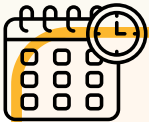




We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge good luck to our Year 6s who have their end of KS2 SATs next week. We have been so impressed with their effort and resilience as they have prepared for these tests. We would also like to thank the Year 6 parents for all their efforts in supporting their children.

Can we remind everyone that our school uniform policy is on our website for reference. In particular, children should be wearing grey/black trousers or a skirt (school uniform style) or pinafore/summer dress, unless it is their PE day, with longer hair tied back. Looking smart for school helps us to be aspirational in our learning and behaviour.



Upcoming Dates

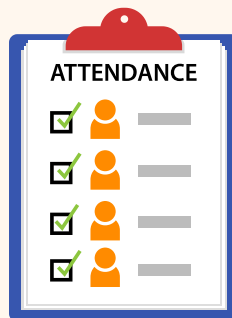
See the [School Calendar](#) for other upcoming dates.

- Week beginning 11th May - Yr 6 SATs week (please be at school on time!) & SATs breakfast
- Week beginning 18th May - Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 20th May - National Numeracy Day - dress up
- Friday 22nd May - Yr 3 Sleepover and Roman dress up day
- Week beginning 25th May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June - INSET day - school closed to children
- Wednesday 10th June - Yr 5 Southampton Art Gallery
- Friday 19th June - PTA Fathers and Heroes Shop
- Friday 26th - Saturday 27th June - Yr 4 School-Based camp and activity day
- Saturday 27th June - Merfest

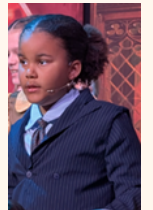


Attendance (from 27.4.26 to 8.5.26)

- Robin - 98%
- Goldfinch - 98.4%
- Butterfly - 97.5%
- Sunflower - 96.9%
- Centipede - 99.4%
- Dragonfly - 97.1%
- Mushroom - 96.3%
- Clover - 95.4%



One of our Year 3 pupils was amazing in her theatre group's production of Annie.



We also had a group of Year 5 pupils who were brilliant in their first street dance competition.



We have such talented children at Merdon, and we are very proud of them all!



Other Information

Hampshire County Council are offering free online sessions (Microsoft Teams) on Positive Parenting. They run on Mondays, 7.30-9.00p.m. from 8th June - 6th July. To book, use the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> or ring 02392 232957

It is Walk to School Week from Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May. We would encourage as many children as possible to walk, scoot or cycle. If you cannot do this the whole way, try parking a little further away and then walking. The children will be recording how they come to school each day, and those who walk, scoot or cycle every day will receive a certificate. Our JRSOs will also award certificates for children who try to do this as often as possible across the week.





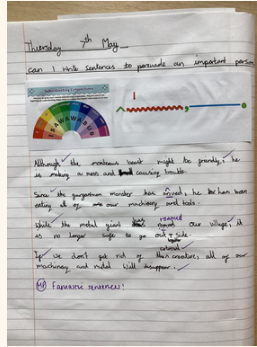
Our Learning this fortnight

Year 3

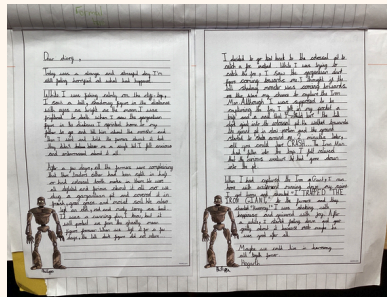


Year 3s have been learning about bones. They had an xray of a hand and had to recreate the bone structure using sticks they collected from the copse.

Year 4



Year 4 have published their brilliant Iron Man diaries.



Stars of the Week!

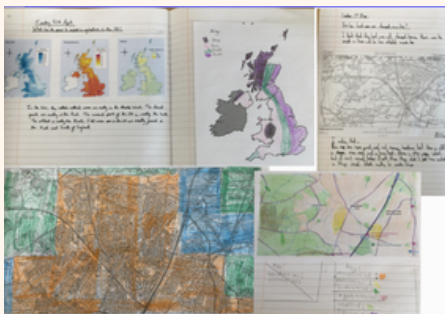
Week beginning 27.4.26

- Robin - Hudson
- Goldfinch - Leo
- Butterfly - Elsie
- Sunflower - Alivia
- Centipede - Sophie
- Dragonfly - Jack
- Mushroom - Henry
- Clover - Holly

Week beginning 4.5.26

- Robin - Kian
- Goldfinch - Fynnley
- Butterfly - Sienna-Rose
- Sunflower - Seth
- Centipede - Lea
- Dragonfly - Sophia
- Mushroom - Emma
- Clover - Luna

Year 5



Year 5 have been geographers, finding out all about land use in the United Kingdom. They considered how land is used and thought about who or what has the power to change it. They also compared local land use now with the 1950s and the 1890s.

Year 6



Good luck to our amazing Year 6s in their SATs tests next week and thank you for all your hard work as you have prepared for the tests.

