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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday, we welcomed Mrs Williamson, Deputy Principal at The Hazeley Academy, for a joint review of Merebrook school with Miss Hurwood and I. This review focused on all aspects of our school from curriculum and behaviour to safeguarding. Mrs Williamson commented that, 'Pupils show a genuine love of learning and enjoy strong, trusting relationships with staff. The learning environment is vibrant and purposeful. Achievement is strong, with rapid and sustained progress ensuring pupils are well prepared for their next stage'. **Well done to all the staff, parents, and wonderful pupils at Merebrook!**

Thank you for your donations to Children in Need. Across both schools, **we raised £591 through Arbor donations. How fantastic!**

The weather has certainly turned this week, catching us all by surprise with some snow! For your information, **in the unlikely event that we need to close due to bad weather, we will notify parents directly through Arbor and post a message on our Facebook page.**

Looking ahead to the festive season, we will be supporting CHoMS with their fundraising by asking for a **£1 donation on our Christmas jumper day, which is on 3rd December**. On 16th December, Merebrook children will have the chance to visit the EVS Christmas shop and purchase gifts for family and friends. A letter will be sent out next week with details of this. All gifts will be £5 and need to be paid for in advance.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Message from the 5D Director of Primary



Hello!

My name is Ruth Seagar and I am the Director of Primary for the 5 Dimensions Trust. This means that I have the enormous privilege of working alongside our 5D school headteachers and leaders to support, encourage and guide them in their work as custodians of our wonderful primary schools and community leaders.

Working as a primary leader in our schools is an enormously rewarding and enriching role and one that our school leaders are hugely proud to undertake. However, as you can imagine, leading in schools does not come without its challenges, and part of my work is to support our school leaders in driving their school improvement priorities, embracing the best of educational research and maintaining a keen focus on ensuring that the young people in our schools receive the very best, whilst supporting in overcoming any challenges that may arise.

In December of this year, Emerson Valley and Merebrook Schools will have been a part of the 5 Dimensions Trust for a whole year. During this time, it has been an enormous pleasure to have worked closely alongside Mrs White and Miss Hurwood to support them and their incredible staff teams in driving the objectives for the schools forward, focussing on ensuring the best quality educational provision for the children at both Emerson Valley and Merebrook Schools. In addition, now that both schools are now part of a wider family of schools, it is part of my role to lead and drive supportive networks across our schools, where members of our 5D communities can learn and grow together, supporting our 5D mission: **to grow a vibrant community of exceptional people.**

It is a pleasure to work alongside the staff teams in both Emerson Valley and Merebrook Schools and I look forward to continuing working in this capacity as the rest of the school year unfolds.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Ashton & Liamm

Woodpeckers: Ola & Ki

Robins: Kayson & Arnold

Kestrels: Arthur & Lydia

Starlings: Emma & Adnan

Finches: Mikayla & Ajowa



Autumn Term 2025

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley unless otherwise indicated. NEW EVENTS IN RED.

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** £1 donation towards ChoMS / Friends
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 Friends of EVS AGM. 5:30pm at Emerson Valley School
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**