



Merdon Junior School Newsletter

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Welcome to our last newsletter of the Autumn term and our last 2025 newsletter!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our carol concerts. The children were amazing and you can clearly see how much they enjoy singing. Our fantastic choir have also been delighting the residents of two local care homes with Christmas carols. A big thank you to them and to Mrs Smith, who leads our singing in school.

We are currently updating and refreshing our reading books in school, so have lots of books and phonic games we no longer need. These will be available for parents to take home to keep as additional support after school on Monday and Tuesday next week. They will be under the bike sheds. There will be a pot for donations, but this is entirely voluntary. Finally, can we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we very much look forward to seeing you in 2026 for another happy and successful year!

Merry Christmas everyone!



Upcoming Dates

Year 2 Open Morning/Afternoon Tours - see website for dates

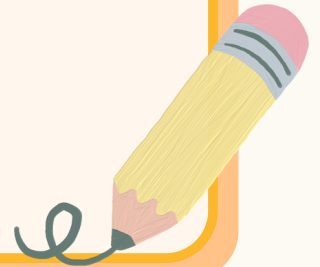
16th & 17th December - Year 3 Nativity to parents 4-5p.m.

Friday 19th December - last day of term

5th & 6th January - INSET days

12th, 13th & 19th January - Year 6 Bikeability

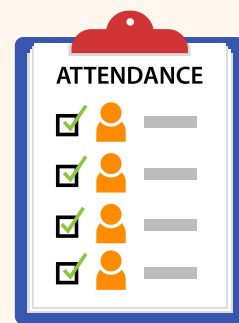
See the School Calendar for other upcoming dates.



Attendance (from 01.12.25 to 12.12.25)

Robin - 97.9%
Goldfinch - 95.5%
Butterfly - 94.9%
Sunflower - 99.1%
Centipede - 98.5%
Dragonfly - 95.9%
Mushroom - 94.2%
Clover - 95.1%

Our overall school attendance for this year is 96.6% which is above national average, so a big 'thank you' to everyone!



Other information

Sleep is vital for children's development but can be difficult, especially when routines are different in the build up to Christmas. The Sleep Charity has useful advice for parents <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

To check if your child is eligible for free school meals, please [click here](#).

Please see the community page on the school website for upcoming community activities.

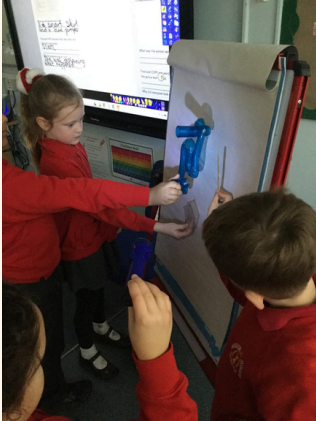




Our Learning this fortnight



Year 3



Year 3 have been experimenting with different materials to see which make the best shadows.

Year 4



Year 4 have been using their knowledge about different types of teeth to explore animal skulls and work out what diet they had



Stars of the Week!

Week beginning 1.12.25

- Robin - Sofia
- Goldfinch - Fleur
- Butterfly - Sam
- Sunflower - Josh
- Centipede - Finley
- Dragonfly - Emily
- Mushroom - Emma
- Clover - Alice

Year 5



Year 5 have been very busy making their lunar rovers. They have had to use teamwork and problem solving skills as well as plenty of sawing! In Maths, we have been looking at 3D shapes and recognising them from a net.

Year 6



Year 6 made these fantastic clay figurines.

Week beginning 8.25.25

- Robin - Freddie
- Goldfinch - Samuel
- Butterfly - Dominik
- Sunflower - Jessamine
- Centipede - Ariana
- Dragonfly - Rory
- Mushroom - Marc
- Clover - Daisy

