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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, children have engaged well in this year's **anti-bullying week**. On Monday, Miss Hurwood led an assembly on this year's theme: '**Power For Good'**. Everyone enjoyed wearing **odd socks** to recognise we are all different.

On Wednesday, everyone that was in school had their **individual photograph** taken. You should now be able to order your child's photograph online using the QR code that they came home with. Please speak to the school office if you need any assistance with this.

Today, many children have opted to wear **non-uniform to support the Children in Need** charity in exchange for a £1 donation. If you have not made the donation through the Arbor shop, please do so by the end of today.

We love Reading at Merebrook school and passionately promote a love of books amongst our school community**. We are thrilled to announce our Reading Ambassadors for this school year.** Huge congratulations to **Jessica** and **Roza** from Kestrel, **Elisabeta** and **Eleanor** from Robins, **Lok** and **Mila** from Starlings, **Max** and **Eliza** from Finch, **Khalil** from Woodpeckers, and **Casper** from Wagtails. Your passion for reading is amazing! We cannot wait to see the wonderful things you will do this year to support our school community. More from them to follow in upcoming newsletters!

The weather is very changeable at the moment, but can be cold and rainy at times. We are seeing a large number of children not coming to school with coats. **Please can I remind Parents and Carers to ensure that their child comes to school with a waterproof coat every day** so that children are able to experience some time outside every day.

Have an enjoyable weekend, let's hope the weather improves!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher



Winter illnesses

We know that, particularly at this time of year, children pick up all sorts of illnesses, but not all illnesses require children to be absent from school. **This useful summary from the Public Health Agency helps parents understand those illnesses that require children to be kept at home and those that do not.** Please follow this advice to help you in making the decision about whether to send them to school or not. For general colds and coughs, the general rule is to keep them at home if they have a high temperature. Otherwise, we are happy for them to be in school. Please help your child to have good school attendance by following this guide.

Golden Book

Wagtails: **Arthur and Marshall**

Woodpeckers: **Guilia and Conscience**

Robins: **Alessandro and Hamdaan**

Kestrels: **Jaxe and Isla-Lilly**

Starlings: **Isla and Adelina**

Finches: **Anvesha, Alex and Dhrumin**



Autumn Term 2025

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley

unless otherwise indicated. NEW EVENTS IN RED.

14th November 2025	**Children in Need—non-uniform day**
18th November 2025	**Bradwell Abbey Trip—Eagles and Penguins**
19th November 2025	**Prospective Parent Tours—9:30am at Merebrook an 10:15am at Emerson Valley** **Year 3 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
20th November 2025	**Year 4 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
25th November 2025	**Bradwell Abbey Trip—Swifts and Flamingoes**
26th November 2025	**Year 5 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
27th November 2025	**Year 6 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
2nd December 2025	**Year 3 Stone Age Workshop**
3rd December 2025	**Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day**
4th December 2025	**Christmas Disco** - Years 3 and 4 4:30-5:30pm, Years 5 and 6 6:00-7:00pm
8th December 2025	**Year 3 Nativity** - performance for parents with younger siblings at 2pm
9th December 2025	**Year 3 Nativity** - performance for parents of Cherry Blossoms and Sunflowers at 2pm
10th December 2025	**Year 3 Nativity** - performance for parents of Bluebells and Snapdragons at 2pm
11th December 2025	**EYFS Christmas performance** - 9:15am **Key Stage 1 Carols on the playground** - 2:15pm **Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground** - 3:35pm
16th December 2025	**Christmas shop for all year groups**
17th December 2025	**Pantomime for all year groups**
19th December 2025	**Last day of the autumn term**