Merebrook Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy but successful week at Merebrook. The miserable weather has not dampened the school atmosphere, and children continue to thrive in their school environment. This week, we have enjoyed showing prospective parents and carers around our schools as part of our planned tours. There is one more date remaining – on the morning of 20th November. Please contact either of our school offices to book a space on these tours if you would like to see our schools at work ahead of applying for a school place for Early Years or Year 3 for September 2027. Please see the box below for more information about how to apply.

Thank you for your continuous support this half term. Have an enjoyable half term break! **We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Merebrook on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Applying for a School place

Parents and carers of children due to start Early Years (Reception) or transfer to Emerson Valley School in Year 3 in September 2027 should ensure they apply for a school place through the Milton Keynes Council admissions process. **Applications can be made by clicking here .** The application window is now open, and the closing date for applications is 15th January 2027. We strongly encourage families to submit their applications on time, as late applications may affect the chances of securing a preferred school place. Further information can be found on the Milton Keynes Council website.

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Changes to First Aid

After half term, we will begin using **Smartlog** to record first aid incidents electronically. Parents will receive an **email notification** whenever first aid has been administered to their child in school. We will continue to contact parents by telephone if a child requires further medical attention, has sustained a significant head injury, or where an incident needs to be discussed in more detail. **Please ensure the email address held by the school is up to date so that you can receive these notifications.**



Thank you

Thank you to the 13 families that took the time to complete the photography survey. You have helped raise £26 for our Merebrook school community. This money will be used to buy a few new books for our school library.



Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have **two Parent Governor vacancies** on our Local Advisory Board. We have one board that serves both of our schools and are seeking enthusiastic parents to join us as ambassadors for our school community. The role of a governor is to work alongside school leaders to help monitor and continue raising standards of achievement for all pupils. Governors play an important role in supporting the schools to provide a relevant, purposeful, and enriching educational experience, promoting positive academic, personal, and social outcomes for every child. Nominations should be submitted by the end of the school day on **Friday 6th November**. If you would like to find out more about the role or enquire about the application process, please email **office@mb5d.com**. We would be delighted to hear from you!

Golden Book

Robins: **Ollie and Izzy**
Starlings: **Nina and Hamdaan**
Wagtails: **Eghendie and Ibraheem**
Kestrels: **Khalil and Daria**
Finch: **Theo and Kayden**



Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
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
11th November 2026	Individual School photographs at Merebrook
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 6Coding 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 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 MB and EVS Christmas Dinner
16th December 2026	Pantomime for both schools – The Wizard of Oz and Christmas jumper day



October Half Term Activities

SAT 24 OCT	**Bug Hotel Building** Ouse Valley Park | 10am - 2pm
SAT 24 - SUN 25 OCT	**Flavour Fest: Autumn Edition** Willen Lake | 11am - 5pm
SAT 24 OCT - SUN 1 NOV	**Halloween Trail** Willen Lake | 11am - 4pm
SUN 25 OCT	**Parks & Ride** Lodge Lake | 11am
TUE 27 - THU 29 OCT	**Open Mornings** Howe Park Wood | 9:30am - 12.30pm
TUE 27 - THU 29 OCT	**Nature Crafts*** Howe Park Wood | 9:30am - 12:30pm
FRI 30 OCT	**Community Litter Pick** Waterhall Park | 11am

***Booking required. Find out more at theparkstrust.com/events**