



EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

Issue 3: Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week at EVS where we launched our **5D Baccalaureate** on Monday, hosted our **House Captain** elections, launched our **Pupil Ambassador** roles across the school and our After School Clubs began. We are thrilled to be offering **13 After School Clubs** this term. The children have been tasked with applying for various Pupil Ambassador roles before Wednesday 23rd September. The selected children will be announced in next week's assembly. Year 4 are busily preparing for their **Harvest Assembly** to parents which takes place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st October. Year 4 are teaming up with the **MK Food Bank** and are looking for donations of food items by Tuesday 20th October. (See poster for more information). In line with Benedict's Law, which is effective from September 2026, we are promoting the message across the school that we are an 'Allergy Aware' school as opposed to just a 'Nut Free School'. Check out our new Allergy Aware logo! We are looking forward to selecting our new Allergy Ambassadors who will be key in spreading this message. We have seen an increase in the number of children having unhealthy snacks for break. It is important you provide your child with a **healthy snack** for breaktime. A healthy snack provides essential energy and supports concentration. See our suggested list overleaf. This afternoon, we held our second **Antibullying Conference**, and this one was aimed at our Year 6 children. The key message promoted in this conference was to '**Be an Upstander not a Bystander**'. Our new Antibullying Ambassadors will spend time at Hazeley Academy over the next few weeks being trained by Hazeley Antibullying Ambassadors. We would like to remind all parents and carers to **park considerably and legally** when collecting children at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, we continue to receive reports of vehicles parking on yellow lines, blocking driveways, parking across dropped kerbs and stopping in locations that create hazards for pedestrians and other road users. These actions can place our children, families and local residents at risk. We ask everyone to work with us to keep our school community safe by allowing extra time for collection, parking responsibly and showing consideration to our neighbours. To help reduce congestion around the school, we encourage families to make use of our **Active Travel Map**, which highlights nearby parking options, walking routes and drop-off points. Choosing to walk, scoot or cycle, even for part of the journey, can make a significant difference to safety and traffic levels around the school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe and our local community respected.

Please refer to the school's Active Travel Map for suggested routes and parking locations.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

THIS MONTH'S VALUE IS...

RESPECT



EYES & EARS ON WHO'S TALKING



SMILE, BE FRIENDLY, USE YOUR MANNERS



PLAY FAIRLY, BE HONEST



EVERYONE TAKES TURNS



CARE FOR YOURS & EVERYONE'S PROPERTY



TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED

Our new HOUSE CAPTAINS

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils got the chance to run for House Captain. It was very fitting with International Day of Democracy being this week. The children who put themselves forward were absolutely amazing and should be very proud of themselves. We were blown away by the number of pupils who ran for House Captaincy. We are delighted to announce our new House Captains for 2026-2027:

Jupiter - Alice (Attenborough)

Mars - Effie (Attenborough)

Saturn - Henry (Luther King)

Neptune - Olivia (Parks)

A huge congratulations to all!

Gold Award Winners

Year 3: Wren (Snapdragons), Mila (Sunflowers), Killian (Bluebells), Elliott (Cherry Blossoms)

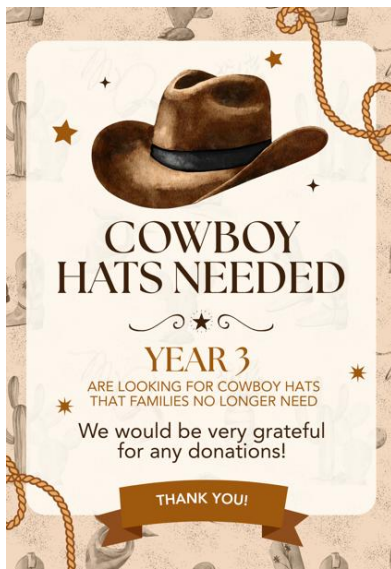
Year 4: Roland (Swifts), Lola (Penguins), Emilie (Eagles), Arina (Flamingos)

Year 5: Josh (Turtles), Smaranda (Axolotls), Kostya (Orcas), Amber (Jellyfish)

Year 6: Riley (Attenborough), Jadey (Darwin), Ryan (Luther King), Vlad (Parks)

Music: Alexander (Snapdragons), Marcell (Eagles), Zacchaeus (Axolotls), David (Attenborough)

PE: Matti (Sunflowers), Emilie (Eagles), Max(Turtles), Maddie (Darwin)



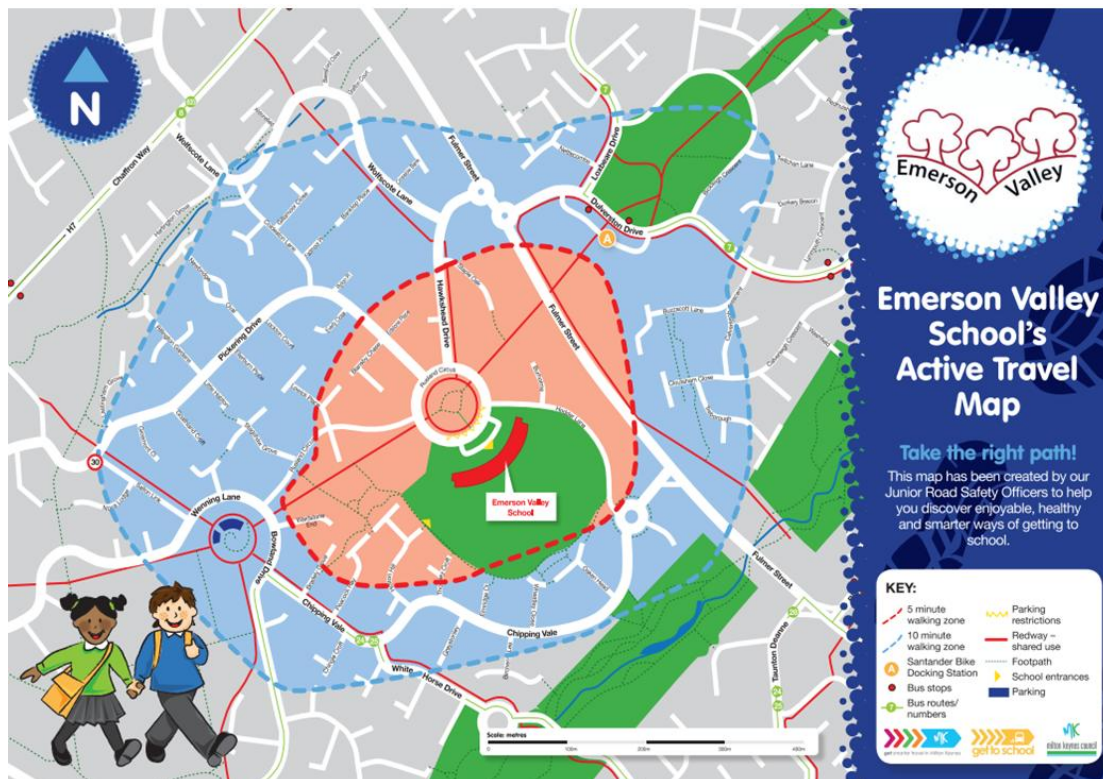
Attendance winners

1st – Snapdragons, Sunflowers & Flamingos

2nd – Luther King

3rd – Parks

Well done to Snapdragons, Sunflowers & Flamingos 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?

28th September

9:30am at Merebrook
School and 10:15am at
Emerson Valley School

19th October

1:15pm at Merebrook
School and 2:00pm at
Emerson Valley School

20th November

9:30am at Merebrook
School and 10:15am at
Emerson Valley School



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.

www.merebrookschoo.co.uk tel: (01908) 522876

www.emersonvalley.org.uk tel: (01908) 507914

Community, Pride, Aspire



Pre-loved Uniform Sale!



Please donate any items to Mrs
Pitcher at EVS!

We will be having a Pre-loved Uniform sale after
school on Monday 21st September at 3:25p.m. in the
hall!

All Items- £1 each





Healthy snacks for break time

Please provide your child with a healthy snack at break time.

For example: fruit, vegetables, raisins, rice cakes, yoghurt, cheese strings, Babybel, Peperami & breadsticks.



Year 4

Harvest Festival

WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR
THE MK FOOD BANK

Any items listed below would be greatly appreciated | *All donations to be handed in by Tuesday 20th October*

Items we are collecting:

Tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned pulses, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, long life milk, juice or squash, spreads (e.g. jams), tea, pasta, tinned veg, pasta sauce, dried rice (500g/ 1kg packets), rice pudding, custard, cereal, biscuits, soup & loo roll.



Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
21st September 2026	Pre-loved uniform sale at EVS 3:25pm in school hall
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.