



EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

Issue 2: Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first full week of term, children are really settling into the new school year! It was great to see so many families attending our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. The presentations used in the meetings for Years 4, 5 and 6 can be found on **our school website under the 'Learning' tab**. This is then organised by Year group. Here you will also find a **curriculum overview** for this half term and your child's **homework** for their year group.

Last week, families who are entitled to **Pupil Premium funding**, received our Pupil Premium Passport via Arbor which outlines our Pupil Premium offer. Please ensure you have read this to ensure you are aware of what your child is entitled to. If you think that you might be entitled to Pupil Premium, please speak to the office team and they can support you with an application.

Although we have only just begun this academic year, we are always looking ahead! On page 3 of this newsletter, please find list of **key dates for this term**. Each week, any new dates will be added in red. We hope that this supports you in your planning for the term ahead. Our **term dates** for this year are also on page 4 as a reminder. Our **clubs start next week**. If your child has been allocated a place at a club, you will already have been notified. Payment needs to be made by the end of today in order for your child to attend the club. If payment is not made, then the place will be offered to a child on the waiting list. Children will be dismissed from reception for all clubs. Children are really enjoying our new lunch menu and the different choices available. Our catering provider, Culineria, are currently **recruiting for two lunchtime positions across their catering team in the 5D primary settings**. Both positions are for 2 hours every day across the lunchtime period. If you are interested in finding out more about these roles, please email parents@evs5d.com

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

THIS MONTH'S VALUE IS...

RESPECT

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REACH OUT AND
HELP OTHERS



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EYES & EARS ON
WHO'S TALKING



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SMILE, BE FRIENDLY,
USE YOUR MANNERS



P
PLAY FAIRLY,
BE HONEST



E
EVERYONE
TAKES TURNS



C
CARE FOR YOURS &
EVERYONE'S PROPERTY



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TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED



Gold Award Winners

Year 3: Poppy (Cherry Blossom), Ajowa (Bluebells), Oliver (Sunflowers), Alex (Snapdragons)

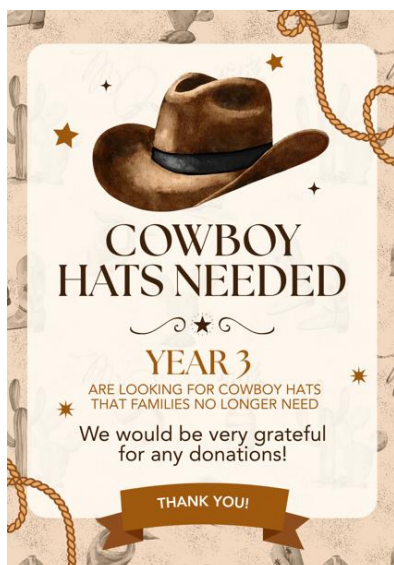
Year 4: Sophie (Swifts), Mia (Eagles), Dominic (Flamingos), Reiss (Penguins)

Year 5: Olivia (Turtles), Myra (Axolotls), Michal (Jellyfish), Amanu (Orcas)

Year 6: Thea (Darwin), Effie (Attenborough), Rosie (Luther King), Elsie (Parks)

Music: Bernice (Sunflowers), Jenson (Penguins), Coco (Turtles), Duke (Parks)

PE: Lael (Snapdragons), Harlan (Flamingos), Amanu (Orcas), Jamie (Attenborough)



Attendance winners

- 1st – Sunflowers
- 2nd – Snapdragons
- 3rd – Cherry Blossoms

Well done to Sunflowers who have had **100% attendance** in the last 7 days!





OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

Is your child due to start school in Reception or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2027?

<u>28th September</u> 9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School	<u>19th October</u> 1:15pm at Merebrook School and 2:00pm at Emerson Valley School	<u>20th November</u> 9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School
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Book your space now !

 Please make a call to one of our school offices if you would like to book a space on either day.

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Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
14th September 2026	Clubs start Meet the Teacher – Year 2
16th September 2026	Meet the Teacher – Year 1
25th September 2026	Macmillan cake sale at EVS 3:15pm-4:00pm
28th September 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 9:30am, Emerson Valley 10:15am EYFS Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents and Carers 2:45pm
30th September 2026	Year 5 Space Dome in school
1st October 2026	Year 3/4 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 3:35pm
6th October 2026	Flu vaccines at EVS
7th October 2026	Year 1 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 2:45pm Year 5/6 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 3:35pm
9th October 2026	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
14th October 2026	Parent Consultation meetings 3:40-6:30pm
15th October 2026	Word Guerilla Year 4 workshop Parent Consultation meetings 4:00-6:30pm
19th October 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 1:15pm, Emerson Valley 2:00pm
21st October 2026	Year 4 Harvest Assembly to Parents at 2:30pm
26th to 30th October 2026	Half term break
2nd November 2026	INSET day – school closed to pupils
3rd November 2026	Penguins and Eagles to Bradwell Abbey
5th November 2026	Swifts and Flamingos to Bradwell Abbey
6th November 2026	Individual School photographs at EVS
13th November 2026	Children In Need – non-uniform day
16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
18th November 2026	Year 3 Stone Age Day Year 3 movie night until 5pm
19th November 2026	Year 4 movie night until 5pm
20th November 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 9:30am, Emerson Valley 10:15am
25th November 2026	Year 5 movie night until 5pm Flu vaccinations at Merebrook
26th November 2026	Year 6 movie night until 5pm
30th November 2026	Flu vaccinations at Emerson Valley
1st December 2026	Christmas discos: Year 3/4 4:30-5:30pm and Year 5/6 6:00-7:00pm
3rd December 2026	Year 6 Coding workshop
7th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers with pre-school aged children only
8th December 2026	EYFS Christmas performance 9:00am Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Sunflowers and Cherry Blossoms at 2pm
9th December 2026	Year 1 and 2 Carols in the Playground 2:30pm
10th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Snapdragons and Bluebells at 2pm Year 5 and 6 Carols in the Playground 3:35pm
11th December 2026	Rock Steady concert for Parents 2pm
15th December 2026	Christmas Shop
16th December 2026	Pantomime for both schools – The Wizard of Oz



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

*In addition, the school will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2027 for the Early May Bank Holiday.