Issue 17 16th January 2026

office@mb5d.com
(01908) 522876

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are already almost at the end of the second week of this half term! This week our **Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed taking part in a Conductive Music Workshop**. They explored music in a new way using digital instruments and tech like Micro:bits and Makey Makeys, experimenting with sounds, collaborating, and letting their creativity shine. Please see our school facebook page for some photographs of these sessions. A big thank you to Conductive Music and the MK Music Service for bringing this brilliant STEAM experience to our school.

Next week, our Merebrook after school clubs start. There are still some spaces left on both Parkour and Basketball clubs. Please register on Arbor if you would like a place. Our Year 2 children are looking forward to their trip to MK library - Starlings are visiting on Tuesday, and Finches will go on Wednesday.

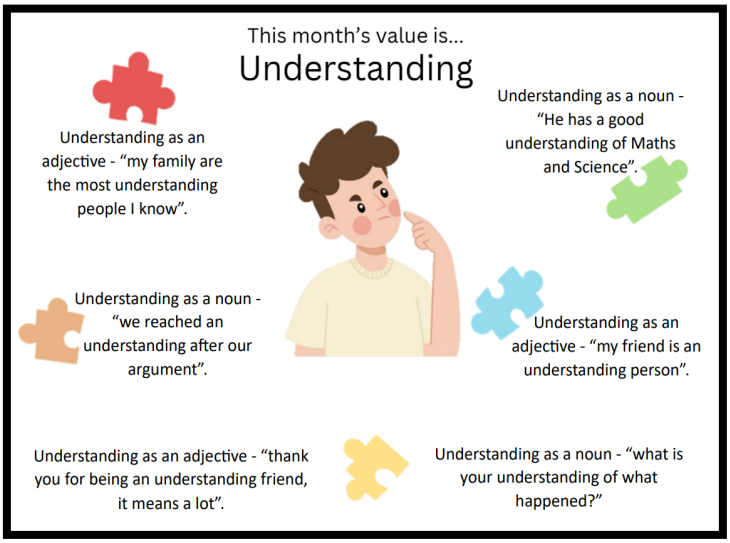
I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming **Celebration of Work event in Year 1 on Monday 26th January at 2:40pm, and our Year 2 Biscuits with Books event on Wednesday 28th January from 2.15pm**. We look forward to welcoming Parents and Carers into school for both of these events.

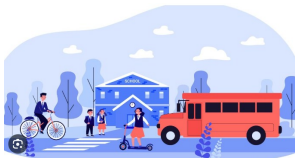
Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Attendance Matters

Whilst we understand that children do get poorly, we have seen a real dip in our school attendance figure over the last 2 weeks. Combined with this, some families are not communicating with us when their child is absent. **If your child is too unwell to come to school, please log the absence directly on the Arbor website or app, or call the school and leave a message on the absence line – option 2.** Please expect communication from school via phone call or via Arbor if we do not have contact from you and your child is absent from school. Please refer to the NHS website for the latest guidance on whether your child should attend school or not. This can be found here.





Travel Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we are looking at how our school community travels to and from school. Understanding transport choices will help us identify ways to reduce our environmental impact and promote greener travel options. We kindly ask you to take a few minutes to complete our Transport Survey by 31st January. Please click here to complete the survey.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Rex and Sami

Woodpeckers: Ruhi

Robins: Mahnisa and Kayson

Kestrels: Theo and Carla

Starlings: Emma and Natalia

Finches: Penny, Amelia & Nana



Spring Term dates

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

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** **Friends of EVS Committee meeting at 5:45pm**
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 2:15pm
29th January 2026	**Year 5 trip to Silverstone**
2nd February 2026	**Year 3 celebration of work** Parents invited into school at 3:25pm
4th February 2026	**Year 4 celebration of work pm** Parents invited into school at 2:45pm
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
3rd March 2026	**Snapdragons to Campbell Park** **NEW DATE EYFS celebration of work pm** time to be confirmed
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