Merebrook Newsletter

Issue 3: Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we approach the end of the second full week of term, it has been great to welcome into school our Year 1and 2 families for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. Thank you for your engagement in these sessions.

Applications are now open for September 2027 for families with a child needing:

- a Reception Year place (for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023),
- a transfer from Year 2 in an infant school to Year 3 in a junior school (for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020).

If you have a child in Year 2 and have not yet booked onto one of our **prospective parent tours at Emerson Valley**, please see page 2 of this newsletter for dates and times. The first one is on 28th September, and is almost full so please do contact parents@evs5d.com to book a space if you would like one. If your child is due to start school for the first time, Merebrook tours are happening on the same days, so email office@mb5d.com to book on to a tour. Applications for Early Years or Year 3 for September 2027 must be made through the Milton Keynes Local Authority Admissions team. All of the information about how to apply can be found by clicking here. Applications must be made by 15th January 2027. We do have some spaces in other year groups, so please help our school community to continue to grow by sharing your experiences of Merebrook school in our local community.

Next week, we will be holding our first 'Toddler Tuesday' session from 9:45am in our school hall. We look forward to seeing some of you there! More details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher





Golden Book

Robins: Poppy & Dominic
Starlings Aadhira & Toby
Kestrels: David & Ella
Finch: Dean & Mia

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.

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TODDLER TUESDAYS

In collaboration with SUNSHINE FAMILY CENTRE

9:45 – 10:45am • Free of charge

Ideal for 2–4-year-olds

***Booking recommended but not essential**

Led by School staff



Merebrook Infant School – Autumn Toddler Stay & Play Sessions

Date	Session	Content
Tuesday 22 September 2026	**Wiggle, Jiggle & Jam!**	Songs, instruments and lots of dancing fun to promote coordination, listening skills and confidence.
Tuesday 29 September 2026	**Little Chefs Café** Booking needed for this event	Hands-on cooking fun where children mix, pour and explore simple ingredients.
Tuesday 13 October 2026	**Autumn Explorers**	Forest School–style play using natural materials to encourage curiosity and sensory exploration.
Tuesday 3 November 2026	**Once Upon a Tuesday**	A storytelling session with short stories, rhymes and songs.
Tuesday 17 November 2026	**Superhero School!**	Action-packed obstacle courses and movement challenges.
Tuesday 1 December 2026	**Twinkle, Tinsel & Tunes**	Christmas songs, lights and simple crafts.

Contact us: office@mb5d.com 01908522876

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Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
21st September 2026	Pre-loved uniform sale at EVS 3:25pm in school hall
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.**