9.15am-11.15am

25.06.2026 - KS1 Infant Music Festival



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BOOK OF THE WEEK



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

The ASC have been enjoying reading *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.

The story follows a young boy called Max, who gets into trouble after behaving wildly at home. After being sent to his room without supper, Max begins to imagine his room transforming into a forest and then into the ocean. Tired from sailing across the sea, Max comes across a mysterious island inhabited by strange creatures.



FATHER'S DAY GIFT SALE Monday 15th June 2026

On Monday 15th June, we will be hosting a Father's Day Gift Sale.

During the school day, children will have the chance to purchase a range of gifts for sale.

Prices range from 50p to £4.00.

Please ensure children store their money safely in a purse/wallet or named envelope.

Children will need to bring a carrier bag with their name on to store their purchase(s)



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ROUNDERS EVENT

On Thursday 4th June, Logan, Max, Donald, Suzanna, Evan, Teddy, Amelia, Scarlett, Abdul, Jaxon, Hessa, Lucas and Iulian all attended the Cricket event at James Hornsby.

Despite the pouring rain, the children played amazingly, with superb catching and batting, resulting in second place! Well done everyone!



YEAR 2 CRICKET EVENT

On Thursday 11th June, the year 2 Cricket Team attended a sporting event at Pitsea Cricket Club. Erika, Charlie, Ollie, Iris, Tife, Presley, Isla, Bhodi, Freddie and Tiago played so well, missing third place by just a few points.

Well done everyone!

ACHIEVEMENTS

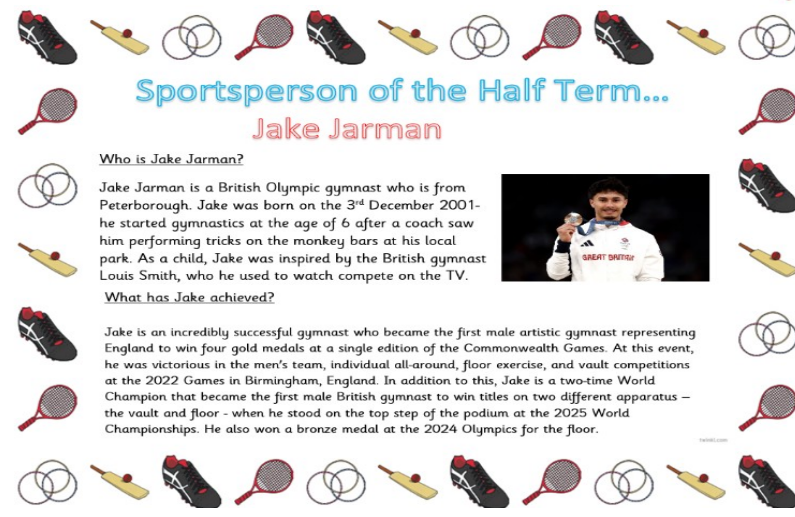
Louis in Year 1 won "Swimmer of the Month" at his local leisure centre.

Louis achieved level 6 in his swimming journey and has recently been accepted into a swimming club!

Well done Louis for working so hard at swimming each week and for achieving your level 6 at only 5 years old. Keep it up!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Sportsperson of the Half Term... Jake Jarman

Who is Jake Jarman?

Jake Jarman is a British Olympic gymnast who is from Peterborough. Jake was born on the 3rd December 2001- he started gymnastics at the age of 6 after a coach saw him performing tricks on the monkey bars at his local park. As a child, Jake was inspired by the British gymnast Louis Smith, who he used to watch compete on the TV.



What has Jake achieved?

Jake is an incredibly successful gymnast who became the first male artistic gymnast representing England to win four gold medals at a single edition of the Commonwealth Games. At this event, he was victorious in the men's team, individual all-around, floor exercise, and vault competitions at the 2022 Games in Birmingham, England. In addition to this, Jake is a two-time World Champion that became the first male British gymnast to win titles on two different apparatus - the vault and floor - when he stood on the top step of the podium at the 2025 World Championships. He also won a bronze medal at the 2024 Olympics for the floor.



Change it



What you need: someone to time, four cushions and three socks.

How to play:

- Place the cushions randomly in a space. Place a sock on three of the four cushions, leaving one cushion empty.
- Time one minute.
- Collect one sock from a cushion and place it on top of the empty cushion. Then collect another sock from another cushion and place it on the new empty cushion. How many socks can you move in one minute?
- Play again, can you improve your score?
- Make this harder by moving the cushions further apart.





On Monday 15th June 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



	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
MONDAY	BUTCHERS CHICKEN NUGGETS VEGETABLE NUGGETS WITH CHIPS & BAKED BEANS DESSERT - WAFFLES & GOLDEN SYRUP	PEPPERONI PIZZA CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA WITH PASTA IN HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & SALAD BAR DESSERT - CHOCOLATE SWIRL MOUSSE FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT	BREADED CHICKEN BURGER QUORN BURGER WITH CHIPS & SPAGHETTI HOOP DESSERT - STRAWBERRY MOUSSE FRESH FRUIT + YOGURT
TUESDAY	BEEF MEATBALLS QUORN MEATBALLS WITH FUSILLI PASTA IN A HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE DESSERT - HOMEMADE GOLDEN OAT FLAPJACK	BATTERED CHICKEN PIECES QUORN DIPPERS IN SWEET & SOUR SAUCE WITH RICE & SWEETCORN DESSERT - HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE	SPAGHETTI CARBONARA WITH CHEESE SAUCE & BACON PIECES VEGETABLE PASTA BAKE WITH PEAS DESSERT - HOMEMADE FLAPJACK
WEDNESDAY	BUTCHERS ROAST CHICKEN ROAST VEGAN FILLET WITH ROAST POTATOES, YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS, PEAS, CARROTS AND GRAVY DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY & FRUIT YOGURT	BUTCHERS PORK SAUSAGES VEGAN SAUSAGES WITH MASH POTATO, YORKSHIRE PUDDING, SEASONAL VEGETABLES & GRAVY DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY & FRUIT YOGURT	ALL DAY COOKED BREAKFAST ALL DAY QUORN BREAKFAST WITH HASH BROWNS AND BAKED BEANS DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY & FRUIT YOGURT
THURSDAY	BEEF CHILLI VEGETABLE CHILLI WITH RICE AND SWEETCORN DESSERT - HOMEMADE LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE	CHICKEN FAJITA WRAP VEGAN FAJITA WRAP WITH CRISPY CUBE POTATOES AND SALAD BAR DESSERT - HOMEMADE OAT FLAPJACK	STICKY BBQ CHICKEN STICKY BBQ VEGAN PIECES WITH RICE & SWEETCORN DESSERT - AMERICAN PANCAKES WITH GOLDEN SYRUP FRESH FRUIT + YOGURT
FRIDAY	FISH FINGERS CHEESE OMELETTE WITH POTATO WAFFLES & PEAS DESSERT - ICE CREAM FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT	FISH FINGERS VEGETABLE FINGERS WITH CHIPS & BAKED BEANS DESSERT - HOMEMADE SPONGE CAKE FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT	FISH FINGERS CHEDDAR WHIRL WITH SMILEY FACES & PEAS DESSERT - HOMEMADE ICED SPONGE CAKE WITH SPRINKLES FRUIT & YOGURT

