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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, today we are supporting **Comic Relief** with our non-uniform day. If you have not made a donation via our online Just Giving Page, please do so if you are able to by clicking [here](#).

As we look towards the final week of term, we look forward to our first **EVS Book Swap**. This will take place in the hall after school on Monday and Wednesday. Please just pop along with your child and their token which can be exchanged for a book.

On Wednesday afternoon, **Year 5** are looking forward to performing their 'Singing in two parts' music **unit** and we would love to see as many Year 5 Parents and Carers as possible at this event. The performance will be in the hall and will start at 2:30pm. Each class will be performing a song from a decade including Thriller by Michael Jackson, a Beatles Medley, and more!

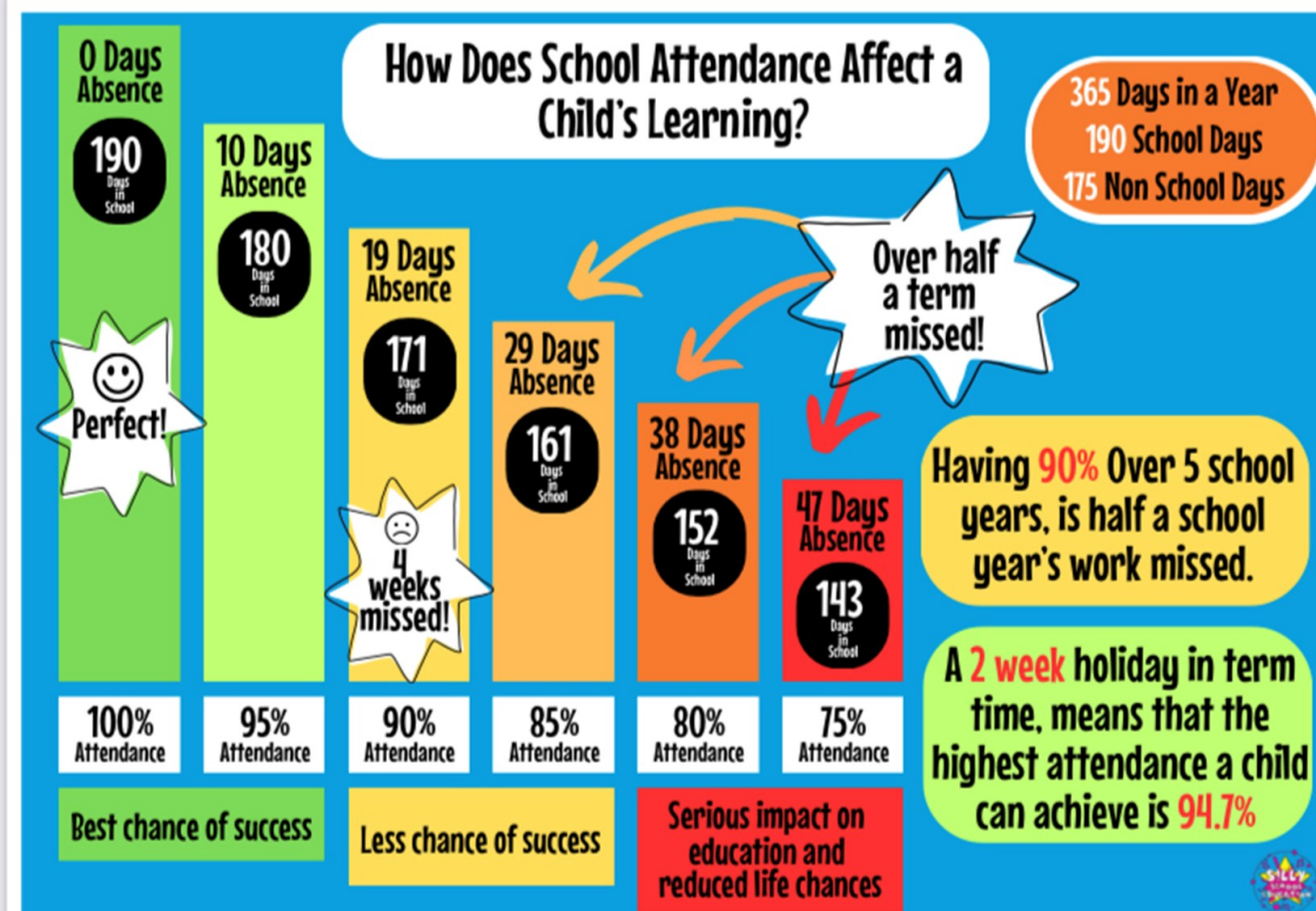
As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, we now have an **Amazon wishlist** which can be accessed [here](#). Please use this if you would like to buy a gift to mark your child's birthday. There has been lots of excitement in school this week as deliveries of birthday books have arrived. Thank you for your generosity.

Just a reminder that next Friday is the last day of this half term. Following the Easter break, **children return to school on MONDAY 13th April**. As we start to look ahead to next term, you should have received the information about **our summer term clubs via Arbor yesterday**. In the newsletter next week, we will be sharing with you our summer term dates for key events like our sports day and other events that will take place in the lead up to the end of the academic year, so please look out for this.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Ranjot (Bluebells), Ella (Cherry Blossoms), Maria (Snapdragons), Matteo (Sunflowers)

Year 4: Jack (Eagles), Darlene (Flamingos), Maya (Penguins), Oliver (Swifts)

Year 5: Rex (Axolotls), Harper (Jellyfish), Max (Orcas), Harry (Turtles)

Year 6: Joy (Attenborough), Isabella (Darwin), Josh (Luther King), David (Parks)

Music Awards: Ranjot (Bluebells), Kai (Eagles), Robert (Axolotls), Mia (Parks)

PE Awards: Edward (Cherry Blossoms), Josh M (Eagles), Ethan (Orcas), Bori (Parks)



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.

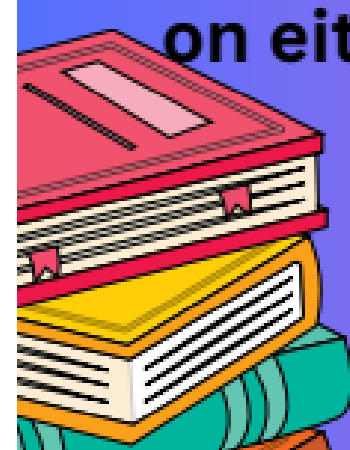


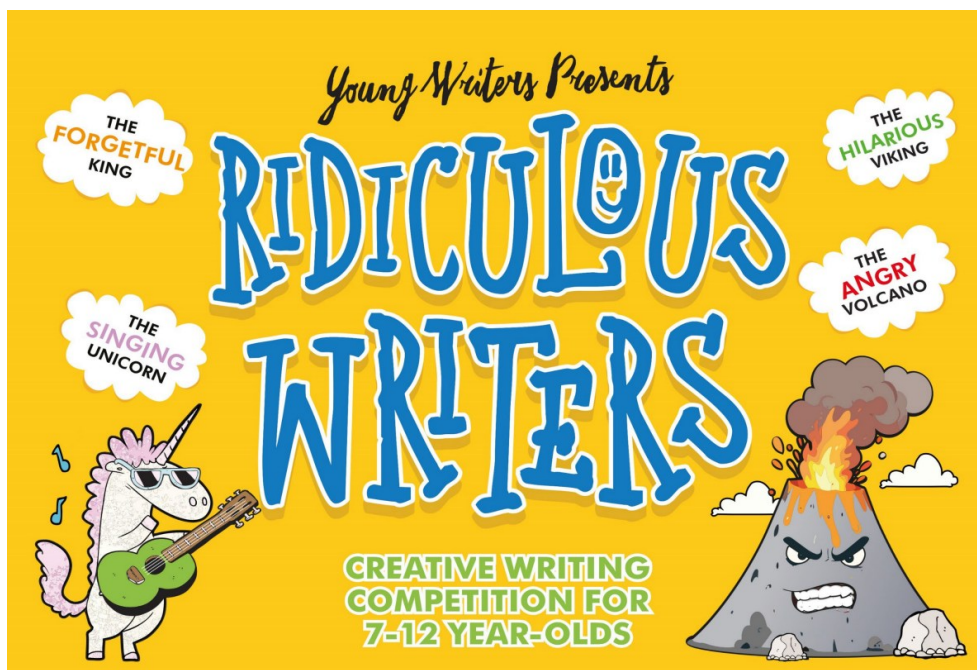
**23RD AND 25TH
MARCH 2026**



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.

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



Spring Term dates

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



20 th March 2026	Red nose day: non-uniform day Year 5 pizza party and sleepover from 5:30pm
23rd March 2026	EVS Book Swap 3:30-4:00pm
24th March 2026	Robins to Westcroft library Year 2 local area walk Year 4 Residential meeting for Parents and Carers at 4:45pm
25th 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
13th June 2026	EVS Summer Fair from 11-1pm. All invited!