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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already 2/3 of the way through this academic year. It has been a great term with so much to celebrate. Please do look at our **school Facebook page for some wonderful photographs of Merebrook this week**, including our Year 1 trip to Westcroft library, the Saturn house reward and the Year 2 local area walk.

After Easter, we are delighted to welcome **Mrs Tucker back from maternity leave**. Mrs Tucker will be teaching across the school throughout the Summer term. We are very pleased to have her back.

As we are now at the end of the Spring term, please look carefully at the **dates on page 3 of this newsletter** for all of the key events for the Summer term. I would like to draw your attention to the **Phonics workshop on 15th April at 2:40pm**. This is aimed at EYFS and Year 1 Parents. More details can be found on page 2. To book a place, please click here.

Alongside this newsletter you will find the **Mental Health Support Team (MHST) newsletter** which contains an update from the service, along with a parent and carer survey and details of a competition they are running.

Have a great Easter break! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13th April 2026.

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Milton Keynes City Council

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

Sunshine Family Centre Calendar Easter 2026

Monday 30th March	Tuesday 31st March	Wednesday 1st April	Thursday 2nd April	Friday 3rd April
8:45-9:30 Every morning Come along to speak to a member of the team for guidance, support or a listening ear. No booking required **10:00-10:45** **Story, Songs and Rhymes** Suitable for under 5's **10:45-11:30** **Games and colouring** suitable for older children Join the Sunshine team at **Westcroft Library** Our sensory room is available to book today between 9:00 and 12:00. Contact the centre for more information **2:00-4:00** **Community Larder & Community Café** Toys, games and puzzles for all ages. At **The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse** Run by the Sunshine team More info at: www.sofea.uk.com Help reduce food waste	**10:00-12:00** **Ark farm** **is coming to Sunshine Family Centre.** Easter Farmyard including soft, furry and small animals encounter. All the family are welcome. **2:00-5:00** **Community Fridge** At Westcroft Pavilion Anti food waste scheme, open to all.	**9:00-10:00** **Join us for a family Breakfast** **10:00-11:30** **Family Play** with activities from The Parks Trust Indoor and outdoor play All the family are welcome. **2:00-3:30** **Get Crafty** Come along for some creative Spring crafts for all the family	**9.30-10.45** **Baby Group** A relaxed session including songs and rhymes. From newborn to non-walkers. **10:45-12:00** **Whitehouse Community Play at The Hive, Whitehouse** We will be there for stories, songs and rhymes. **1:00-2:30** **Lego and Lunch** Come along for Lego and Duplo Play and a light lunch.	**BANK HOLIDAY** **CLOSED** Happy Easter from all of us at Sunshine Family Centre HAPPY EASTER

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

Comic Relief update

Thank you for supporting our Comic Relief fundraising last Friday. Between both schools we raised £494 for this charity which is amazing!

Golden Book

Wagtails: Ollie and Sami

Robins: Arnold and Mahnisa

Starlings: Casey and Adelina

Woodpeckers: Izzy and Ivy

Kestrels: Miraal and Farah

Finches: Eliza and Eesa

Merebrook

PHONICS MADE SIMPLE... AND SIMPLY SWEET!

JOIN US FOR A SHORT WORKSHOP EXPLAINING HOW WE TEACH PHONICS, INFORMATION ABOUT THE PHONICS SCREENING CHECK, AND HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME!

THIS SESSION IS **IDEAL FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS AND YEAR 1.**

🍬 ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE **A SWEET TREAT!**

FOLLOW THE LINK IN THE NEWSLETTER TO LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU WILL ATTEND.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

15TH APRIL@ 2:40PM

SCHOOL HALL

Spring and Summer Term dates

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley

27th March 2026	**Rocksteady concert to parents** 2pm
15th April 2026	**EYFS and Year 1 Phonics workshop** at 2:40pm
21st and 22nd April 2026	**EYFS to Westcroft Library**
23rd April 2026	**Relationships and Sex Education information session & coffee afternoon at EVS - 2pm**
7th—8th May 2026	**Year 4 Residential to Caldecotte**
11th - 14th May 2026	Year 6 SATS week
11th May 2026	**EYFS Maths workshop 2** 2-3pm
12th May 2026	**Year 1 celebration of work** at 2:30pm
13th May 2026	**Year 2 celebration of work** at 2:30pm
14th May 2026	**Year 3 celebration of work** (afternoon - time to be confirmed)
19th May 2026	**Year 4 celebration of work** (afternoon - time to be confirmed)
20th - 22nd May 2026	**Year 6 Residential to The Bushcraft Company**
21st May 2026	**Year 5 celebration of work** (afternoon - time to be confirmed)
1st June 2026	**INSET day**. School closed to children.
2nd-12th June 2026	**Year 4 Multiplication and Times Tables Check** (MTC)
4th June and 5th June 2026	**Year 3 trip to Gullivers**
13th June 2026	**EVS Summer Fair** from 11-1pm. All invited!
16th June 2026	**Merebrook Sports Day for 'Big Nest' children only** at 2pm
17th June 2026	**Merebrook Sports day** - EYFS at 9am and Key Stage 1 at 10:30am
18th June 2026	**New Year 3 parents information evening at EVS** - 5pm.
22nd and 23rd June 2026	**Year 4 to St Albans Cathedral**
23rd June 2026	**Year 2 trip to Hazard Alley**
25th June 2026	**Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (am)**
26th June 2026	**Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (am)**
29th June 2026	**Transition Day**
2nd July 2026	**Merebrook reserve Sports Day** (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 17th June)
6th July 2026	**EYFS, Year 1 and year 2 Awards at 2:45pm** (invite only if your child is receiving award)
7th July 2026	**EYFS trip to Woburn Safari Park** **Year 3 and 4 Awards at 1:30pm** (invite only if your child is receiving award)
9th July 2026	**Year 3 and 4 reserve Sports Day** (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 25th June)
10th July 2026	**Year 5 and 6 reserve Sports Day** (only needed if event cannot go ahead on 26th June)
13th July 2026	**Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm** (Parks and Luther King parents invited)
14th July 2026	**Year 2 Leavers assembly at 9am**
15th July 2026	**Year 6 Prom 4:30-6:00pm**
17th July 2026	**Last day of the school year.**