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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

School has been buzzing with excitement this week as children have settled into their new classes and routines, with lots of house points already being given out to children for demonstrating our school values. However, As children mix in their new classes, we have already started to see a few 'back to school' illnesses creeping in. If you are unsure about whether to send your child to school or not, please consult the **NHS advice for school aged children**, which can be found [here](#). Please remember that for sickness and diarrhea, you child must remain absent from school for 48 hours. The advice also states that 'it's fine to send your child to school with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.' **If your child is too unwell for school, please communicate their absence directly into Arbor, for every day of their absence.** Please do not call, leave an answerphone message or email in.

Today, you should receive your details of your child's homework for this half term and the curriculum overview for their year group via Arbor. We are still waiting for our online platform, Mirodo, to put children into their new classes. This process has begun and once complete, your child will have login details to access their tasks. This should be within the next few days, and the username and password will then be stuck into their reading record for them to access the platform.

We are already thinking about the next school year, and **all of the children and families that might join our Early Years and Year 3 cohorts in September 2026!** If you have a child due to start school next year in either of these classes, please see details of our tour dates on page 2. Bookings can be made directly with our school offices.

As you will see from page 3, we have shared some of the key dates for this term with you. This includes dates for our parent consultation meetings, which will take place later this term, and our very popular Christmas performance from Year 3! This will be refreshed weekly, with new events being added in red. At the end of last term, we sent out a survey to parents asking for new members for our PTA, Friends of EVS. Thank you to those of you that completed this survey. **Please look out for a separate letter today, resending the survey link, so that our new families can opt in to support with this.**

Have a relaxing weekend,

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Can you help? Please email parents@evs5d.com if you would like to get involved!



Our school attendance policy can be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#) and I would encourage all Parent and Carers to familiarise themselves with the content. Term

time holidays CANNOT BE

AUTHORISED, and as such Fixed

Penalty Notices (FPNs) will be issued. These are essentially fines issued by Milton Keynes City Council on behalf of the school. It is disappointing to see that some Parents and Carers have chosen to

ignore the rules, set by National Government, and take their child out of school already at the start of term. If you do this, please expect to receive a fine in line with this policy. Every day really does count, and your support in ensuring that your child achieves their true potential is very much appreciated.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Imogen (Bluebells), Sophie (Cherry Blossoms), Mia (Snapdragons), Kiera (Sunflowers)

Year 4: Josh M (Eagles), Natasha (Flamingos), Vlad (Penguins), Fiona (Swifts)

Year 5: Amal (Axolotis), Louie & Ibrahim (Jellyfish), Riley (Orcas), Andrei (Turtles)

Year 6: Amelie (Attenborough), Lilla (Darwin), Emily (Luther King), Esme (Parks)

PE: Emilie (Sunflowers), Caspian (Flamingos), Robert (Axolotis), Cole (Parks)

Music: Luca (Bluebells), Ali G (Penguins), Jamie (Axolotis), Esme (Parks)





OPEN MORNINGS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

Is your child due to start school in Reception or
are they moving into Year 3 in September 2026?

30th September

9:30am at Merebrook
School and 10:15am at
Emerson Valley School

19th November

9:30am at Merebrook
School and 10:15am at
Emerson Valley School



Book your space now !

Please make a call to one of our school offices if
you would like to book a space on either day.

www.merebrookschool.co.uk tel: (01908) 522876

www.emersonvalley.org.uk tel: (01908) 507914

Community, Pride, Aspire





Autumn Term 2025



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

15th September 2025	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3:15-3:45pm
17th September 2025	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3:15-3:45pm
22nd September 2025	After school clubs start
23rd September 2025	Reading and Phonics workshop for EYFS Parents and Carers at Merebrook 8:45am
26th September 2025	Macmillan cake sale after school at EVS
30th September 2025	Prospective parent tours—9:30am at Merebrook and 10:15am at Emerson Valley
1st October 2025	Reading and Phonics workshop for Year 3 and 4 Parents and Carers 3:35pm
2nd October 2025	Multicultural day
6th October 2025	Olympic athlete visit—all classes to wear PE kit
8th October 2025	Reading and Phonics workshop for Year 1 Parents and Carers 8:45am Reading and Phonics workshop for Year 5 and 6 Parents and Carers 3:35pm Year 5 Space Dome day
10th October 2025	World Mental Health Day - wear yellow
15th and 16th October 2025	Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:30pm
22nd October 2025	Year 4 Harvest performance to Parents and Carers 2:30pm
24th October 2025	Individual and sibling photographs at EVS
27th—31st October 2025	HALF TERM BREAK
3rd November 2025	INSET day. School closed to children.
10th—14th November 2025	Anti Bullying week
10th November 2025	Odd socks day
12th November 2025	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop Merebrook individual and sibling photographs Children in Need—non-uniform day
18th November 2025	Bradwell Abbey Trip—Eagles and Penguins
19th November 2025	Year 3 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
20th November 2025	Year 4 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
25th November 2025	Bradwell Abbey Trip—Swifts and Flamingos
26th November 2025	Year 5 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
27th November 2025	Year 6 Movie night—3:25-5:00pm
3rd December 2025	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
4th December 2025	Christmas Disco - Years 3 and 4 4:30-5:30pm, Years 5 and 6 6:00-7:00pm
8th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents with younger siblings at 2pm
9th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents of Cherry Blossoms and Sunflowers at 2pm
10th December 2025	Year 3 Nativity - performance for parents of Bluebells and Snapdragons at 2pm
11th December 2025	EYFS Christmas performance - 9:15am Key Stage 1 Carols on the playground - 2:15pm Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground - 3:35pm
16th December 2025	Christmas shop for all year groups
17th December 2025	Pantomime for all year groups
19th December 2025	Last day of the Autumn term



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