Merebrook Newsletter

Issue 2: Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our school community welcomed our new Early Years children to Merebrook. They have settled into school life so quickly… it's like they've always been here! Welcome to our new families.

Although we have only just begun this academic year, we are always looking ahead! On page 3 of this newsletter, please find a list of **key dates for this term**. Each week, any new dates will be added in red. We hope that this supports you in your planning for the term ahead. Our **term dates** for this year are also on page 4 as a reminder.

I would also like to draw your attention to our **open days for prospective parents**. If you have a child due to start Early Years or Year 3 next year, please book on to one of our tours so that you can see our wonderful schools. Details of dates and times for these can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

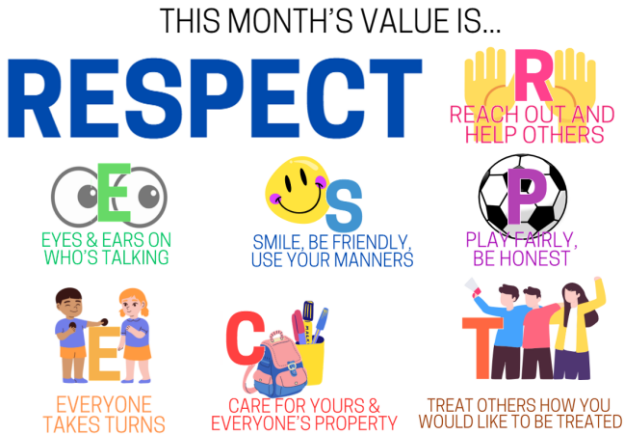
Our **clubs start next week**. Please ensure you have paid for all clubs booked. There are still some places available on our Parkour Club and booking is through Arbor. Children will be dismissed from the hall door by reception for all clubs.

Children are really enjoying our new lunch menu and the different choices available. Our catering provider, Culinera, are currently **recruiting for two lunchtime positions across their catering team in the 5D primary settings**. Both positions are for 2 hours every day across the lunchtime period. If you are interested in finding out more about these roles, please email parents@evs5d.com

We hope that children are able to attend school every day, but we do recognise that from time to time, children become unwell. Please remember that, **if your child is too unwell to attend school, you need to report their absence via Arbor for each day they are unwell**. The NHS provides information for parents about which illnesses require time off school. Click here to see this.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher





Golden Book

Robins: Ola and Giulia
Starlings: Bethel and Alessandro
Kestrels: Sami and Conscience
Finch: Roza and Jaxe

OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

Is your child due to start school in Reception or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2027?

28th September	19th October	20th November
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School	1:15pm at Merebrook School and 2:00pm at Emerson Valley School	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

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Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
14th September 2026	Clubs start Meet the Teacher – Year 2
16th September 2026	Meet the Teacher – Year 1
25th September 2026	Macmillan cake sale at EVS 3:15pm-4:00pm
28th September 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 9:30am, Emerson Valley 10:15am EYFS Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents and Carers 2:45pm
30th September 2026	Year 5 Space Dome in school
1st October 2026	Year 3/4 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 3:35pm
6th October 2026	Flu vaccines at EVS
7th October 2026	Year 1 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 2:45pm Year 5/6 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 3:35pm
9th October 2026	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
14th October 2026	Parent Consultation meetings 3:40-6:30pm
15th October 2026	Word Guerilla Year 4 workshop Parent Consultation meetings 4:00-6:30pm
19th October 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 1:15pm, Emerson Valley 2:00pm
21st October 2026	Year 4 Harvest Assembly to Parents at 2:30pm
26th to 30th October 2026	Half term break
2nd November 2026	INSET day – school closed to pupils
3rd November 2026	Penguins and Eagles to Bradwell Abbey
5th November 2026	Swifts and Flamingos to Bradwell Abbey
6th November 2026	Individual School photographs at EVS
13th November 2026	Children In Need – non-uniform day
16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
18th November 2026	Year 3 Stone Age Day Year 3 movie night until 5pm
19th November 2026	Year 4 movie night until 5pm
20th November 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 9:30am, Emerson Valley 10:15am
25th November 2026	Year 5 movie night until 5pm Flu vaccinations at Merebrook
26th November 2026	Year 6 movie night until 5pm
30th November 2026	Flu vaccinations at Emerson Valley
1st December 2026	Christmas discos: Year 3/4 4:30-5:30pm and Year 5/6 6:00-7:00pm
3rd December 2026	Year 6 Coding workshop
7th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers with pre-school aged children only
8th December 2026	EYFS Christmas performance 9:00am Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Sunflowers and Cherry Blossoms at 2pm
9th December 2026	Year 1 and 2 Carols in the Playground 2:30pm
10th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Snapdragons and Bluebells at 2pm Year 5 and 6 Carols in the Playground 3:35pm
11th December 2026	Rock Steady concert for Parents 2pm
15th December 2026	Christmas Shop
16th December 2026	Pantomime for both schools – The Wizard of Oz

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