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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome so many Parents and Carers into school this week for our **Parent Consultation meetings**. Thank you for your engagement in these meetings. We hope that you found these meetings useful. This is the final formal parents consultation meeting of the school year as you will receive a written report for your child highlighting their progress and next steps in their learning in July. You can however contact your child's Teacher at any time if you would like an update on their progress.

As we look towards the last 2 weeks of this term, there is lots happening! For the next fortnight we are taking part in the **Big Wheel and Walk** which is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. Each morning every class will be recording how many children come to school in this way. **Please make the most of the nicer weather and avoid driving to school if possible.** Not only is a short act of physical activity a great way to start the day, but it also helps ease traffic congestion around our school. This week we have had the Parking wardens in attendance at morning drop off but sadly unsafe and illegal parking returns when they are not there! We have had reports of a near miss with a child and adult very close to being hit by a car at the front of the school at collection time and I therefore urge everybody to play their part. Please **PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY!**

On Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, **our Friends of EVS committee will be holding their next meeting.** This will take place online via MS Teams and all are welcome to attend. If you are able to join, please click [here](#) on the day.

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 20th March. We're joining thousands of people across the nation to come together, have fun, and raise money to help make a real difference in people's lives here in the UK and around the world. We invite all children to dress in non-uniform on this day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. Donations can be made online and go directly to the charity. Please click [here](#) to make a donation - do not send in cash donations.

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, we now have a **Amazon wishlist** which can be accessed [here](#). Please use this as per the newsletter last week if you would like to buy a gift to mark your child's birthday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

I would like to invite **Parents and Carers of Year 4 children that are going on the residential to Caldecotte into school on Tuesday 24th March** for a meeting about this visit. The meeting will be at 4:45pm.
Have a good weekend - hopefully we get some sunshine!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Annual Evaluation success

Earlier this term, we had our **Annual Evaluation visit** to EVS by 5D. This visit focused on all aspects of life at EVS – from safeguarding and behaviour to curriculum and attendance. We are delighted to share the summary of this report with you, which highlights the many strengths of our school. Please see the attached poster with some quotes from this report. Well done team EVS!



A welcoming drop in online group for parents of children with ADHD and autism

Are you a parent or carer from a diverse or cultural background supporting a child with ADHD or autism?

You are warmly invited to a relaxed online group to meet other parents who understand, share experiences in a safe non-judgemental environment.

Get information and informal support in a closed private group.

The first
Tuesday of
every month

Online via
Teams

7:30pm -
9:30pm

To book onto this session, please email clairen@familylives.org.uk

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Come and share your story in a safe space

Come along to our SEND parents coffee morning to meet other families, build supportive connections, and gain advice to help you support your child. This session offers a supportive space to talk and ask questions in a relaxed friendly setting.

Lets create a firm network of friends

Date: Every 3rd Monday of the Month

Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Venue: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes

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GOLD AWARDS



Year 3: Ayra (Bluebells), Gracie (Cherry Blossoms), Vihaan (Snapdragons), Ellie (Sunflowers)

Year 4: Joshua (Eagles), Hunter (Flamingos), Esmail (Penguins), Harry (Swifts)

Year 5: Naina (Axolotls), Soheila (Jellyfish), Taylor (Orcas), Yoana (Turtles)

Year 6: Mia (Attenborough), Mahra (Darwin), AJ (Luther King), Mariia (Parks)

Music Awards: Mia (Snapdragons), Vlad (Penguins), Ibrahim (Jellyfish), Maddie (Attenborough)

PE Awards: Elva (Snapdragons), Harvi (Flamingos), Kevin (Axolotls), Harris (Attenborough)



Info sheet

16 - 27 March 2026

Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



Big Walk and Wheel challenge

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing. This year the challenge will run from 16 - 27 March 2026.

It is free and easy to take part in Big Walk and Wheel. You can register your school for the challenge from January 2026 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk



How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leader boards will receive an exclusive Big Walk and Wheel certificate.



Prizes and badges

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively. All schools that participate in Big Walk and Wheel will also have the opportunity to earn virtual badges.

In 2025,
4,550kg
of nitrogen oxide
avoided as a result
of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2025,
**2,880
tonnes**
of CO₂ avoided as a
result of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2025, pupils at
2,024
schools made
2,840,575
journeys to school by
foot, wheelchair,
scooter and cycle

*Based on the assumption the journeys logged in the challenge would otherwise have been made by car.



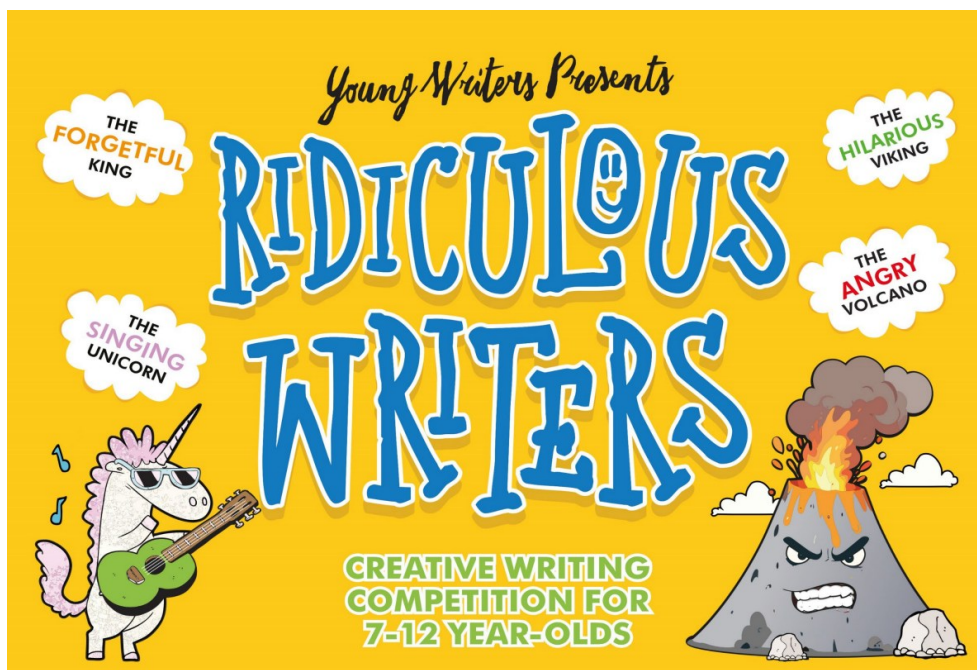
THE GREAT EVS BOOK SWAP.

**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.

Return your story to the teacher by:

Wednesday 25th March

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.



Spring Term dates

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



13 th March 2026	Bluebells to Campbell Park CHoMS Mother's Day shop at Merebrook
17 th March 2026	Friends of EVS meeting online at 6:30pm
19 th March 2026	Year 6 Residential meeting for Parents and Carers at 4:45pm (please note correction from date shared in the newsletter last week)
20 th March 2026	Red nose day: non-uniform day Year 5 pizza party and sleepover from 5:30pm
23 rd March 2026	EVS Book Swap 3:30-4:00pm
24 th March 2026	Robins to Westcroft library Year 2 local area walk Year 4 Residential meeting for Parents and Carers at 4:45pm
25 th March 2026	Kestrels to Westcroft library EVS Book Swap 3:30-4:00pm
25 th March 2026	Year 5 performance to parents 2:30pm
27 th March 2026	Rocksteady concert to parents 2pm
13 th June 2026	EVS Summer Fair from 11-1pm. All invited!