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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, children have engaged well in this year's **anti-bullying week**. On Monday, Miss Wickens led an assembly on this year's theme: Power For Good. Everyone enjoyed wearing **odd socks** to recognize we are all different. In PSHE lessons, each year group has focused on a different type of bullying.

Today, many children have opted to wear **non-uniform to support the Children in Need** charity in exchange for a £1 donation. If you have not made the donation through the Arbor shop, please do so by the end of today. Well done to Effie Simpson in Turtles as she was the winner of the Children in Need poster competition.

The weather is very changeable at the moment, but can be cold and rainy at times. We are seeing a large number of children not coming to school with coats. **Please can I remind Parents and Carers to ensure that their child comes to school with a waterproof coat every day** so that children are able to experience some time outside every day.

Yesterday evening, Miss Bennett, Mrs Avola and Mrs Wakeman held a meeting to try to form a **new Friends of EVS PTA committee**. Although the meeting was not well attended, we have had several emails of support and already have a list of names of willing supporters through the google forms that were filled in over the past couple of months. We are very grateful that Mr Scott Morris has agreed to step up as Chair of the committee. This means that Friends can continue in it's current capacity, and a formal AGM can be held to formally accept Mr Morris and other members of the committee. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 5:30pm. If you would like to be a part of the committee but are having issues attending at this time, then please email learningmentors@evs5d.com to let us know. Thank you.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



Movie Nights

Please look out for Arbor communication early next week regarding our upcoming film nights. These will take place on **Wednesday 19th November for Year 3 children and on Thursday 20th November for Year 4 children. In order for your child to take part, Arbor consent and online payment must be made by 8am on Monday.** On Monday, communication will be sent out regarding the Year 5 and 6 movie nights, which will take place on 26th November (Year 5) and 27th November (Year 6).



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Pranusha (Bluebells), Dominic (Cherry Blossom), Jack (Snapdragons), Isabell (Sunflowers)

Year 4: Olivia (Eagles), Clayton (Flamingos), Arianna (Penguins), Jodie (Swifts)

Year 5: Suhaan (Axolotis), Elsie & Sergei (Jellyfish), Ryan (Orcas), Hena (Turtles)

Year 6: Neha & Sophie (Attenborough), Kenny (Darwin), Sofia (Luther King), Deri (Parks)

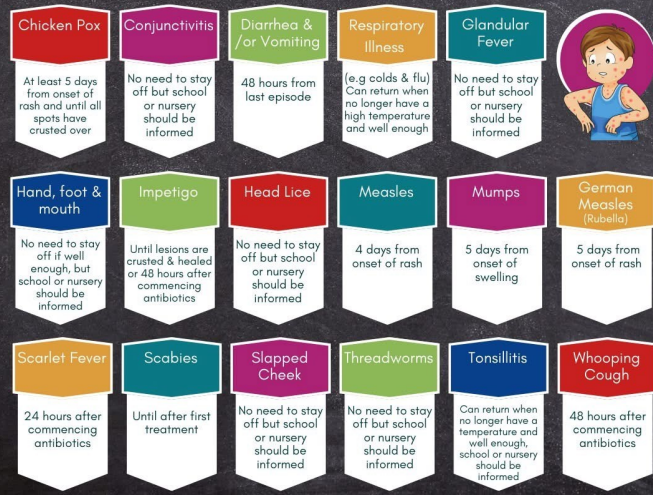
Music Awards: Catherine (Cherry Blossom), Robert (Eagles), Effie & Hena (Turtles), Natalie (Parks)

PE Awards: Kasvin (Snapdragons), Isla (Penguins), Kevin (Turtles), Finn (Darwin)



HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Illness	Guideline
Chicken Pox	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over
Conjunctivitis	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Diarrhea & /or Vomiting	48 hours from last episode
Respiratory Illness	(e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough
Glandular Fever	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Hand, foot & mouth	No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Head Lice	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles	4 days from onset of rash
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
German Measles (Rubella)	5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics
Scabies	Until after first treatment
Slapped Cheek	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Threadworms	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Tonsillitis	Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed
Whooping Cough	48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Winter illnesses

We know that, particularly at this time of year, children pick up all sorts of illnesses, but not all illnesses require children to be absent from school. **This useful summary from the Public Health Agency helps parents understand those illnesses that require children to be kept at home and those that do not.** Please follow this advice to help you in making the decision about whether to send them to school or not. For general colds and coughs, the general rule is to keep them at home if they have a high temperature. Otherwise, we are happy for them to be in school. Please help your child to have good school attendance by following this guide.



Autumn Term 2025

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley



unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**

14th November 2025	Children in Need—non-uniform day
18th November 2025	Bradwell Abbey Trip—Eagles and Penguins
19th November 2025	Prospective Parent Tours—9:30am at Merebrook and 10:15am at Emerson Valley
	Year 3 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
20th November 2025	Year 4 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
25th November 2025	Bradwell Abbey Trip—Swifts and Flamingoes
26th November 2025	Year 5 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
27th November 2025	Year 6 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
2nd December 2025	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
3rd December 2025	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
4th December 2025	Christmas Disco - Years 3 and 4 4:30-5:30pm, Years 5 and 6 6:00-7:00pm
8th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents with younger siblings at 2pm
9th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents of Cherry Blossoms and Sunflowers at 2pm
10th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents of Bluebells and Snapdragons at 2pm
11th December 2025	EYFS Christmas performance - 9:15am
	Key Stage 1 Carols on the playground - 2:15pm
	Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground - 3:35pm
16th December 2025	Christmas shop for all year groups
17th December 2025	Pantomime for all year groups
19th December 2025	Last day of the autumn term