EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

Issue 10: Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our School Council have been busy selling poppies and **Remembrance day** accessories in aid of the Royal British Legion ahead of Remembrance Day on Wednesday which we marked with a whole school assembly and Mr Benger playing the last post.

As we head further into this half term, there is lots happening including our Movie nights over the next 2 weeks and our upcoming **Christmas Discos**. Please look out for communication next week regarding this. Our **Christmas Dinner this year is on Tuesday 15th December**. Please see the menu for this attached to this newsletter. Bookings can be made online via the Bytewise app. This week, you should have also received communication about our **Friends of EVS Christmas shop**, which takes place in school time on the same day. Orders for any gifts must be placed via Arbor by 1st December. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to raise funds for our school community whilst giving our children a festive shopping experience!

The **Winter Holidays and Food initiative** will be running during the school holidays on **21st to 23rd December and on 30th December 2026**, offering eligible children the opportunity to enjoy enriching activities, a hot meal and the chance to stay active. Bookings open at **7:30am on Sunday 22nd November 2026**. Please see **Page 2** for full details of eligibility criteria, including information about **Targeted Free School Meals**, and how to make a booking. We encourage all eligible families to take advantage of this fantastic holiday provision. **If you are unsure whether your child is eligible or need any support with booking this, please speak to our office team.**

Have an enjoyable weekend!

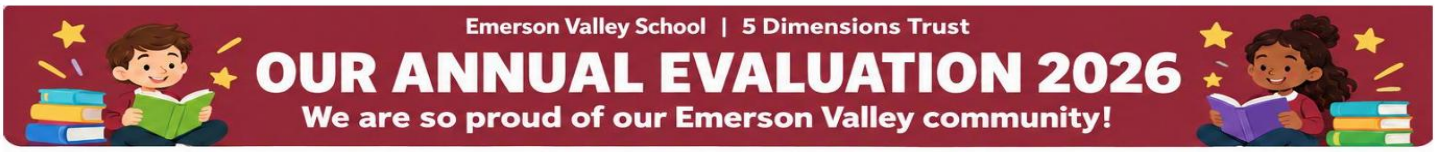
Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating **Odd Socks Day** to mark the start of **Anti-Bullying Week 2026**. Children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's theme, **'Break the Silence'**, encourages everyone to speak up, listen to others and take positive action to create a kinder and more inclusive community where bullying is never ignored. We look forward to seeing everyone's colourful and creative socks!





Before half term, we welcomed colleagues from the 5D Trust as part of their annual evaluation process. In addition to the many informal visits across each half term, formal visits take place several times throughout the year and provide an opportunity to review key aspects of school improvement, celebrate successes, and identify priorities for further development. **We have now received the final report from this visit and we are delighted that the report recognised the many strengths of our school, including the positive progress made towards our key priorities.** The evaluation highlighted the dedication of our staff, the achievements of our pupils, and the continued impact of the work taking place across the school. A summary of the report can be found attached to this newsletter. We would like to thank our children, staff, governors and families for their ongoing support as we continue working together to ensure the very best outcomes for every child.

Gold Award Winners

Year 3: Amelia (Sunflowers), Aaliyah & Victoria (Snapdragons), Nancy (Bluebells)
Year 4: Marcus (Swifts), Kasvin (Eagles), Reid (Penguins), Isla-May (Flamingos),
Year 5: Jakub (Axolotls), Jedidiah (Orcas), Maya (Jellyfish), Darlene (Turtles)
Year 6: Oliver (Darwin), Ben (Parks), Akshara (Attenborough), Junior (Luther King)
Music: Casey (Sunflowers), Kiera (Eagles), Louie (Darwin)
PE: Felix (Bluebells), Eesa (Snapdragons), Harlan (Flamingos), Stacy (Orcas), Olivia (Parks)





Winter Holiday Activities & Food programme (HAF) 2026

Free enriching experiences, physical activity and hot meals from 21-23 and 30 December!

Milton Keynes City Council is pleased to offer the Winter HAF programme for children and young people in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals.

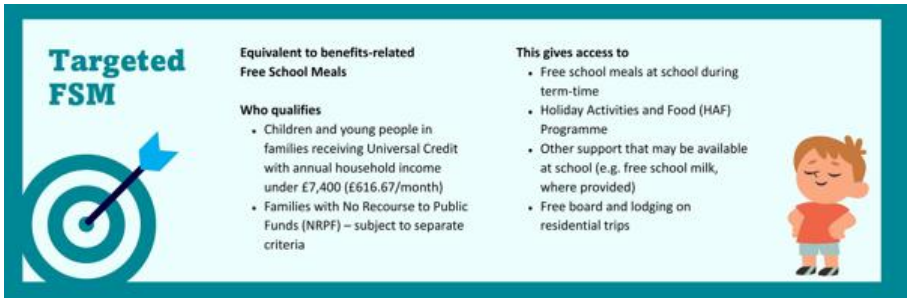
- ★ Climbing and Outdoor Adventures
- ★ Music, Film and Science clubs
- ★ Meal Boxes
- ★ Athletics, Football and Gymnastics Camps

Bookings open for eligible families on **Sunday 22 November at 07:30!**

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Your child not in receipt of **Targeted** Free School Meals?
Apply here: **https://cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims**



Attendance winners

1st – Sunflowers 99.07%
2nd – Swifts 98.47%
3rd – Darwin 97.25%







ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

POSTER COMPETITION

SMALL ACTIONS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

KINDNESS INCLUDES EVERYONE

BE AN UPSTANDER NOT A BYSTANDER





Be a friend ♥ Be kind ♥ Be the change

Create a poster that celebrates our motto:

'Be an Upstander not a Bystander'

Show us what it means to stand up, speak out and make a positive difference!



All entries to be on A4 paper.



Hand your entry to your class teacher.



LET'S MAKE A KINDER, SAFER SCHOOL TOGETHER!

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026

Kind
Safe
Ready
to Learn

Brighter
Futures
Together

NOVEMBER



13 November
Children in Need –
non-uniform day



16 November
Odd Socks Day for
Anti-Bullying Week



18 November
Year 3 Stone Age Day
Year 3 movie night until 5pm



19 November
Year 4 movie night until 5pm



20 November
Prospective Parents' tours:
Merebrook 9:30am
Emerson Valley 10:15am



25 November
Year 5 movie night until 5pm
Flu vaccinations at Merebrook



26 November
Year 6 movie night until 5pm



30 November
Flu vaccinations at Emerson Valley

DECEMBER



1 December
Christmas discos:
Year 3/4 4:30–5:30pm
Year 5/6 6:00–7:00pm



3 December
Year 6 Coding workshop



7 December
Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers
with pre-school aged children only



8 December
EYFS Christmas performance 9:00am
Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers
of Year 3 at 2pm



9 December
Year 1 and 2 Carols in the Playground 2:30pm



10 December
Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Year 3 at 2pm
Year 5 and 6 Carols in the Playground 3:35pm



11 December
Rock Steady concert for Parents 2pm



15 December
Christmas Shop
MB and EVS Christmas Dinner





16 December
Pantomime for both schools – The Wizard of Oz
Christmas jumper day
Merebrook School Council Christmas Disco:
3–4pm EY and Y1
4:15–5:15pm Year 2



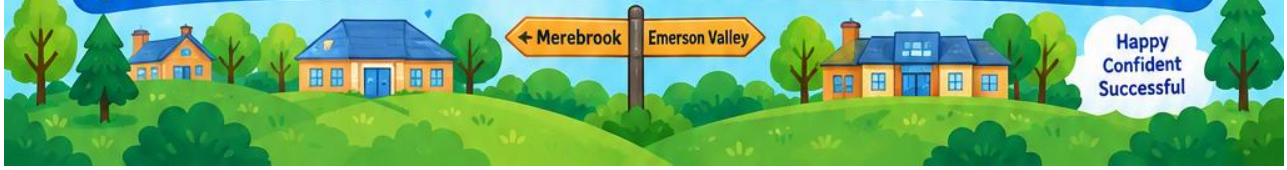
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Don't Forget!



Odd socks: 16 November • Christmas jumpers: 16 December

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS TERM!



Happy
Confident
Successful