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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our **Early Years children have enjoyed a visit to Westcroft Library**. Our Wagtails and Woodpeckers enjoyed their trip on our EVS minibus, and loved listening to stories, exploring the shelves and using their very own library cards!

Miss Hurwood and I monitor our school attendance very closely and **we are delighted that there has been an improvement.** We are now slightly above the National Average for attendance, and can see a continually improving picture. Children that are in school on time every day have the greatest chance of making progress with their learning. Your support with this is very much appreciated. **Please refer to page 3 of our newsletter for a reminder how days missed can impact your child's overall attendance.** As a reminder, term time holidays cannot be authorised and will be referred to the Local Authority for a FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice). This is currently £80 per parent for each child.

Please remember to label all of your child's clothing. As the weather becomes warmer, children are more likely to take jumpers and cardigans off, and named items make it much easier for us to return them to the right child. Thank you for your support with this.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Applications for a place in EYFS or Year 3 for September start

If you have a child due to start EYFS at Merebrook or Year 3 at Emerson Valley this September and you applied on time, by 15th January 2026, you should have received an email directly from MK City Council confirming that your child has a place. You can also log into the citizens portal to see your child's application. We look forward to welcoming your child to our family of schools! We look forward to a busy term of transition activites for both year groups! If you have not already applied, you can submit a late application. The next round of applications closes on 26th April. Please click here to apply online.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy

On Tuesday you should have received an Arbor message regarding our consultation to this policy. The learning your child receives has **not changed** and is the same as in previous years. We continue to use the Jigsaw programme. The consultation is about the written policy, which we must share with parents before it is formally approved. The consultation period is between **21.04.2026** until **28.04.2026**. If you have any comments or questions regarding this, please email office@mb5d.com.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Karen & Samuella

Woodpeckers: Aurora, Daria & Giulia

Robins: Ariyan & Toby

Kestrels: Joshua & Theo

Starlings: Harper & Oli

Finches: Penny & Tia

Summer Term dates

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

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)
15th May 2026	EVS non-uniform day for colour raffle donation for Summer Fair
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 **Year 6 Parents coffee afternoon** at 2pm (focus on transition and change)
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** **Year 1 enrichment day: Victorians**
25th June 2026	**Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (am)**
26th June 2026	**Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (am)** **Year 6 BBQ and Sleepover**
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) **Year 5 and 6 Awards at 2:15pm** (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** **Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm** (Attenborough and Darwin parents invited)
15th July 2026	**Year 6 Prom 4:30-6:00pm**
17th July 2026	**Last day of the school year.**

Merebrook

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

5 DIMENSIONS TRUST

Everyday in school makes a difference to your child's future!

Gates open at 8:30a.m. every day and shut at 8:40a.m. If arriving late, the children must enter through the main reception and sign in. They will be marked as late.

The School Day is 8:40-3:10pm

If your child is late, signed out early or absent, they are missing valuable learning opportunities.

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING





Every child EVERY DAY



SAVE THE DATE!

EVS SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

11am-1pm



More info to follow..

Emerson Valley