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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a long and busy term, children have enjoyed a great final week. On Wednesday, **all children across both schools were treated to a production of the pantomime Rapunzel**. This was an enjoyable performance for everybody. Today we've enjoyed a final Christmas sing-along as a school community, with everyone fully getting into the festive spirit!

Thank you to everyone in our school community that has donated a present towards the Henry Allen Trust Christmas appeal. **As a school, we donated over 70 presents which is simply wonderful**. We really appreciate your generosity.

Following our successful **Christmas raffle** in which we raised over £200 to stock the Merevalley shop, we are pleased to announce that 5 hampers were won by our EVS families. The lucky winners were: Taylor-Lynn (Orcas), Veer (Snapdragons), Jill (our cleaner), Arthur (Eagles) and Lillie (Axolotls).

It has been a busy term of PE and sport at EVS. Please find attached to this newsletter **a sports roundup from Mr Timmins and Mr Williams** with some of the highlights of the term.

As we think ahead to the Spring term, please can I remind Parents and Carers that allocations for clubs have now been sent out. **Payments for all clubs must be made by Monday 5th January 2026** in order for your child to take part. Please make these payments via Arbor.

Although the spring term is only 11 weeks, we have lots planned. **Please see the dates list on page 2 of this newsletter for details of dates and times of key events**. More details regarding key events will be communicated nearer the time.

If you are looking for something to get 'stuck into' over the Christmas break, why not start thinking about our upcoming **Science Week competition**. Please find attached to this email full details. **All entries should be brought into school on Monday 19th January**. Ahead of next term, **the school website has been updated with curriculum newsletters and homework activities** for the spring term. Please view these for your child's year group by clicking on the 'Learning' and then 'Year group' tabs of the website.

Please remember that **children return to school on Monday 5th January 2026** - there is no INSET day. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school then... but not before a bit of a rest over the festive period!

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing Christmas!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



House point winners

Children have been working all term to earn their individual house points for working hard and showing our school values. **The overall winners for this term are SATURN**, and everyone in Saturn had the option to come in non-uniform today. The 3 children in each year group with the most house points this term are as follows: **Year 3:** Emmanuel (Snapdragons), Mason (Sunflowers), Natalia (Sunflowers). **Year 4:** Hazel (Penguins), Abigail (Penguins), Kaitlyn (Flamingos). **Year 5:** Anson (Orcas), Daisy (Orcas), Rosie (Jellyfish). **Year 6:** Esme (Parks), Neha (Attenborough), Mia Z (Parks). Well Done to everyone! Today, children across the school will get to visit the newly stocked Merevalley shop to spend their money. 369 children have achieved their Bronze certificate (100 house points), and 14 children have already achieved their silver (250 house points). What great news. Well done to everyone that was able to visit the shop today.





Autumn / Spring Term dates

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**



19th December 2025	Last day of the autumn term
5 th January 2026	First day of the Spring term
6 th January 2026	Merebrook prospective parent tours 1:30pm
8 th January 2026	Emerson Valley prospective parent tours 10:15am
13 th January 2026	Year 6 SATS information evening for parents 5:00pm Jellyfish Parks Trust trip
16 th January 2026	Turtles Parks Trust trip
19 th – 23 rd January 2026	Science Week
20 th January 2026	Starling class to Westcroft library
21 st January 2026	Finch class to Westcroft library
22 nd January 2026	Year 6 to Bletchley Park
23 rd January 2026	Axolotls Parks Trust trip
26 th January 2026	Young Voice choir to Birmingham Year 1 celebration of work at 2:40pm
28 th January 2026	Year 2 Biscuits with books parents invited from 2pm
29 th January 2026	Year 5 trip to Silverstone
2 nd February 2026	Year 3 celebration of work pm time to be confirmed
4 th February 2026	Year 4 celebration of work pm time to be confirmed
5 th February 2026	Year 6 celebration of work pm time to be confirmed
6 th February 2026	Year 3 Pizza and pyjama party 5:30-8:30pm
9 th February 2026	EYFS celebration of work pm time to be confirmed
3 rd March 2026	Snapdragons to Campbell Park
4 th March 2026	Cherry Blossoms to Campbell Park
5 th March 2026	World Book Day
6 th March 2026	Sunflowers to Campbell Park
10 th and 11 th March 2026	Parent Consultations from 3:40pm
13 th March 2026	Bluebells to Campbell Park
17 th March 2026	Robins to Westcroft library
18 th March 2026	Kestrels to Westcroft library
20 th March 2026	Red nose day: non-uniform day Year 5 pizza party and sleepover from 5:30pm
25 th March 2026	Year 5 performance to parents 2:30pm
27 th March 2026	Rocksteady concert to parents 2pm



Sunshine Family Centre Christmas Holiday Calendar

We welcome families who live in Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Wood, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park, Loughton and Loughton Lodge, Crownhill, Kingsmead, Whitehouse, Grange Farm, Oxley Park, Westcroft, Oakhill and Medbourne.

Monday 22nd December 10:00-11:00 Join the Sunshine team for festive Story, Songs and Rhymes at Westcroft Library 2:00-4:00 Community Larder At The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse & our Community Café More info at: www.sofea.uk.com	Tuesday 23rd December 10:00-11:30 Christmas Family Stay and Play Crafts, festive treats and songs!	Wednesday 24th December 10:00-11:30 Drop in Café Enjoy a hot drink	Thursday 25th December Christmas Day Centre closed	Friday 26th December Boxing Day Centre closed
Monday 29th December Open for support Daisychain Family Centre MK3 6PS	Tuesday 30th December Open for support Hedgerows Family Centre MK6 4NP	Wednesday 31st December Open for support Saplings Family Centre MK2 2HB & Rainbow Family Centre MK13 7BQ	Thursday 1st January Happy New Year!	Friday 2nd January HAF Pantomime For eligible families Bookings only



INFANT SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tue 6 January 2026

1:30 PM

To book a tour either call the office or send us a mail.
We would love to show you our wonderful small school with a big heart and plenty of outside space.

Merebrook Infant School,
Dulverton Drive,
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MK4 1EZ

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions



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Emerson Valley School

OPEN MORNING

Community, Pride, Aspire

Thur 8 January 2026

10:15 AM

To book a tour either call the office or send us a mail. We would love to show you our vibrant junior school for years 3-6. Fostering independent, resilient, lifelong learners.

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MK4 2JR

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