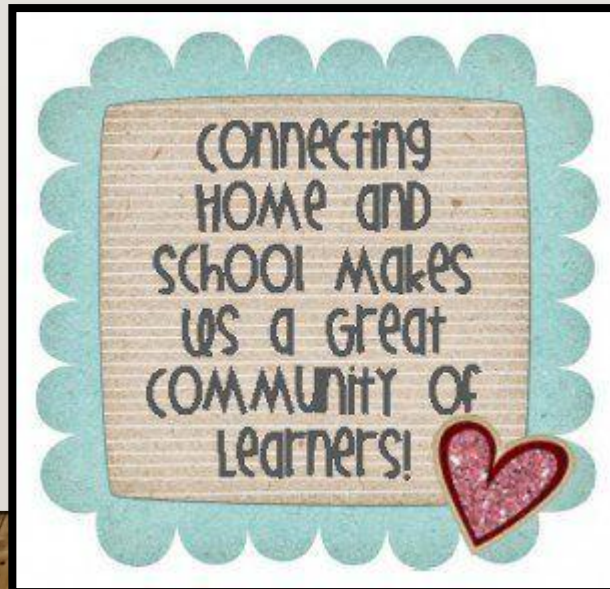


WELCOME TO EMERSON VALLEY SCHOOL

YEAR 3 2026-2027

TRANSITION EVENING



COMMUNITY, PRIDE, ASPIRE.

MEET THE STAFF



Mrs White
Executive
Headteacher



Miss Roche
Assistant
Headteacher
for Year 3&4



Miss Bennett
Assistant
Headteacher
for Year 5&6



Mrs Pearce
SENCo
(Special
Educational
Needs Co-
Ordinator)



Mrs Avola
Senior
Learning
Mentor

MEET THE STAFF



Miss
Roylance
Year 3 Team
Leader &
Class Teacher
Cherry
Blossoms



Miss Payne
Year 3 Class
Teacher
Bluebells



Miss Murphy
Year 3 Class
Teacher
Sunflowers



Miss Wickens
Year 3 Class
Teacher
Snapdragons

MEET THE STAFF



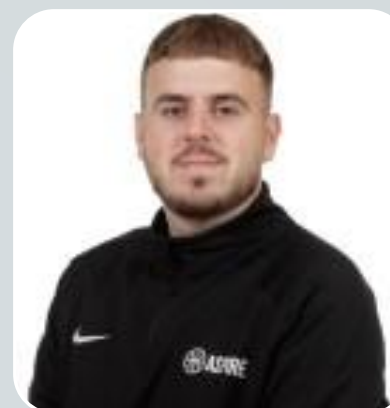
Miss
Durrant
Learning
Mentor
for Year
3&4



Mrs
Pitcher
Learning
Mentor
for Year
5&6



Mrs
Prince
Music
Teacher
/HLTA



Mr
Timmins
Sports
Coach



Mr
Williams
Sports
Coach

OUR VISION & VALUES



In our schools, we encourage our children to aspire to be independent, resilient, lifelong learners who have the skills to adapt to the changing world around them. They have respect for each other, themselves and our community. To be the best they can be as global citizens, we aim to develop socially aware individuals who understand the impact they can have on others. Our children are happy and develop a love and enthusiasm for learning, where they are challenged to their full potential. They have pride in everything they do from their relationships, to the effort they put in to achieving their goals. We strive to create a safe and nurturing environment where children's mental health and well-being is at the heart of our Federation. To achieve our vision, everything we do is underpinned by our three key themes: Community, Pride, Aspire.



COMMUNITY, PRIDE, ASPIRE.

OUR VISION & VALUES

Values of the Month			
September	Respect	March	Love
October	Independence	April	Honesty
November	Responsibility	May	Unity
December	Peace	June	Co-operation
January	Understanding	July	Tolerance
February	Freedom		

COMMUNICATION

I need to communicate with
the school

Is it urgent?

No

Yes

Contact the school via
parents@evs5d.com or
learningmentors@evs5d.com

Speak to your child's
teacher at the end of the
day or contact reception
01908 507914.

COMMUNICATION

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT...	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
My child's learning, class activities, lessons or homework	Your child's Class Teacher in the first instance
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Emerson Valley: Your child's class teacher or Learning mentor contactable via learningmentors@evs5d.com
Payments or school trips	School Office
Uniform / Lost property	School Office
Attendance and absence requests	If you need to report your child's absence, please report this via Arbor If you want to request approval for term-time absence, please complete a leave of absence form. This can be found on the school website or can be collected from reception.
Bullying and behaviour	Emerson Valley: Miss Roche (Year 3/4) & Miss Bennett (Year 5/6) (Assistant Headteachers) Bullying: Miss Roche (Antibullying lead)
School events/the school calendar	Refer to school newsletter, other letters of communication, year group curriculum newsletters, Facebook and the school website
Special educational needs (SEN)	Mrs Pearce, EVS & Merebook SENCO: senco@evs5d.com
Before and after-school clubs	School Office
PTA (Parent Teacher Association)	Emerson Valley: office@evs5d.com



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COMMUNICATION- WEBSITE



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Dear Parents and Carers,
This week we have welcomed Miss Liberty Wallbank as a Teaching Assistant working across the school. She has settled in well, and has primarily been getting to know our Year 3 children. Welcome to the EVS community Miss Wallbank!

Year 6 had the 2nd part of their knife crime workshop this week, following on from last year. This one focused on the laws behind knife crime, including being a bystander, peer pressure and what to do to get out of a situation they didn't feel comfortable in. All the children were really engaged and asked thoughtful questions – we are really proud of them for taking this so seriously.

On the same safeguarding focus, this week the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, Matthew Barber, has asked schools to share a powerful video on child exploitation with Parents and Carers. This video can be accessed by clicking [here](#). The video aims to raise awareness of child exploitation, and support Parent and Carers in identifying the signs. Please reach out to our Learning Mentor team if you need any further support with this.

Please remember to support our School Council Cake Sale and preloved uniform shop after school on Wednesday next week. Please send any donations in to school on Wednesday morning. Any homemade goods must have an ingredients list. Please collect as normal and enter the hall via the side doors.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, there has been a slight change to our INSET days. There will be an INSET day on Monday 5th January 2026 – this will be a normal school day. Monday 1st June will now be an INSET day instead, so children will return following the May half term on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Please find attached to this newsletter the updated term dates.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs White

5 Dimensions Trust Parent and Carer Survey
On Monday you should have received Arbor communication regarding the 5D Parent and Carer survey. Please take the time to complete the survey – your views are important to us and if there's something we do well, or something we can improve, please help us to do this by letting us know. The survey will be open until 20th June 2025. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 6 transition
This week our Year 6 children have enjoyed visiting Shenley Brook End School as part of our transition activities. Although not every child is going to this school, it has been a great experience for children to start to think about life in secondary school. We know that this can be an anxious time for some children (and for parents and carers!) and would therefore like to remind you all about our Coffee afternoon which is taking place next Wednesday, 18th June, at 2pm at EVS. The focus of this session is Transition and Change and this will be hosted by Mrs Pearce, our SENCo, and attended by a member of the Mental Health Support Team and the SEND Transition coordinator for Shenley Brook End, Maria Barstow-Nazli. This is open to all Parents and Carers – your child does not need to be attending Shenley Brook End School.



Ice cream Friday is back!
Ice-cream Friday is back starting today! Every other Friday, we will be selling ice-creams at the front of the school (just above the steps near the main reception). We will be selling them on the following Fridays: 13th and 27th June and 11th July. The cost of the ice-creams will vary between 50p and £1. Cash only please. We would appreciate the exact amount. Any money raised will go towards the Merevalley Shop!



GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 3: Danylo 3JT, Kostya 3JR, Ezekiel 3EM, Aaliyah 3JP

YEAR 4: Kevin 4CM, Danny 4LS, Rakshya 4GB, Anson 4BM

YEAR 5: Mason 5RR, David 5BF, Lucy 5NB, Oliver 5KH

YEAR 6: Phoebe 6LF, Leyla 6AM, Oliver 6DC, Kieran 6DT

PE AWARDS: Luke 3JT, Samu 4LS, Hannah 5NB, Prisha 6LF

MUSIC AWARDS: Clayton 3JT, Daisy A 4CM, Finn 5RR, Tamarakuro 6AM



Music Workshop
Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the music workshop, where they were immersed in creating music through rhythm and body movements. They had a wonderful time expressing themselves creatively.

Golf Experience
Year 3 had a fantastic time taking part in the golf experience activity, where they practised their coordination, focus and teamwork skills. They showed great enthusiasm throughout.

Summer 1 highlights

Iron Age
Year 3 have been learning about the Iron Age and exploring what life was like during this period of history. As part of their learning, they created their own Age Iron coins inspired by the designs used by ancient tribes.

Science
Year 3 have been learning about the human body in Science and exploring how different parts work together to keep us active and healthy. This included looking at bones, muscles and the importance of maintaining a healthy body.



Emerson Valley Junior School

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Year 3 Summer 2 Overview		
English	Narrative & Explanatory text	Studying Marshmallows and How a robot dog works.
Maths	Shape & Statistics	Understanding the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, followed by measuring and drawing shapes accurately. Understanding and interpreting data from a graph.
Reading	Different reading skills	Developing retrieval, inference and summarising skills using a range of different texts.
Class Text	The Abominables	
Science	Forces and Magnets	Understanding and exploring different forces and exploring different magnetic materials.
Computing	Presentations	Explore the different features of powerpoint and use these to create their own presentation.
Geography	The Sunshine State	Learning about Florida, building on our map skills by interpreting keys, finding and plotting points on a map.
RE	Humanism	Exploring the key teachings of Humanism and how Humanists live a 'good life'.
DT	Healthy Sandwiches	Understanding where our food comes from and learning different chopping techniques to make our own healthy sandwiches.
Spanish	Latin America	Locating and exploring Spanish speaking countries in Latin America.
PSHE	Changing Me	Understanding the changes to their bodies as they grow.
PE	Striking & Fielding Athletics	Learning the rules and techniques of striking and fielding followed by developing their skills in athletics.
Music	Recorders	Learning how to play the recorders.
Enrichment	Gullivers Land	Developing their knowledge on forces by exploring how different rides work and understand the engineering behind the rides.

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UNIFORM



There is an expectation that children wear our uniform to school. Branded Uniform is supplied by Kedaph Schoolwear in Bletchley: EMERSON VALLEY SCHOOL – Kedaph Schoolwear – Milton Keynes

UNIFORM for Year 3, 4 and 5

- Burgundy/dark red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- White polo shirt or shirt (with or without school logo)
- Black trousers, shorts or a skirt
- Sensible black shoes
- A red gingham dress in summer



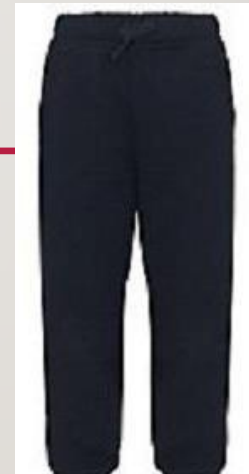
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UNIFORM



PE KIT for all years

- Green t-shirt (with a logo)
- Black or navy shorts
- Black or navy tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt
- Trainers for outdoor lessons



PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Jewellery should not be worn to school with the exception of stud earring and a watch.
These should be removed for PE or tape used to cover earrings.

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BEHAVIOUR AT EVS



FANTASTIC LISTENING

What does it look like?

- Hands down 
- Eyes forward 
- Actively listen 
- Respect others 



FANTASTIC WALKING

What does it look like?

- Walk straight 
- Always look forward 
- Lips sealed 
- Keep left 



LUNCH TIME RULES

- Listen to adults 
- Use a knife & fork 
- Neatly tuck in your chair 
- Clear plates 
- Hands up to leave 



STEPS TO POLITENESS

- SMILE & GREET
- THANK YOU
- EXCUSE ME
- PLEASE
- SORRY

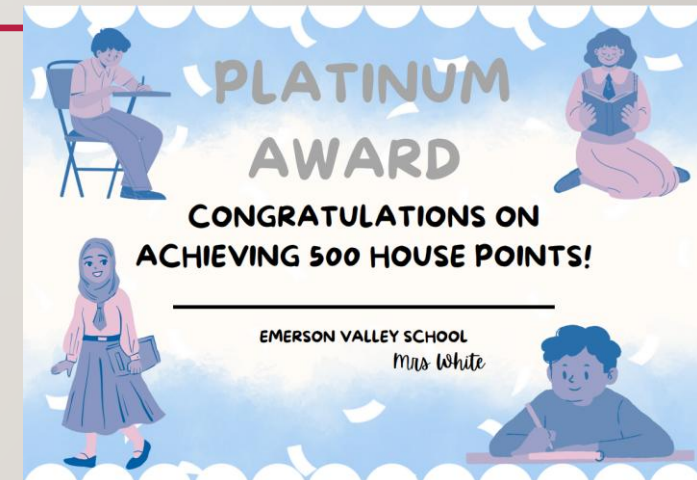
  

BEHAVIOUR AT EVS

The Cloud System

 Star	Children are moved up to the star for exceptional behaviour or outstanding work. This is when children go 'Over and above' what is expected of them. Children are awarded 3 house points for moving to the stars.
 Rainbow	Children can be moved up to the Rainbow for displaying our school values of Community, Pride & Aspire e.g. helping out a friend or looking after our school community, taking pride in their presentation, aspiring to do their best in a piece of work.
 Sun	STARTING POINT: At the beginning of every day children start on the sun. If they remain on the sun all day they are awarded 1 house point at the end of the day. Children remain on the sun for following our school rules and expectations.
 White cloud	Children move down to the white cloud for low level disruption or distracting others' learning. This may include (but is not limited to): calling out, talking at inappropriate times, running when they are supposed to be walking, choosing not to listen, interrupting other's learning, distracting themselves or others during learning time, refusing to follow instructions or complete work and making unkind remarks. 5 Minutes Reflection Time.
 Grey cloud	Children move down to the grey cloud if their behaviour does not improve and further white cloud behaviour is seen. 10 minutes Reflection time.
 Thunder	Children move down to the thunder cloud if their behaviour still does not improve and further white cloud behaviour is seen. Children are also immediately moved down to the thunder cloud from any other stage for any of the following behaviours: swearing, hitting, punching or being verbally abusive to other children or adults as well as damage to school property, spoiling another pupil's work, persistently goading another child, using inappropriate language, taking property that does not belong to them, showing threatening behaviour and throwing equipment at another child or adult. 15 minutes Reflection time. Children at EVS have to fill out a Reflection Form which is kept by the class teacher and referred to if the child was to ever display such behaviour again.



Merevalley Money



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FOOD



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- We have a new catering company from September 2026.
- The food can be ordered up until 9:30a.m. on the day it is needed on an app called Bitewise.
- More information to follow including prices.
- FSMs- every parent needs to re-sign up for Free School Meals.



A TYPICAL DAY AT EVS (SAMPLE TIMETABLE)





Typical week at EVS



9:00-9:30		9:30-10:30	10:45-11:15	11:15-12:10	1:10-1:20	1:20-2:15	2:15-3:05	3:05-3:25			
MONDAY	BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM ASSEMBLY	PE	BREAK TIME 10:30-10:45	READING	ENGLISH	LUNCH TIME 12:15-1:10	RFP	MATHS	GEOGRAPHY	CLASS BOOK	
TUESDAY	SPAG/HANDWRITING	MATHS		READING	ENGLISH		RFP	SPANISH	RE	CLASS BOOK	
WEDNESDAY	PHONICS/SPELLINGS	MATHS		READING	ENGLISH		RFP	PE	SCIENCE	CLASS BOOK	
THURSDAY	SINGING ASSEMBLY	MATHS		READING	ENGLISH		RFP	LIBRARY	PSHE	DT	CLASS BOOK
FRIDAY	GOLD AWARDS	MUSIC		READING	ENGLISH		RFP	MATHS	COMPUTING	CLASS BOOK	



A TYPICAL DAY AT EVS



PE



Children come to school on their PE days wearing their PE kit.

Music



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FIRST DAY AT EVS



The children's first day at EVS will be **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. The children will have settling in days where they will get to know their classmates, their teacher, their timetable and the rules and routines of the EVS.

Please ensure they have a healthy snack for break and a water bottle.

Please ensure ALL of their belongings are labelled including their lunchbox, water bottle & uniform.

We will provide pencil cases & stationery. They **DO NOT** need to bring any.

Morning routine: From Thursday 3rd September children must be dropped at the gates and parents will not be able to enter school site. A member of staff will be on the gate every morning and their class teacher will be around the back to greet them.



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CURRICULUM



“Leaders have continued to prioritise embedding a school culture that values and supports reading for pleasure.”

LA Annual Evaluation – February 2025

In September, we will have a ‘Meet the Teacher’ event where we will talk to you more about the curriculum.

You will receive half-termly curriculum overviews & Wow Moments (at the end of a half-term for the following half-term) so please take the time to read these.

Reading is a priority in our school- we strongly encourage you to listen to your child read daily. Children will be expected to record their reading from home in their reading records. These are then checked by the class teachers.

On the website, you will find the top 100 recommended reads for Year 3 as well as the Year 1 & 2 spellings as well as the Year 3 & 4 ones.

We expect children to know their 2s, 3s, and 5s and 10 times tables.

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings							
accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange	
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength	
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose	
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise	
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasionally	purpose	therefore	
answer	complete	extreme	important	often	quarter	thought	
appear	consider	famous	increase	opposite	question	through	
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	ordinary	recent	various	
believe	decide	February	island	particular	regular	weight	
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	learn	peculiar	woman	
breath	different	forward	less	perhaps	remember	women	
breath	difficult	fruit	length	library	popular	sentence	
build	disappear	grammar	material	position	separate	special	
busy	early	group	medicine	possess			
business	earth	guard					



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TRANSITION AT EVS



- All children have had a morning at EVS already.
- Miss Roylance & Miss Wickens have visited Merebrook & Howe Park schools and have spoken to the pupils.
- Information packs are available on our website from today.
- Transition Day is on Monday 29th June where they will be at EVS from 9:30 – 2:30p.m. and will spend the day with their new class teacher. Parents can walk children through the gate **on this morning only.**
- Parents/Carers are invited to a Coffee Morning on 1st July at 9:30a.m. at EVS.



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EXTRACURRICULAR- MUSIC



DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to find out more!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate)

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Mus Lessons



Closing date for applications is the 26th June!

Guitar, Cello, Clarinet, Drums, Flute, Piano, Saxophone, Violin

Right here at school!



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS / WRAPAROUND CARE

Autumn Term Clubs

Enterprise Club
Book Club
Origami Club
MK Breakers Basketball
Netball
Arts & Crafts
Boys' Football
Cricket
Hip Hop
Yoga
Parkour
Gardening



**Wraparound
Care
AT EVS**

Our wraparound care takes place at Emerson Valley School and is open to children from both EVS & Merebrook. It is the ideal setting for children to have a purposeful start to the day or a fun-filled end to their school day whilst establishing lasting friendships and having a great time together!

- Homework Club (a dedicated, quiet room)
- Film Nights/ Art & Crafts/ Disco Nights
- Healthy breakfast/ healthy snacks
- Outdoor activities

SEPTEMBER 2026 PRICES
£5-BREAKFAST CLUB
£12-AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

7:45-8:40A.M.
3:25-6:00P.M.

01908 507914
PARENTS@EVS5D.COM

NOTICES



- Applica – this **must** be filled out prior to your child joining us.
- PTA- if you are interested in joining our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) called the 'Friends of EVS', we are looking for volunteers. This could be background work, event organising/ attending. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Avola on: learningmentors@evs5d.com.
- Term dates for next year. These are on the website.



Merebrook and Emerson Valley Schools

Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026	
INSET day – school closed	Tuesday 1st September 2026
INSET day – school closed	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Open on the morning of:	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Half term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026
INSET day – school closed	Monday 2nd November 2026
Open on the morning of:	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term 2027	
Open on the morning of:	Monday 4 th January 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 12 th February 2027
Half term	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2027
Open on the morning of:	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term 2027	
Open on the morning of:	Monday 12 th April 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 28 th May 2027
Half term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027
INSET day – school closed	Monday 7th June 2027
Open on the morning of:	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Tuesday 20 th July 2027
INSET day – school closed	Wednesday 21st July 2027



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**Thank
you for
listening**



Any Questions?