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INFORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head in to the final 2 weeks of term, there is so much happening in school as we hurtle towards 17th July! On Monday straight after school, we invite our current Year 5 Parents and Carers in for a presentation about our **Year 6 Residential trip planned for May 2027**. The meeting will take place in the hall. Please enter via the side hall doors at the back of the school. If you are unable to make this meeting, please do not worry as information will be sent out via Arbor regarding this trip before the end of this term.

On Tuesday afternoon, we are looking forward to our **Annual Awards Ceremonies**. If your child is receiving an award you will have already been notified. Please make sure that you arrive with your ticket at the correct time: Year 3 and 4 at 1:30pm and Year 5 and 6 at 2:15pm.

Our rearranged **Sports Days** take place next week, on Thursday for Years 5 and 6 and on Friday for Years 3 and 4. **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. Please refer to the slip of paper your child was given in advance of the original Sports Day events for the colour of your child's team. 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 sunscreen and with a sunhat and water bottle — not just on Sports Day, but every day.**

Our Teachers have been busily writing **children's annual school reports**. These will be sent to Parents and Carers via Arbor next Friday, 10th July. Alongside this, you will be sent a letter explaining the content. If you have any questions about these, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As we are predicted to be heading into another spell of warmer weather, I would like to express my thanks to Jack (Parks Class) and Harry's (Attenborough Class) Mum for her donation of 2 fans to our school.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Changes to Free School Meals - ACTION NEEDED!

We would like to make families aware of an important change to **Free School Meals (FSM)**. From the start of the **2026/27 academic year**, current protections will end. This means that all families must meet the eligibility criteria at that time – and eligibility will not automatically continue unless a new application is made and approved. **If you do not reapply (or are not confirmed as eligible), your child's access to free school meals may stop.** We strongly encourage all families who may be eligible to apply as soon as possible to avoid any disruption.

We are pleased to share that there is a **new, quick and easy online application system**.

🔗 **Apply here** (Local Authority: Milton Keynes): <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

🔗 **Further information for parents:** <https://fsm.lgfl.net/info-parent.html>

Why it's important to apply:

- Ensures your child continues to receive **free school meals if eligible**.
- Helps the school access **additional funding** to support your child (Pupil Premium)

The process is **quick, secure and confidential**. Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we strongly recommend applying—it only takes a few minutes and could make a significant difference. **Any Parent or Carer that completes the application before 9am on Friday 17th July will be entered into a raffle to win a £100 Amazon Voucher. You do not have to be eligible - you just need to complete the form. A winner will then be drawn at random. Families that need support completing this are advised to pop into our food tasting event with our new catering company, Culinera, after school on Thursday 16th July, where we will have staff on hand to support with this.**

Thank you for your attention to this important change.



WORLD CUP HOMEWORK COMPETITION WINNERS

Year 3: Emmanuel (Snapdragons), Affan (Bluebells), Natalia (Sunflowers) & Sophie (Cherry Blossoms). Overall year group winner: **Affan**

Year 4: Aaliyah (Flamingos), Soniya (Swifts), Abbie (Penguins) & Charlotte (Eagles). Overall year group winner: **Aaliyah**

Year 5: Eisa (Axolotls), Joel (Jellyfish), Ahyan (Turtles) & Anson (Orcas). Overall year group winner: **Ahyan**

Year 6: Lilly (Attenborough), Kenny, (Darwin), Eos (Parks) & Rishit (Luther King). Overall year group winner: **Lilly**

Overall winner: **Ahyan (Turtles)!**





Summer Term dates

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley



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

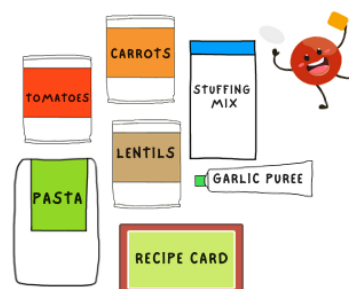
6th July 2026	EYFS, Year 1 and year 2 Awards at 2:45pm (invite only if your child is receiving award) Year 6 Residential meeting for current Year 5 Parents and Carers at 3:35pm
7th July 2026	EYFS trip to Woburn Safari Park Year 3 and 4 Awards at 1:30pm (invite only if your child is receiving award) Year 5 and 6 Awards at 2:15pm (invite only if your child is receiving award)
9th July 2026	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
10th July 2026	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
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
16th July 2026	Culinera food tasting event for all MB and EVS families— 3:30-4:00pm in the EVS hall
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**



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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