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# INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a good Easter break. Children have settled back into their class routines well and have enjoyed being able to explore the school field during lunchtimes due to the better weather. Long may it continue!

This week our PSHE and phase assemblies have focused on the national **NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay Safe' programme**, which helps equip children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. This primary programme helps children to reflect on who their trusted adults are. More information about this can be found on the NSPCC website by clicking [here](#).

On the subject of safeguarding, I have been alerted to a **new campaign** for parents which includes **practical advice on how to talk to children about harmful online content**. The guidance is designed to help parents to secure safety settings for social media use, and also supports having difficult conversations on topics such as misinformation and harmful content. The Government is launching this campaign to raise awareness of how harmful body-shaming, rage bait and misogynistic content on social media is, as part of a drive to encourage parents to talk with their children about online content. Click [here](#) to access the campaign materials.

Yesterday morning, the children were treated to a **live performance from a String Quartet**. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and we are very grateful to the Music Service for providing such an inspiring assembly to our children. Have a look at our Facebook page for pictures and videos! On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 2-5pm at Shenley Brook End School, children are invited to a 'Pick Up and Play' event to try out some instruments. See the **poster on page 3 of this newsletter** for more information.

Next week our Year 3 children are looking forward to a Music Workshop on Tuesday led by the **Benedetti Foundation Residencies**. The interactive and engaging workshop will introduce pupils to the fundamentals of making music covering the basics of pulse, rhythm, pitch and harmony. The children will be taken on a musical adventure composing and performing their own song, playing body percussion, listening to live music and having lots of fun!

Please remember that **next Thursday from 2pm** we invite you into school for an informal coffee and chat about our PSHE curriculum and the way that we teach Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) across the school later in the summer term. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about this to Miss Roche or Miss Wickens, our PSHE lead.

Mrs White

**Executive Headteacher**

This month's value is...

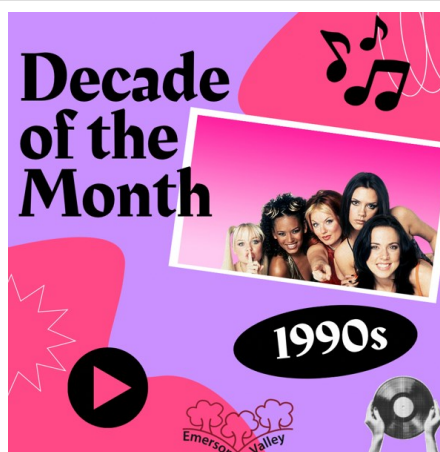
## Honesty

Honesty is making sure you tell the truth, even if it may get you into trouble. The consequence may be worse if you lie about something.

Don't make up rumors about someone, it isn't nice and you wouldn't like it if someone did it about you. Tell people the truth about one another.

Make sure you tell the truth about a situation and what happened. There is no point in making something up.

If you are a struggling with something, tell your teacher. Whether it be work in class or making friends at break time. There are adults to help you.



## GOLD AWARD WINNERS

**Year 3:** Devrim (Bluebells), Catherine (Cherry Blossoms), Finley (Snapdragons), Wassim Sunflowers)

**Year 4:** Freddie, (Eagles), Aaliyah (Flamingos), Cruz (Penguins), Jaden (Swifts)

**Year 5:** Aasthika (Axolotls), Danny (Jellyfish), Zara (Orcas), Ahyan (Turtles)

**Year 6:** Eliza (Attenborough), Kelton (Darwin), Sami (Luther King), Nicholas (Parks)

**PE:** Ranjot (Bluebells), Tomisin (Swifts), Kayla (Orcas), Rishit & Abdelrahman (Luther King)





## Summer Term dates

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



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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21st and 22nd April 2026   | <b>EYFS to Westcroft Library</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 23rd April 2026            | <b>Relationships and Sex Education information session &amp; coffee afternoon at EVS - 2pm</b>                                                                                                                       |
| 7th—8th May 2026           | <b>Year 4 Residential to Caldecotte</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11th - 14th May 2026       | Year 6 SATS week                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11th May 2026              | <b>EYFS Maths workshop 2 2-3pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12th May 2026              | <b>Year 1 celebration of work at 2:30pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13th May 2026              | <b>Year 2 celebration of work at 2:30pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 14th May 2026              | <b>Year 3 celebration of work</b> (afternoon - time to be confirmed)                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19th May 2026              | <b>Year 4 celebration of work</b> (afternoon - time to be confirmed)                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20th - 22nd May 2026       | <b>Year 6 Residential to The Bushcraft Company</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 21st May 2026              | <b>Year 5 celebration of work</b> (afternoon - time to be confirmed)                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1st June 2026              | <b>INSET day.</b> School closed to children.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2nd-12th June 2026         | <b>Year 4 Multiplication and Times Tables Check (MTC)</b>                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4th June and 5th June 2026 | <b>Year 3 trip to Gullivers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 13th June 2026             | <b>EVS Summer Fair</b> from 11-1pm. All invited!                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16th June 2026             | <b>Merebrook Sports Day for 'Big Nest' children only at 2pm</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17th June 2026             | <b>Merebrook Sports day</b> - EYFS at 9am and Key Stage 1 at 10:30am<br><b>Year 6 Parents coffee afternoon at 2pm</b> (focus on transition and change)                                                               |
| 18th June 2026             | <b>New Year 3 parents information evening at EVS - 5pm.</b>                                                                                                                                                          |
| 22nd and 23rd June 2026    | <b>Year 4 to St Albans Cathedral</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 23rd June 2026             | <b>Year 2 trip to Hazard Alley</b><br><b>Year 1 enrichment day: Victorians</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| 25th June 2026             | <b>Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (am)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 26th June 2026             | <b>Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (am)</b><br><b>Year 6 BBQ and Sleepover</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| 29th June 2026             | <b>Transition Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2nd July 2026              | <b>Merebrook reserve Sports Day</b> (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 17th June)                                                                                                                              |
| 6th July 2026              | <b>EYFS, Year 1 and year 2 Awards at 2:45pm</b> (invite only if your child is receiving award)                                                                                                                       |
| 7th July 2026              | <b>EYFS trip to Woburn Safari Park</b><br><b>Year 3 and 4 Awards at 1:30pm</b> (invite only if your child is receiving award)<br><b>Year 5 and 6 Awards at 2:15pm</b> (invite only if your child is receiving award) |
| 9th July 2026              | <b>Year 3 and 4 reserve Sports Day</b> (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 25th June)                                                                                                                           |
| 10th July 2026             | <b>Year 5 and 6 reserve Sports Day</b> (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 26th June)                                                                                                                           |
| 13th July 2026             | <b>Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm</b> (Parks and Luther King parents invited)                                                                                                                                   |
| 14th July 2026             | <b>Year 2 Leavers assembly at 9am</b><br><b>Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm</b> (Attenborough and Darwin parents invited)                                                                                        |
| 15th July 2026             | <b>Year 6 Prom 4:30-6:00pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 17th July 2026             | <b>Last day of the school year.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |



## **Not sure which instrument to choose?**

Come and explore real instruments with guidance from our expert teachers. Children can test out strings, brass, woodwind, and percussion in a fun, hands-on open afternoon!

**Saturday 25 April 2026**

**2-5pm**

**Shenley Brook End School**

[mkmusiccoop.com](http://mkmusiccoop.com)

**Free  
event**



SAVE THE DATE!



EVS

SUMMER FAIR



SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

11am-1pm



More info to follow..

