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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of last week, our **local PCSOs visited to lead an assembly on racism**, helping our children to understand the importance of kindness, respect and standing up against discrimination. We reinforced that everyone is valued and equal within our school community. We have encouraged the children to continue these important conversations at home, and we would really value parents reinforcing these messages with their children.

Our **Sports Days** take place next week, on Thursday for Years 3 and 4 and on Friday for Years 5 and 6. **All gates will be closed at the normal time and open again from 9:05-9:15am** each morning. After this time, visitors will need to enter and leave via reception. Both events are due to end by 11:30am. Yesterday, your child should have come home with a slip of paper with the colour of their Sports Day team. The colours are: Green, Orange, White, Black, Blue & Red. Please remember that there is no expectation for you to buy anything new for them to wear but we would love them to wear something in the colour they have been allocated. If they have not got anything to wear in their allocated colour, they will be expected to wear their PE kits. **The weather is due to be warm next week, so please ensure that your child comes to school wearing suncream and with a sunhat and water bottle — not just on Sports Day, but every day.**

Please remember that our **Parent Survey is still live until next Friday**. We would really appreciate you taking 5 minutes to complete the survey if you are able to. The survey can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Please note that, from September, **there will be a slight increase to the cost of our Wrap Around Care provision, which takes place at EVS**. We remain committed to providing a high-quality, safe and engaging environment for our all of our Merebrook and Emerson Valley children, with experienced staff and a range of activities before and after the school day. This adjustment will help us to continue maintaining these standards in light of rising operational costs. We understand the importance of affordable childcare for our families and have kept any increase as minimal as possible. **Please see page 4 of this newsletter for full details**, including updated pricing and session information.

We are pleased to share that, **from September, we will be changing our catering provider to Culinera**. This is great news for families, as meals will be able to be ordered on the day, up until 9:30am, offering greater flexibility, and an exciting new menu. We are excited about this new partnership and will share further details, including menus and how to order, shortly.

I would like to say a **huge thank you to our amazing Friends of EVS and our whole school community for such a brilliant Summer Fair on Saturday**. It was fantastic to see so many families there, both old and new, and together we raised an incredible **£2,927 for our school**. We really appreciate all your support – this will make a big difference for our children! We are currently updating a lot of our IT equipment and in the process of replacing our current laptops and iPads. This money will go towards another class set of iPads, which will benefit all children across the school.

Thank you for your continuous support,

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher



As we come to the end of the summer term, please click [here](#) to access the **latest edition of the MK Mental Health Support Team (MHST) newsletter**, which is designed for schools and families. Page 8 of the newsletter shares that the MHST are offering evidence-based **summer holiday groups for children aged 8–12 and their parent/carers to learn practical ways to understand panic and worry, manage anxiety, and build healthy coping skills together**. Details about this offer can also be found on **page 3 of this newsletter**.

GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Yahya (Bluebells), Harlan (Cherry Blossoms), Vihaan (Snapdragons), Hussain (Sunflowers)

Year 4: David (Eagles), Luke & Dominic (Flamingos), Ali (Penguins), Kokabiel (Swifts)

Year 5: Kasmirah (Axolotls), Elian (Jellyfish), Lena (Orcas) Amber (Turtles)

Year 6: Bubune (Attenborough), Nihaan (Darwin), Adelrahman (Luther King), Andre (Parks)

PE : Karina (Snapdragons), Olivia (Flamingos), Daisy (Orcas), Mia (Parks)

Music : All the children that attended Wolverton singing festival



Summer Term dates



These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley



unless otherwise indicated. **NEW EVENTS IN RED.**

19th June 2026	CHoMS Father's Day Shop at Merebrook
22nd and 23rd June 2026	Year 4 to St Albans Cathedral
23rd June 2026	Year 2 trip to Hazard Alley Year 1 enrichment day: Victorians
24th June 2026	Year 1 Visit to MK Museum
25th June 2026	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (am)
26th June 2026	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (am) Year 6 BBQ and Sleepover
29th June 2026	Transition Day
2nd July 2026	EYFS Sports Day 9:00am
6th July 2026	EYFS, Year 1 and year 2 Awards at 2:45pm (invite only if your child is receiving award)
7th July 2026	EYFS trip to Woburn Safari Park Year 3 and 4 Awards at 1:30pm (invite only if your child is receiving award) Year 5 and 6 Awards at 2:15pm (invite only if your child is receiving award)
9th July 2026	Year 3 and 4 reserve Sports Day (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 25th June)
10th July 2026	Year 5 and 6 reserve Sports Day (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 26th June)
13th July 2026	Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm (Parks and Luther King parents invited)
14th July 2026	Year 2 Leavers assembly at 9am Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm (Attenborough and Darwin parents invited)
15th July 2026	Year 6 End of Term Party 4:30-6:00pm Merebrook School Council Disco: Early Years and Year 1: 3-4pm, Year 2: 4:15-5:15pm
17th July 2026	Last day of the school year.

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BRILLIANT BOLOGNESE

We are a partner school for the local charity, St Mark's Meals MK. They offer us a range of meal boxes, with non-perishable ingredients that come in a box, along with a recipe, and can be made into a simple, delicious meal for your family. We already have these meal boxes in school, and they are looking for homes! There is no set criteria for these meal boxes, and they can be given out discreetly to families in need. **If you would like a box, or a couple, for your family, please speak to one of the Learning Mentors on the gate, or email learningmentors@evs5d.com**



Central and
North West London
NHS Foundation Trust



Mental Health Support Team

Summer Anxiety Groups

The Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team (MK MHST) are offering an evidence-based summer holiday groups for children aged 8-12 and their parent/carers to learn practical ways to understand panic and worry, manage anxiety, and build healthy coping skills together.

Scan for more
information

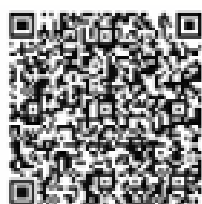


Upcoming groups



More groups
may be added
depending on
uptake

Scan to refer your
child for the group



MK2 AREA

09:30-11:30am
Weds 22nd July
Fri 24th July
Weds 29th July
Fri 31st July

MK10 AREA

12:30-14:30pm
Mon 3rd August
Weds 5th August
Mon 10th August
Weds 12th August

Young people who attend an MHST-supported school are welcome to join either group, even if they live outside the postcode area.

This NHS service will open a mental health care episode on your child's NHS records. Explicit parental consent will be obtained during the referral process.



ICE CREAM FRIDAY

**EVERY
FRIDAY**

£1

**OUTSIDE
YEAR 4
SHARED
AREA**



Merebrook and Emerson Valley Schools

Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026	
INSET day – school closed	Tuesday 1st September 2026
INSET day – school closed	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Open on the morning of:	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Half term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026
INSET day – school closed	Monday 2nd November 2026
Open on the morning of:	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term 2027	
Open on the morning of:	Monday 4 th January 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 12 th February 2027
Half term	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2027
Open on the morning of:	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term 2027	
Open on the morning of:	Monday 12 th April 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 28 th May 2027
Half term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027
INSET day – school closed	Monday 7th June 2027
Open on the morning of:	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Tuesday 20 th July 2027
INSET day – school closed	Wednesday 21st July 2027

*In addition, the school will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2027 for the Early May Bank Holiday.



Wraparound Care AT EVS



Our wraparound care takes place at Emerson Valley School and is open to children from both EVS & Merebrook. It is the ideal setting for children to have a purposeful start to the day or a fun-filled end to their school day whilst establishing lasting friendships and having a great time together!

**SEPTEMBER
2026 PRICES
£5- BREAKFAST
CLUB
£12-AFTER
SCHOOL CLUB**

- Homework Club (a dedicated, quiet room)
- Film Nights/ Art & Crafts/ Disco Nights
- Healthy breakfast/ healthy snacks
- Outdoor activities

**7:45-8:40A.M.
3:25-6:00P.M.**



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