



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
SUMMER TERM – FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL – MRS PRYER

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week across the school, with much to celebrate. This week, we were excited to introduce Beat the Street – the Basildon walking game. This fantastic initiative transforms our local area into a giant interactive game, encouraging families to walk, cycle and explore the community while collecting points and prizes. It has already generated great enthusiasm among the children, and we are looking forward to seeing how many of our families get involved over the coming weeks.

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout at both the Nursery and Reception Sports Days. Thank you to all families who attended and supported—your encouragement made these events even more special for the children.

In sporting achievements, we are extremely proud of the children who participated in the Year 4 cricket event. They represented the school brilliantly and returned with silver medals! We also had pupils attend the Trust football and netball competition, where they demonstrated excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and determination.

With hot weather predicted for next week, please ensure your child brings a water bottle and a sun hat to school, and has sun cream applied before the start of the day.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.



School Attendance Target: 95.00 %



This week's attendance: 90.82%

The class with the best attendance in KS1 was Mrs King's Class with 97.20%

The class with the best attendance in KS2 was Mr Taylor's Class with 97.50%

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: RESPECT

Nursery: Logan M

Nest: Jonathan F-V

Reception, Mrs Anthony: Beau D

Reception, Mrs Sullivan: Isabel J

Year 1, Mrs King: Zoe W

Year 1, Mrs Camoccio: Harry H

Year 1, Mrs Andrade: Jacob D

Year 2, Mrs Didham: Noelle-G A

Year 2, Miss Milne: Joshua P

Year 2, Mrs Christie/Mrs Cooper:

Leonisa G

Year 3, Mrs Almond: Rocco N

Year 3, Miss Gilmore: Jaiden Y

Year 3, Miss Medina: Thinara P

Year 4, Miss Lee: Louis P

Year 4, Miss Miller: Ava H

Year 4, Miss Atkin: Grace T

Year 5, Miss Day: Toby A

Year 5, Mr Taylor: Sophia B

Year 5, Miss Osborne: Freddie T

Year 6, Miss White: David-P A' M

Year 6, Mrs Thour: Frankie D

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	Ruben M-H
Year 1	Sadie D
Year 2	Sienna Y
Year 3	Kevin C
Year 4	Alexandru D
Year 5	Vinnie L
Year 6	Nailah O

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

JUNE

25.06.2026 - KS1 Infant Music Festival



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BOOK OF THE WEEK



"Lizzy and the Cloud" written by The Fan Brothers is a beautiful and slightly magical story about a girl called Lizzy who buys a tiny cloud and takes it home to look after.

At first, the cloud is small enough to fit in a jar—but it doesn't stay that way for long! As it grows, Lizzy has to learn how to care for it and understand what it really needs.

This story is also about feelings. Lizzy cares very much about her cloud, and as it changes, she has to make an important decision. If you enjoy stories that are creative, a little bit mysterious, and full of beautiful artwork, "Lizzy and the Cloud" is a wonderful book to read at home again and again.



ECO WARRIORS

On Tuesday 16th June, the Eco Warriors visited Worthing Park to take part in a litter-picking session. They worked together with great enthusiasm to clean up the area, collecting a significant amount of rubbish. The most common type of litter found was plastic, which prompted important discussions about the impact of plastic waste on the environment and local wildlife.

As well as improving the appearance of the park, the group also took time to carefully observe the space and consider how it could be better maintained in the future. They identified several locations where additional bins could be placed to help reduce littering and encourage visitors to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.



The Eco Warriors showed excellent teamwork, responsibility, and commitment to protecting their local environment, making a positive difference to the community.



YEAR 4 CRICKET EVENT

On Monday 15th June, Shea, Louis, Dragos, Dorit, Rose, Maira, Boris, Robert and Mark attended Basildon Cricket Club to compete in the Fire Cricket Event.

Miss Harvey said, "The children played amazingly and achieved 2nd place! The Year 4 team demonstrated superb hits and catches with great fielding."



FOOTBALL AND NETBALL COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who took part in the Trust Football and Netball competition on Thursday 19th June 2026. Despite the warm, sunny weather, they showed great effort, fantastic teamwork, and encouraged one another beautifully. The netball team finished 4th, and the football team came 7th.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Harry F in Year 2 completed the Race For Life 5K Mud Run for Cancer Research on Saturday 13th June 2026.

Well done Harry!



On Monday 22nd June 2026 children will return to school on Week 2:

Baguettes only on Monday 22nd June due to high temperatures in the school kitchen.



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

BUTCHERS CHICKEN NUGGETS
VEGETABLE NUGGETS
WITH CHIPS & BAKED BEANS
DESSERT -
WAFFLES & GOLDEN SYRUP

BEEF MEATBALLS
QUORN MEATBALLS
WITH FUSILLI PASTA IN A
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
DESSERT - HOMEMADE GOLDEN OAT
FLAPJACK

BUTCHERS ROAST CHICKEN
ROAST VEGAN FILLET
WITH ROAST POTATOES, YORKSHIRE
PUDDINGS, PEAS, CARROTS AND GRAVY
DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY & FRUIT
YOGURT

BEEF CHILLI
VEGETABLE CHILLI
WITH RICE AND SWEETCORN
DESSERT - HOMEMADE LEMON
DRIZZLE CAKE

FISH FINGERS
CHEESE OMELETTE
WITH POTATO WAFFLES & PEAS
DESSERT - ICE CREAM
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

WEEK 2

PEPPERONI PIZZA
CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA
WITH PASTA IN HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
& SALAD BAR
DESSERT - CHOCOLATE SWIRL MOUSSE
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

BATTERED CHICKEN PIECES
QUORN DIPPERS
IN SWEET & SOUR SAUCE WITH RICE &
SWEETCORN
DESSERT - HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CHIP
CAKE

BUTCHERS PORK SAUSAGES
VEGAN SAUSAGES
WITH MASH POTATO, YORKSHIRE
PUDDING, SEASONAL VEGETABLES &
GRAVY
DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY & FRUIT YOGURT

CHICKEN FAJITA WRAP
VEGAN FAJITA WRAP
WITH CRISPY CUBE POTATOES AND
SALAD BAR
DESSERT - HOMEMADE OAT FLAPJACK

FISH FINGERS
VEGETABLE FINGERS
WITH CHIPS & BAKED BEANS
DESSERT - HOMEMADE SPONGE CAKE
FRESH FRUIT & YOGURT

WEEK 3

BREADED CHICKEN BURGER
QUORN BURGER
WITH CHIPS & SPAGHETTI HOOP
DESSERT - STRAWBERRY MOUSS
FRESH FRUIT + YOGURT

SPAGHETTI CARBONARA WITH
CHEESE SAUCE & BACON PIECES
VEGETABLE PASTA BAKE
WITH PEAS
DESSERT - HOMEMADE
FLAPJACK

ALL DAY COOKED BREAKFAST
ALL DAY QUORN BREAKFAST
WITH HASH BROWNS AND
BAKED BEANS
DESSERT - FRUIT JELLY & FRUIT
YOGURT

STICKY BBQ CHICKEN
STICKY BBQ VEGAN PIECES
WITH RICE & SWEETCORN
DESSERT - AMERICAN PANCAKES
WITH GOLDEN SYRUP
FRESH FRUIT + YOGURT

FISH FINGERS
CHEDDAR WHIRL
WITH SMILEY FACES & PEAS
DESSERT - HOMEMADE ICED SPONGE
CAKE WITH SPRINKLES
FRUIT & YOGURT

Essex ACTIVate

FREE

holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting holiday activity and food clubs delivered by Active Essex! During school holidays, club providers across the county offer free clubs for eligible primary and secondary children, giving them the chance to get active, make friends, learn new skills, and support their wellbeing. The programme also offers:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Activities run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces



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**Free places are for children eligible for income-related free school meals. Only book a space if your child will attend. Non-attendance means other children may miss out on this valuable holiday opportunity.*