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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a long and busy term, children have enjoyed a great final week. On Wednesday, **all children across both schools were treated to a production of the pantomime Rapunzel**. This was an enjoyable performance for everybody. Following our successful **Christmas raffle,** we are pleased to announce that 3 hampers were won by our Merebrook families. The lucky winners were: **Hinaya (Kestrel), Levi (Woodpecker) and Daria (Woodpecker).**

As we think ahead to the Spring term, please can I remind Parents and Carers that booking for clubs is now open on Arbor and will close on Friday 16th January. Please make payment via Arbor. Although the spring term is only 11 weeks, we have lots planned. **Please see the dates list on page 2 of this newsletter for details of dates and times of key events.** More details regarding key events will be communicated nearer the time.

As per the newsletter last week, I would like to remind you that when we return from the Christmas break, **there will be a new dismissal procedure** for our Year 1 and Year 2 children. **From January, please do not enter through the rainbow gates when dropping off in the morning or collecting your child at the end of the school day.** This new arrangement is being introduced as our Year 1 and Year 2 children are developing their independence skills, and they are ready for this. This arrangement supports their growing confidence. In addition, keeping the gates clear helps our children exit safely and allows staff to oversee entry and dismissal effectively. We appreciate that you want to be close to your child at collection time, but we ask for your cooperation in staying outside the rainbow gates. Thank you for your support as we introduce this new procedure.

Thank you for your continuous support this term. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2026! **We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th January 2026.**

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



Sunshine Family Centre Christmas Holiday Calendar

We welcome families who live in Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Wood, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park, Loughton and Loughton Lodge, Crownhill, Kingsmead, Whitehouse, Grange Farm, Oxley Park, Westcroft, Oakhill and Medbourne.

Monday 22nd December	Tuesday 23rd December	Wednesday 24th December	Thursday 25th December	Friday 26th December
10.00-11:00 Join the Sunshine team for festive Story, Songs and Rhymes at Westcroft Library **2:00-4:00** Community Larder At The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse & our Community Café More info at: www.sofea.uk.com	**10:00-11:30** Christmas Family Stay and Play Crafts, festive treats and songs! 	**10:00-11:30** Drop in Café Enjoy a hot drink 	**Christmas Day** Centre closed 	**Boxing Day** Centre closed 
Monday 29th December	**Tuesday 30th December**	**Wednesday 31st December**	**Thursday 1st January**	**Friday 2nd January**
Open for support Daisychain Family Centre MK3 6PS	Open for support Hedgerows Family Centre MK6 4NP	Open for support Saplings Family Centre MK2 2HB & Rainbow Family Centre MK13 7BQ	**Happy New Year!** 	**HAF** Pantomime For eligible families Bookings only

Sunshine Family Centre, Merebrook Infant School, Furzton MK4 1EZ. Tel: 01908 508566

Golden Book

Wagtails: Casper and Sami

Robins: Mia and Toby

Starlings: Casey and Lok

Woodpeckers: Samuel and Aurora

Kestrels: Afnaan and Joshua

Finches: Anvesha and Ajowa



Autumn / Spring Term dates

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

19th December 2025	**Last day of the autumn term**
5th January 2025	**First day of the Spring term**
6th January 2026	**Merebrook prospective parent tours 1:30pm**
8th January 2026	**Emerson Valley prospective parent tours 10:15am**
13th January 2026	**Year 6 SATS information evening for parents 5:00pm**
16th January 2026	**Turtles Parks Trust trip**
19th – 23rd January 2026	**Science Week**
20th January 2026	**Starling class to Westcroft library**
21st January 2026	**Finch class to Westcroft library**
22nd January 2026	**Year 6 to Bletchley Park**
23rd January 2026	**Axolotls Parks Trust trip**
26th January 2026	**Young Voice choir to Birmingham**
28th January 2026	**Year 2 Biscuits with books** parents invited from 2pm
29th January 2026	**Year 5 trip to Silverstone**
2nd February 2026	**Year 3 celebration of work pm** time to be confirmed
4th February 2026	**Year 4 celebration of work pm** time to be confirmed
5th February 2026	**Year 6 celebration of work pm** time to be confirmed
6th February 2026	**Year 3 Pizza and pyjama party** 5:30-8:30pm
9th February 2026	**EYFS celebration of work pm** time to be confirmed
3rd March 2026	**Snapdragons to Campbell Park**
4th March 2026	**Cherry Blossoms to Campbell Park**
5th March 2026	**World Book Day**
6th March 2026	**Sunflowers to Campbell Park**
10th and 11th March 2026	**Parent Consultations from 3:40pm**
13th March 2026	**Bluebells to Campbell Park**
17th March 2026	**Robins to Westcroft library**
18th March 2026	**Kestrels to Westcroft library**
20th March 2026	**Red nose day:** non-uniform day
25th March 2026	**Year 5 performance to parents** 2:30pm
27th March 2026	**Rocksteady concert to parents** 2pm

Merebrook

5 DIMENSIONS TRUST

INFANT SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tue 6 January 2026

1:30 PM







To book a tour either call the office or send us a mail.
We would love to show you our wonderful small school with a big heart and plenty of outside space.

Merebrook Infant School,
Dulverton Drive,
Furzton
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- Tour the school
- Meet teachers
- Review curriculum
- Ask questions

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Emerson Valley School

OPEN MORNING



Community, Pride, Aspire

Thur 8 January 2026

10:15 AM





To book a tour either call the office or send us a mail.
We would love to show you our vibrant junior school for years 3-6. Fostering independent, resilient, lifelong learners.

Emerson Valley School
Hodder Lane
Emerson Valley
MK4 2JR

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