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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see our school community complete this week, as **our new Woodpeckers and Wagtails have started in Early Years**. Welcome to our new children and families. Children look so smart in their new uniforms; we hope they have enjoyed their first few days with us.

Across Years 1 and 2, children have settled into their new classes and routines, with lots of house points already being given out to children for demonstrating our school values. Thank you for helping your child to have a positive start to the day by getting them to school on time. Remember that the school gates are open from **8:30am to 8:40am** each morning. Arriving at school on time really supports children have a positive, successful start to their day.

As you will see from page 3, we have shared some of the **key dates for this term with you**. This includes dates for our parent consultation meetings, which will take place later this term, and the magical Christmas performances! This will be refreshed weekly, with new events being added in red.

Even though this term has just begun, we are already thinking about the next school year, and **all of the children and families that might join our Early Years and Year 3 cohorts in September 2026**! If you have a child due to start school next year in either of these classes, please see details of our tour dates on page 2. Bookings can be made directly with our school offices.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Can you help? Please email office@mb5d.com if you would like to get involved!



We have already started to see a few 'back to school' illnesses at school. If you are unsure about whether to send your child to school or not, please consult the **NHS advice for school aged children**, which can be found here. Please remember that for sickness and diarrhea, you child must remain absent from school for 48 hours. The advice also states that 'it's fine to send your child to school with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.' **If your child is too unwell for school, please communicate their absence directly into Arbor, for every day of their absence.** Please do not call, leave an answerphone message or email in.

Golden Book

Robins: Elisabeta and Alessandro

Kestrels: Jaxe and Dara

Starlings: Lok and Adelina

Finches: Daria & Gurdieyun



OPEN MORNINGS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

Is your child due to start school in Reception or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2026?

30th September

9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School

19th November

9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School





Book your space now !

Please make a call to one of our school offices if you would like to book a space on either day.

www.merebrookschool.co.uk tel: (01908) 522876

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Merebrook

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Autumn Term 2025

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

15th September 2025	**Year 2 Meet the Teacher** 3:15-3:45pm
17th September 2025	**Year 1 Meet the Teacher** 3:15-3:45pm
22nd September 2025	**After school clubs start**
23rd September 2025	**Reading and Phonics workshop for EYFS Parents and Carers at Merebrook** 8:45am
26th September 2025	**Macmillan cake sale after school at EVS**
30th September 2025	**Prospective parent tours—9:30am at Merebrook and 10:15am at Emerson Valley**
1st October 2025	**Reading and Phonics workshop for Year 3 and 4 Parents and Carers** 3:35pm
2nd October 2025	**Multicultural day**
8th October 2025	**Reading and Phonics workshop for Year 1 Parents and Carers 8:45am** **Reading and Phonics workshop for Year 5 and 6 Parents and Carers 3:35pm** **Year 5 Space Dome day**
10th October 2025	**World Mental Health Day - wear yellow**
15th and 16th October 2025	**Parent consultation meetings** 3:30-6:30pm
22nd October 2025	**Year 4 Harvest performance to Parents and Carers** 2:30pm
24th October 2025	**Individual and sibling photographs at EVS**
27th—31st October 2025	**HALF TERM BREAK**
3rd November 2025	**INSET day. School closed to children.**
10th—14th November 2025	**Anti Bullying week**
10th November 2025	**Odd socks day**
12th November 2025	**Year 3 Stone Age Workshop** **Merebrook individual and sibling photographs** Children in Need—**non-uniform day**
18th November 2025	**Bradwell Abbey Trip—Eagles and Penguins**
19th November 2025	**Year 3 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
20th November 2025	**Year 4 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
25th November 2025	**Bradwell Abbey Trip—Swifts and Flamingoes**
26th November 2025	**Year 5 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
27th November 2025	**Year 6 Movie night**—3:25-5:00pm
3rd December 2025	**Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day**
4th December 2025	**Christmas Disco** - Years 3 and 4 4:30-5:30pm, Years 5 and 6 6:00-7:00pm
8th December 2025	**Year 3 Nativity** - performance for parents with younger siblings at 2pm
9th December 2025	**Year 3 Nativity** - performance for parents of Cherry Blossoms and Sunflowers at 2pm
10th December 2025	**Year 3 Nativity** - performance for parents of Bluebells and Snapdragons at 2pm
11th December 2025	**EYFS Christmas performance** - 9:15am **Key Stage 1 Carols on the playground** - 2:15pm **Year 5 and 6 Carols on the playground** - 3:35pm
16th December 2025	**Christmas shop for all year groups**
17th December 2025	**Pantomime for all year groups**
19th December 2025	**Last day of the autumn term**

Merebrook and Emerson Valley Schools

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET day – school closed	**Monday 1st September 2025**
INSET day – school closed	**Tuesday 2nd September 2025**
Open on the morning of:	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 24th October 2025
Half term	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
INSET day – school closed	**Monday 3rd November 2025**
Open on the morning of:	Tuesday 4th November 2025
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	
Open on the morning of:	Monday 5th January 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 13th February 2026
Half term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Open on the morning of:	Monday 23rd February 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Open on the morning of:	Monday 13th April 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 22nd May 2026
Half term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
INSET day – school closed	**Monday 1st June 2026**
Open on the morning of:	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Closed at the end of the afternoon of:	Friday 17th July 2026
INSET day – school closed	**Monday 20th July 2026**