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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a good half term break. We have enjoyed the warmer, sunnier weather that Spring 2 has brought us. However, with the weather still being quite changeable, we ask that you please send your child with a waterproof coat every day so that they can enjoy part of their day outside.

Yesterday, you will have received a letter via Arbor about our upcoming Parent Consultation meetings. **Booking is open via Arbor from 4:30pm today**. Please make sure that you log in to secure an appointment with your child's Class Teacher.

We love seeing our children ready to learn and play so please keep jewellery at home, with the exception of small stud earrings. Studs should be removed or covered for PE days. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Next week, we're excited to welcome our Early Years Parents and Carers into school. Join us on Tuesday from **2:00pm**, entering through the **side gate**, as we celebrate our children's love of books and stories.

Our Merebrook community is looking forward to fully embracing **World Book Day** on Thursday next week. We are also looking forward to welcoming **Miss Toni Whiteman**, Head of The Hazeley Academy, to Merebrook for an assembly on Monday afternoon. She is bringing a very special visitor with her…. Make sure you look at our Facebook page for some photographs!

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2026

A range of free activities and food for school children aged 4 – 16 years who are in **receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM)** can be accessed during the Easter break from **7th – 10th April 2026.** From fun activities to multi sports camps, teen basketball camps, outdoor adventures, football camps, film making, youth sessions, arts and crafts and more, there is something for everyone. Across Milton Keynes, there are 7,000 **individual sessions** planned for the 2026 Spring Holidays. To book your activities, simply browse the programme and contact your chosen providers through the online booking system. Evouchers will be distributed to children and young people identified through the school census that are **in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM).** Evouchers will be sent out by hello@holidayactivities.com on Sunday 1st March and will include a link directly to the booking system. If you are in receipt of **benefit related Free School Meals** (FSM) and have not received an Evoucher, please email office@mb5d.com in the first instance if you have not received a code on this day.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Evie and Ibrahim

Robins: Kinza and Jaya

Starlings: Feliks and Lok

Woodpeckers: Vlad and Dominic

Kestrels: Emma and Roza

Finches: Evie and Marly





World Book Day

Thursday 5th MARCH



We're excited to celebrate World Book Day with a focus on the beautiful animal-themed stories of award-winning author and illustrator Catherine Rayner.



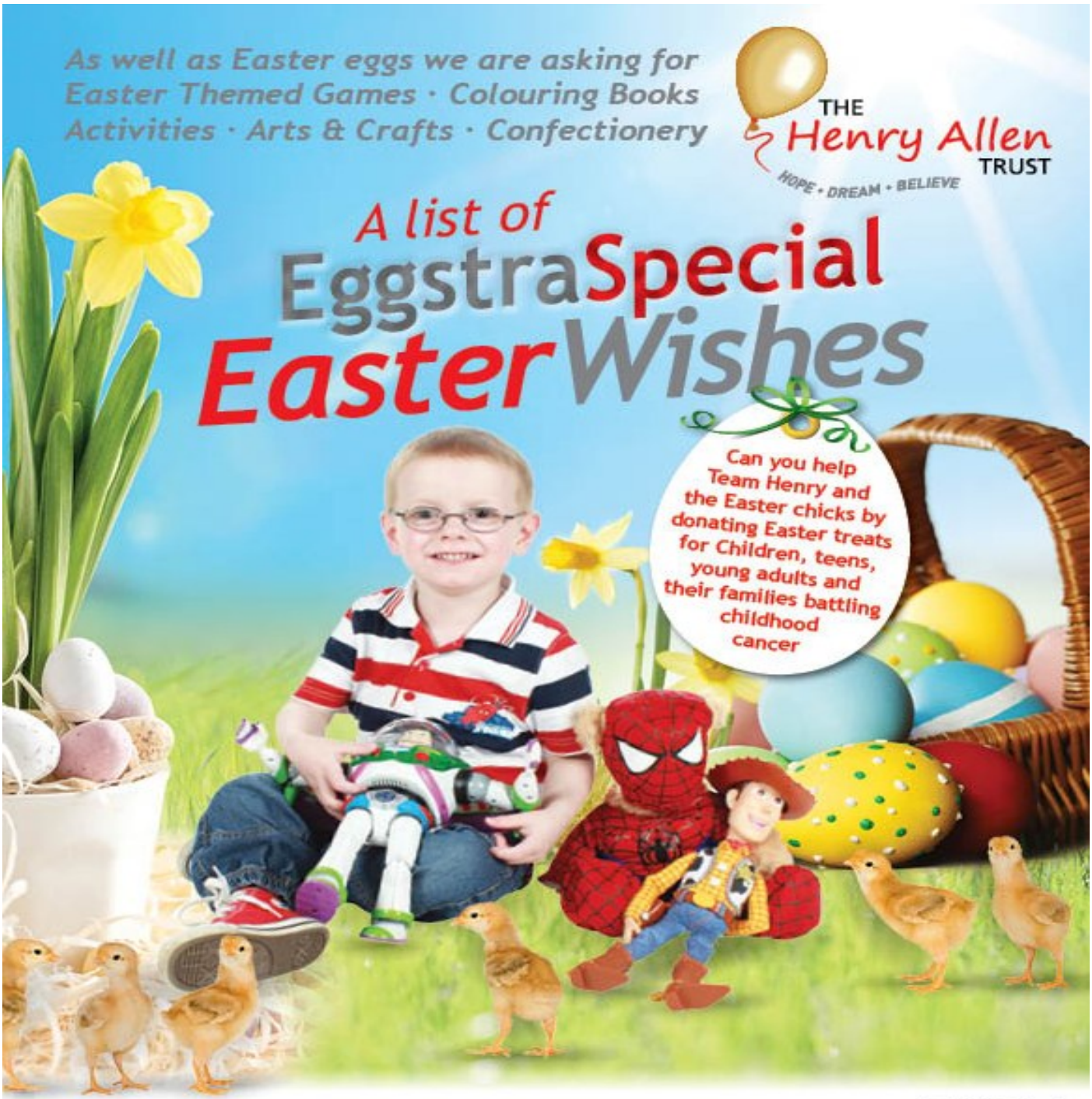


Children are invited to come to school in animal-themed fancy dress.



All children will receive a World Book Day token to exchange for a special World Book Day book or to get £1 off a full-price title at participating retailers.

It's back! **Henry's Annual Easter Egg Appeal is now in its 12th year**. Please help Team Henry continue to spread some 'Henrys Happiness' this Easter time to Children and Families Battling Childhood Cancer and who are also finding themselves in hospital over Easter. Can you help us to continue Henry's last wish? Could you kindly donate a Cadbury's Creme Egg, Easter Egg, Easter Confectionery, Brand New Easter Bunny Cuddly Toys, Easter Games or Easter Arts and Crafts for our hospital toy packs. During April Team Henry will be collecting and will have many drop-off points. Donations can also be purchased using our Amazon Wish List Team Henry will HOP along and put some smiles on faces and create some magical memories with your generous donations.



Milton Keynes Dons Football Club is delighted to invite you to be part of our first-ever Community Day, a special celebration of Milton Keynes, taking place here at Stadium MK on Saturday 7th March, where **anyone can attend completely FREE of charge**! Community Day 2026 is the MK Dons' way of bringing every different community within the city together and everyone is welcome, whether you're a regular visitor, haven't been here in a while, or have never attended a football match before. **Getting the ticket couldn't be simpler, just click here.**



Spring Term dates

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

3rd March 2026	**Snapdragons to Campbell Park** **EYFS celebration of work 2:00pm**
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**
11th March 2026	Friends of EVS Mother's Day Shop
13th March 2026	**Bluebells to Campbell Park** **CHoMS Mother's Day shop at Merebrook**
17th March 2026	**Robins to Westcroft library**
18th March 2026	**Kestrels to Westcroft library**
20th March 2026	**Red nose day:** non-uniform day **Year 5 pizza party and sleepover** from 5:30pm
25th March 2026	**Year 5 performance to parents** 2:30pm
27th March 2026	**Rocksteady concert to parents** 2pm
13th June 2026	**EVS Summer Fair** from 11-1pm. All invited!