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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at EVS. Children have settled into the new term exceptionally well and have enjoyed spending time in their new classes. A special welcome to all of our new Year 3 children and a few other children and families across the school. **Every week, our school newsletter is sent to our school community via Arbor on a Friday.** This newsletter includes details about what has been happening in school. There is always a list of dates for both Emerson Valley and Merebrook Schools. We aim to give Parents and Carers as much notice as possible and in the newsletter next Friday, there will be a full list of dates and key events for the remainder of the term.

Over the past 3 days, Teachers have spent time setting expectations for the year and have introduced children to our new schools rules for different times of the day. **Ask your child about 'WALK', 'HEAR', 'STEPS' and 'LUNCH'.** Their Teachers will be very impressed if they can remember all of the words associated with each letter! There are handy posters in classrooms and all around school, designed by some of our EVS children, so look out for them when you are in school!

Next week, from Monday to Thursday, we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings after school. These will take place in the hall from 3:35pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's Teacher and the year group staff, and also to find out a bit more about expectations for the year group. The first part of the meeting will take place in the school hall. **Please collect your child as normal and enter the school hall via the side hall doors at the back of the school. Do not enter through reception.** There will be a presentation by the Teachers, followed by an opportunity to visit your child's classroom if you wish. Dates for each year group can be found on page 2.

Thank you for helping your child have a positive and successful start to the school day by ensuring that they arrive at school on time. **From Monday, all children are expected to walk through the school gates on their own in the mornings.** Please say goodbye to your child before they reach the gates. There will be an extra member of staff on the Year 3/4 gate should any children need support with walking to meet their Teacher and class. Please remember the gates open at 8:40am and classes line up with their Teacher ready to enter the building at 8:45am. Thank you for your support in helping your children develop their independence.

Have a relaxing weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

THIS MONTH'S VALUE IS...

RESPECT



Decade of the Month



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Reiss (Bluebells), Reid (Cherry Blossom) Valentina (Sunflowers), Emmanuel (Snapdragons)

Year 4: David (Eagles), Lillie (Flamingos), Abbie (Penguins), Finley (Swifts)

Year 5: Jadey (Axolotis), Dexter (Jellyfish), Vinnie (Orcas), Athena (Turtles)

Year 6: Brian (Attenborough) Cienna (Darwin), Luther King (Yousaf), Denis (Parks)





Autumn Term 2025

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



8th September 2025	Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3:35-4:00pm
9th September 2025	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3:35-4:00pm
10th September 2025	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3:35-4:00pm
11th September 2025	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3:35-4:00pm
15th September 2025	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3:15-3:45pm
17th September 2024	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3:15-3:45pm

PE days for this half term are as follows. Please ensure that your child comes into school in the PE kit on their PE days.

Year	Days
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Wednesday

New school website

We are very proud of our new school website. The address is still the same, **www.emersonvalley.org.uk**, but the content and photographs have been updated. Have a look by clicking [here](#).

Please help reduce the congestion around our school!

Every morning a 'walking bus' leaves from the bottom of the bridge outside Merebrook School. Please just arrive in time to join the bus at 8:40am. No need to book, just turn up. Please see the helpful map below for safe and legal parking in the local area.




Sunshine Family Centre, Merebrook Infant School, Furzton, MK4 1EZ. Tel: 01908 508566

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-11:00 Story, Songs and Rhymes Join the Sunshine team at Westcroft Library	10:00-11:30 Stay and Play A play session for under 5's with indoor and outdoor play. Includes a healthy snack and songs and rhymes.	10:00-11:00 Messy Play Lots of opportunities to join in with sensory and creative play. A change of clothes is advised.	9.30-10.45 Baby Group A relaxed session including songs and rhymes. From newborn to non-walkers. 11:15-12:00 Socotots Fun free football session for walkers to 4 years.	9.30-10.30 Walk Join us for a walk to the local parks 10:30-12:00 Drop in Café Hot drinks and snacks available. Everyone welcome!
10:00-12:00 ESOL English course for speakers of other languages. Run by MK College Contact the centre to book.	12:00-1:00 Lunch Club Join us for a free lunch! Please contact the centre to book. Everyone welcome!	1:00-2:00 Join the Sunshine team for Story, Songs and Rhymes at The Hive, Whitehouse.	10:00-1:00 Citizen's Advice Fortnightly appointments. Book at: <u>Shenley Brook End Parish Council - Citizens Advice Milton Keynes (miltonkeynescab.org.uk)</u>	10:00-12:00 Music Bugs Contact <u>michelle@musicbugs.co.uk</u> to book.
Community Larder at The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse and our new Café Supported by Sunshine 2:00-4:00 More info at: <u>www.sofea.uk.com</u> Help reduce food waste	Parenting courses Nurture Workshop & LIPS course (speech and language) Contact the centre for more information.	YMCA Youth Club At Sunshine 3:30-5:30 11-13 years. 6:30-8:30 14-18 years.	12:30-2:30 Creative Play: music and song peri-natal mental health session for mums in Milton Keynes. Scan for details 	Sensory room available Monday and Friday 9:00-3:00 Contact the centre to book

For 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.



Nurture

Christ the Cornerstone Church

Wednesdays 16:30 – 19:00 24th Sept – 3rd Dec

We will be holding an open evening on the 17th Sept from 16:30-19:00

Where you can pop in and meet us, ask any questions you may have, see the resources and enjoy a cuppa. *Please note if you are unable to attend on the 17th you are still be able to sign up for the course.

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging!

These 10 sessions fit together like a puzzle to help deal with the challenges so you can have a calmer, happier life.

The nurture programme created by the Centre for Emotional Health uses these four building blocks of emotionally healthy relationships.

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Empathy
- Positive discipline

Please scan email nicola.skilton@milton-keynes.gov.uk to sign up

Parking etiquette

facebook

✨ Miss Roche & Miss Bennett were very busy after school today politely asking drivers, parked on the yellow zig zag lines, to move. ✨

➡ The yellow zig-zag road markings at the front of the school prohibit parking, waiting, or stopping in the marked area. It is for the safety of our pupils.

🙏 Thank you to all of the parents and carers who adhere to the Highway Code & care about the safety of all of our pupils. 🙏





Merebrook and Emerson Valley Schools

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET day – school closed	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET day – school closed	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Open <u>on</u> the morning of:	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 24 th October 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025
INSET day – school closed	Monday 3rd November 2025
Open <u>on</u> the morning of:	Tuesday 4 th November 2025
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	
Open <u>on</u> the morning of:	Monday 5 th January 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 13 th February 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026
Open <u>on</u> the morning of:	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Open <u>on</u> the morning of:	Monday 13 th April 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
INSET day – school closed	Monday 1st June 2026
Open <u>on</u> the morning of:	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 17 th July 2026
INSET day – school closed	Monday 20th July 2026