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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

Children across the school have been working extremely hard on our termly assessments this week ahead of our Parent Consultation meetings next week, where Teachers will be able to share their progress with you. **Please remember that if you have not booked an appointment with your child's Class Teacher, booking is still open until 4:30pm today.** We look forward to seeing you in school on Tuesday or Wednesday after school for these meetings. Please enter and exit the school building via the main school reception.

Thank you to everybody that has supported the **Friends of EVS Mother's Day Shop** by purchasing a gift through the Arbor Shop. Children will visit the Shop to choose their gift(s) on Wednesday afternoon and come home with their gift on this day.

Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details of the **Young Writers 'Ridiculous Writers' competition** that we are promoting in school. If your child would like to enter, please ask them to get an entry form from their class teacher. **All entries must be returned to school by 25th March.**

I would like to invite **Year 6 Parents and Carers to a meeting to discuss the details of the Residential on Thursday 16th March at 4:45pm in the school hall.** Mrs Marshall, who is leading the visit this year, will share the final details of the trip, including the kit list at this meeting. Please look out for Arbor communication next week with a form to share any medical information with us ahead of this trip. This **information must be completed by 16th March.**

Have a good weekend - hopefully the sun continues!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Children and Phone Safety

With more choice than ever and rising concerns about safety, phone ownership can raise important questions for families. The **NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety** is a useful resource for Parents and Carers. It addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks? The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. Click [here](#) to access the online guide.

NSPCC

Birthday treats

Please note that we will **no longer give out sweets, cakes, party bags or any other items for children's birthdays at Merebrook or Emerson Valley.** The risk with allergies is too high and we are unable to easily insure inclusivity with this. However, we know that many families like to celebrate their child's birthday with school and we are therefore creating an **Amazon 'wish list' which will be shared with you in next week's newsletter.** The list will share books and other items that can be purchased to mark the occasion and benefit your child and all of their class. If you purchase an item, we will ensure that it is presented to your child's class and marked with a note to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your support in ensuring that everyone is safe and included in our school community.



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Isla-May (Sunflowers), Samrita (Cherry Blossoms), Noah (Bluebells), Sulaiman (Snapdragons)

Year 4: Isla (Penguins), Mohammed (Swifts), Freya (Eagles), Duchess (Flamingos)

Year 5: Robert (Axolotls), Seb (Turtles), Rakshya (Orcas), Noah (Jellyfish)

Year 6: Taya (Attenborough), Wiktorja (Darwin), Rick (Luther King), Camden (Parks)

Music Awards: Edward (Cherry Blossoms), Effie (Turtles), Mariam (Darwin)

PE Awards: Harlan (Cherry Blossoms), Amelia (Swifts), Charles (Turtles), Chase (LK)





THE GREAT EVS BOOK SWAP.

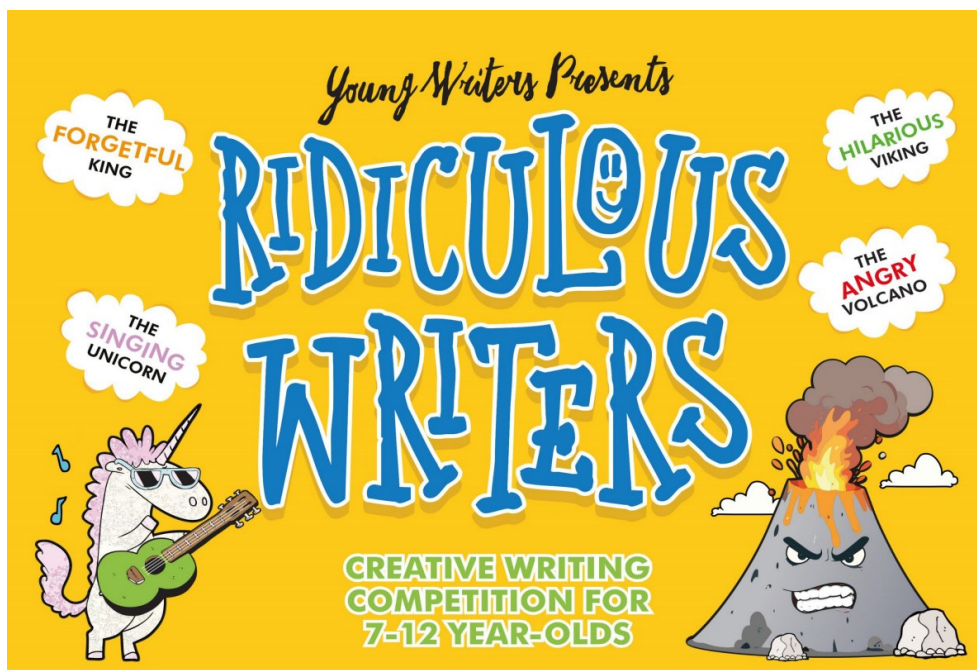


**23RD AND 25TH
MARCH 2026**

Bring in a book you have finished reading and that is in good condition to receive a voucher. Then come and choose a book you want after school on either the 23rd or 25th March 2026.

3.30pm - 4.00pm





RIDICULOUS WRITERS

Parent Information Guide

Your child's teacher has sent this handy guide home so they can complete this writing activity. Ridiculous Writers invites your child to choose an adjective and noun to make a crazy combo – you can do this online here: www.youngwriters.co.uk/generator or choose your own. This combo is the inspiration for the mini saga, a story told in up to 100 words. It can be funny, serious, creepy or silly. For more information and ideas, visit www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/ridiculous.

Once written, hand it in to their teacher who will send it to us here at Young Writers. We'll create a series of books that will feature stories we receive that meet the criteria. We know that seeing their work in print boosts children's confidence, and we want to spark an enduring love of writing with fun activities like these!

Watch the video which introduces the activity here:
<https://youtu.be/Ef5eYGj7Z7w>

Word limit:
100 words
or fewer

It's easy to take part

- ✦ Your child needs to write their piece on the entry form (or an adult can scribe for them).
- ✦ Ensure your child's name, age and school are included on the entry form in the space provided.
- ✦ Return the completed entry form to the school by the deadline they have provided.
- ✦ The school will then enter the work – please do not enter directly unless the school decide not to take part.

Our editorial team will then read and type up every entry. If your child's story meets the competition criteria, we'll write to you to ask for your permission for it to be published. From those published stories, we'll then pick the winners

Prizes For Schools

The school with the best set of entries will win Young Writers' Award of Excellence and an incredible **£1000**

Winners will be chosen from the entries received in the Spring Term 2026 and awarded the following term. You can view our most recent winners here: www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/winners.

Prizes For Pupils

The top 10 writers will win a goody bag including a ridiculous trophy, a game, book, soft toy & more! Plus every entrant receives a bookmark and sticker for taking part. Pupils whose work we'd love to publish also receive a certificate.

Return your story to the teacher by:

Wednesday 25th March

It's back! **Henry's Annual Easter Egg Appeal** is now in its **12th year**. Please help Team Henry continue to spread some 'Henry's Happiness' this Easter time to Children and Families Battling Childhood Cancer and who are also finding themselves in hospital over Easter. Can you help us to continue Henry's last wish?

Could you kindly donate a Cadbury's Creme Egg, Easter Egg, Easter Confectionery, Brand New Easter Bunny Cuddly Toys, Easter Games or Easter Arts and Crafts for our hospital toy packs.

During April, Team Henry will be collecting and will have many drop-off points. Donations can also be purchased using our [Amazon Wish List](#). Team Henry will HOP along and put some smiles on faces and create some magical memories with your generous donations.

*As well as Easter eggs we are asking for
Easter Themed Games • Colouring Books
Activities • Arts & Crafts • Confectionery*



A list of EggstraSpecial EasterWishes

Can you help
Team Henry and
the Easter chicks by
donating Easter treats
for Children, teens,
young adults and
their families battling
childhood
cancer



If you would like to donate a treat from our Amazon Easter Wish List please visit <http://bit.ly/THATEaster>

Alternatively, if you would like to fundraise for us or donate to help support families battling childhood cancer please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/henryallentrust> or send a donation via PayPal enquiries@thehenryallentrust.org.uk



Spreading Some Henry's Happiness This Easter
www.thehenryallentrust.org.uk

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Spring Term dates

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



10 th and 11 th March 2026	Parent Consultations from 3:40pm
11th March 2026	Friends of EVS Mother's Day Shop
13 th March 2026	Bluebells to Campbell Park CHoMS Mother's Day shop at Merebrook
16th March 2026	Year 6 Residential meeting for Parents and Carers at 4:45pm
17 th March 2026	Robins to Westcroft library CHANGE OF DATE
18 th March 2026	Kestrels to Westcroft library CHANGE OF DATE
20 th March 2026	Red nose day: non-uniform day Year 5 pizza party and sleepover from 5:30pm
24th March 2026	Robins to Westcroft library
25th March 2026	Kestrels to Westcroft library
25 th March 2026	Year 5 performance to parents 2:30pm
27 th March 2026	Rocksteady concert to parents 2pm
13th June 2026	EVS Summer Fair from 11-1pm. All invited!