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# INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a **truly outstanding response to the Science week homework competition with over 150 entries across the school**, which is phenomenal! The school was packed with such an array of projects covering the Science curriculum - it is really clear that we have an inspired bunch of scientists here at EVS! The quality and effort that went into them was incredible to see. Thank you for supporting your children with these projects. Judging the entries was almost impossible for me and the Y6 prefects; however we have chosen a top 3 in each year group which were announced in assembly today and can be seen below. **Everyone that entered will receive a certificate and 5 house points for their efforts. Well done to everyone that entered!**

Please can I remind Parents and Carers that **our Walking Bus operates every morning from outside Merebrook**. Two members of staff will be ready to walk children across the bridge to school each morning. The bus leaves at 8:40am. Please arrive on time in order to take part in this.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

## Science Homework Competition Winners

**Year 3:** Jensen (Cherry Blossoms), Ella (Cherry Blossoms) and Jack (Cherry Blossoms)

**Year 4:** Justin (Flamingos), Matilda (Penguins) and Phoebe (Swifts)

**Year 5:** Edward (Turtles), Teddy (Jellyfish) and Logan (Jellyfish)

**Year 6:** Esme (Parks Class), Nicholas (Parks Class) and Neha (Attenborough Class)



## Requests for SEND referrals

We are currently experiencing a very high number of requests for staff to complete assessment referral forms. In many cases, these forms are being sent to school without any prior discussion with the class teacher, and often for children who are not on the SEND register. **We want to be able to provide the most useful and up-to-date information to support with these referrals.** Therefore, to help us manage this process fairly and ensure that information is completed accurately:

- **Please speak with your child's class teacher before sending any forms into school.** A conversation allows us to understand the concerns and agree the best next steps.
- **We can only complete digital (Word) versions of forms**, not handwritten or PDF copies.
- **A clear timeframe is needed.** External services such as CAMHS previously allowed four weeks for completion, and we will be working to a similar timescale. We will, of course, complete forms sooner where possible.
- If the forms have been requested by a GP, then we need the **GP email address** to send the completed form back to.

Please be aware that school staff are currently receiving a large volume of these requests, and completing forms without the necessary context often leads to unnecessary work when referrals do not progress. If you receive an outcome from a referral, **please ensure you share this with school**, so that we can support your child appropriately and avoid unnecessary repeat referrals.

**Thank you for your understanding and for helping us manage teacher workload while ensuring the best support for our pupils.**



## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3:** Ibrahim (Bluebells), Jack (Cherry Blossoms), Kasvin (Snapdragons), Modesayo (Sunflowers)

**Year 4:** Josh (Eagles), Justin (Flamingos), Bella (Penguins), Phoebe and Liam (Swifts)

**Year 5:** Olivier (Axolotls), Logan (Jellyfish), Amaar (Orcas), Edward and Asmitha (Turtles)

**Year 6:** Lilly (Attenborough), Evelyn (Darwin), Alinah (Luther King), Saly (Parks)

**Music Awards:** Reid (Cherry Blossoms), Freddie (Eagles), Freddie (Jellyfish), Kome (Luther King)

**PE Awards:** Edward (Sunflowers), Sultan (Flamingos), Hena (Turtles), Abdelrahman (Luther King)





## Everyday in school makes a difference to your child's future!

Gates open at 8:40a.m. every day and shut at 8:55a.m.

If arriving late, the children must enter through the main reception and sign in. They will be marked as late.

**The School Day is 8:55-3:25pm**

If your child is late, signed out early or absent, they are missing valuable learning opportunities.

### *LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING*



# Every child EVERY DAY



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

# *Pre-loved uniform shop*

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 3.30-4.30PM  
EMERSON VALLEY SCHOOL HALL

**ALL ITEMS £1 EACH!**



DO YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORM  
YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WILL BE  
GROWING OUT OF?

**DON'T THROW IT, DONATE IT!**

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS IN, WE WILL ACCEPT  
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR YEARS 3-6:

- POLO T-SHIRTS
- TROUSERS
- JUMPERS (MAROON & BLACK)
- COATS
- PE UNIFORM



PLEASE SEND DONATIONS IN FOR THE ATTENTION  
OF MRS PITCHER BY MONDAY 26TH JANUARY  
READY FOR OUR PRE-LOVED SHOP ON WEDNESDAY  
28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.



## Spring Term dates

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



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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026 | <b>Science Week</b>                                                                                                |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026                    | <b>Axolotls Parks Trust trip</b>                                                                                   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                    | <b>Young Voice choir to Birmingham</b><br><b>Year 1 celebration of work at 2:40pm</b>                              |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                    | <b>Year 2 Biscuits with books</b> parents invited from 2:15 pm<br><b>Preloved Uniform sale at EVS after school</b> |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                    | <b>Year 5 trip to Silverstone</b>                                                                                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026                    | <b>Year 3 celebration of work</b> Parents invited into school at 3:25pm                                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                    | <b>Year 4 celebration of work pm</b> Parents invited into school at 2:45pm                                         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                    | <b>Year 6 celebration of work pm</b> time to be confirmed                                                          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                    | <b>Year 3 Pizza and pyjama party 5:30-8:30pm</b>                                                                   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                   | <b>Friends of EVS meeting online at 6:45pm. All welcome.</b>                                                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026                       | <b>Snapdragons to Campbell Park</b><br><b>EYFS celebration of work pm</b> time to be confirmed                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                       | <b>Cherry Blossoms to Campbell Park</b>                                                                            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                       | <b>World Book Day</b>                                                                                              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                       | <b>Sunflowers to Campbell Park</b>                                                                                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 | <b>Parent Consultations from 3:40pm</b>                                                                            |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>                | <b>Friends of EVS Mother's Day Shop</b>                                                                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                      | <b>Bluebells to Campbell Park</b>                                                                                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                      | <b>Robins to Westcroft library</b>                                                                                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                      | <b>Kestrels to Westcroft library</b>                                                                               |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                      | <b>Red nose day:</b> non-uniform day<br><b>Year 5 pizza party and sleepover</b> from 5:30pm                        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                      | <b>Year 5 performance to parents 2:30pm</b>                                                                        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                      | <b>Rocksteady concert to parents 2pm</b>                                                                           |