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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has officially started at EVS this week! On Monday, a child from each class helped to decorate our Christmas tree, and on Wednesday everyone enjoyed a festive singing assembly 'sing off' followed by a lovely Christmas lunch.

Last night, over 200 children attended our Christmas Discos. A great time was had by all and I would like to thank all of the staff that helped to organise the event and gave up their evening to make this event possible. **This is a great example of everyone showing our community value.**

Children in Year 3 have been busily practicing their performance of 'The Fleece Force'. Tickets will be sent home with Year 3 children today. Please remember, that anyone attending with younger children can only attend on the Monday performance - which separate tickets have been issued for. **The Performances all start at 2pm and the performance will last approximately 45 minutes. At the end of the performance, children will return to class and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:25pm.**

On Thursday, we invite our Year 5 and 6 children and their families to attend our Carols on the playground. Children will be dismissed from classes as normal and then we ask anybody that wishes to join in this festive sing-song to make their way to the Astroturf on the top playground. Children have been practicing 5 songs to sing. This event should finish by 4pm. The gates will remain open during this time and will be locked after the event.

On Monday, you should have received communication through Arbor about our **Christmas Shop**, which takes place during the school day on 16th December. This is an opportunity for children to buy Christmas presents for adults. **Each gift costs £5, and payment for all gifts must be made by 3pm on Friday 12th December. Late orders cannot be accepted due to the organisation required for this event.**

Next week, raffle tickets will be on sale on the morning gate in the lead up to the end of term. **There are a range of Christmas hampers, filled with goodies donated by staff across both schools. Tickets are 20p each or £1 per strip.** See page 2 for photographs of some of the hampers!

What a busy week we've had, and next week promises to be the same. Despite all of the Christmas events, learning will continue right up until the end of term.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher



A polite notice on parking!

Unfortunately we have had several complaints from our neighbours about parking in the residential areas close to the school. Not only are people parking across driveways and blocking access for residents, but on many occasions people are parking unsafely. When challenged on this, there is often reluctance to move and a lack of respect shown by the adult towards the other person. This is particularly the case in the Holton Hill area—as seen in this photo. **Please help keep everyone in our school community safe by parking considerably and safely. Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.**

How to log your child's absence.

We hope all children are in school as much as possible. However, occasionally you will need to log an absence on the day. Please use one of the options below:

1. Log the absence directly on the Arbor website or app: [Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre](#)
2. Call the school and leave a message on the absence line – **option 2**



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Marcell (Bluebells), Annie (Cherry Blossoms), Elva (Snapdragons), Edward (Sunflowers)

Year 4: Rania (Eagles), Maisie (Flamingos), Bree (Penguins), Soniya (Swifts)

Year 5: Lillie (Axolotis), Daisy (Jellyfish), Millie (Orcas), Effie (Turtles)

Year 6: Kannis (Attenborough), Aliya (Darwin), Luca (Luther King), Bella (Parks)

Music Awards: Ellie (Sunflowers), Ollie (Swifts), Kevin & Jamie (Axolotis), Taylor (Luther King)

PE Awards: Ruby (Bluebells), Aaliyah (Flamingos), Aaliyah (Flamingos), Sophia (Axolotis), Charles, Effie & Edward (Turtles), Zara (Orcas), Chase (Luther King), Kelton (Darwin), Bori (Parks)





Autumn Term 2025



These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley

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

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
18th December 2025	Merebrook Christmas Disco
19th December 2025	Last day of the autumn term



Christmas Hampers





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