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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone enjoyed some of the warm, sunny weather during half term! As we have returned to school, the weather has definitely changed! With an increase in rain, **please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day**. Even on warmer mornings, it can be cooler later on, and we want all children to be comfortable when outdoors. Please also make sure all coats are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be easily returned if misplaced.

With a busy few weeks ahead, I would like to point out that **our School Council are organising an End of Term Disco after school on 15th July**. This will be from 3-4pm for EYFS and Year 1, and from 4:15-5:15pm for Year 2. More details will be sent out via Arbor later in the term.

A reminder for families of children in **Year 1 that the Phonics Screening Check will take place next week. It is really important that all children are in school each day** to ensure they can take part and feel confident. Thank you for your support.

And finally, technology is now part of everyday life, even for our youngest children. The NSPCC highlights that while devices can support learning and play, young children are naturally curious and may not recognise online risks. Simple steps such as supervising screen time, choosing age-appropriate content and setting boundaries can help keep children safe. Parents are also encouraged to be aware of risks such as inappropriate content, accidental purchases and too much screen time. You can read the full guidance here: NSPCC Online Safety for Under 5s

Have a good weekend!
Mrs White

Help us create a wildflower garden!

We are looking for donations of any spare or unwanted compost to help us transform the area between the Early Years sheds into a beautiful wildflower space for the children to enjoy. If you're able to donate, please contact the office, thank you for your support!



Easy fundraising for Merebrook School

Stikins® labels simply stick on and stay on the wash care label in clothing. No sewing or ironing is needed because our unique adhesive has been designed to bond with wash care labels. Stikins® work on all kinds of school items and save time and money because one pack works for everything. You can label clothing and fabric items, shoes and bags, lunch boxes and water bottles, P.E. kit and stationery in minutes. Every time an order is placed, please quote our unique fundraising code **36680** and our school will receive 30% commission. Click here to access the website and place your order.



Golden Book

Wagtails: Rex and Ella

Robins: Zane and Kinza

Starlings: Eppy and Casey

Woodpeckers: Daisy and Ruhi

Kestrels: Hinaya and Dean

Finches: Amelia and Killian



Summer Term dates

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

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. Friends of EVS Marvellous Men shop
19th June 2026	CHoMS Father's Day Shop at Merebrook
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**
24th June 2026	**Year 1 Visit to MK Museum**
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** **Merebrook School Council Disco: Early Years and Year 1: 3-4pm, Year 2:4:15-5:15pm**
17th July 2026	**Last day of the school year.**



EVS SUMMER FAIR





SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

11am-1pm

A fun-filled Community Day!

Inflatables, Tombola, 2 x Raffles with amazing prizes, Cake Stall, Facepainting, Pentalty Shoot Out, The Oasis Project, MK Breakers, Crochet Stall, Pre-loved Uniform, MK Caricatures, Splat the Rat, Name the Teddy, Hook the Duck, Sponge the Teacher,Thread & Bloom, Clay Jewellery, Squishes, Eco Resin Home Decor, Marshall's Bees, Sam's Bakes & many more!

HOT DOGS/ COLD DRINKS/TEA/COFFEE/ICE CREAMS/ CAKES

Emerson Valley School Field











A message from Dame Rachel de Souza Children's Commissioner



As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure your child completes my new survey, The Big Future.

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition. Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century.

Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, **The Big Future**. I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today. I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you, in advance, for your support with this.

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



Dear all,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to warmly invite you, your colleagues, staff, volunteers, members, families and wider networks to Emily Darlington MP's Great Get Together Event on Saturday 27 June 2026, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm, at the Campbell Park Amphitheatre, Milton Keynes.

This will be a community picnic inspired by The Great Get Together, the UK-wide celebration of community, connection and the things that bring us together. The event was created in memory of Jo Cox MP and is rooted in her powerful belief that we have more in common than that which divides us.

The afternoon will be family-friendly and open to all. It will be a chance for local residents, schools, colleges, faith groups, charities, voluntary organisations, public bodies, parish councils, community groups and local businesses to come together, meet one another and celebrate the people and organisations that make Milton Keynes such a strong and welcoming city.

As this is a community picnic, we encourage people attending to bring their own food and, where they are able to, to bring a little extra to share with others. We hope this will help people meet new neighbours, start conversations and build connections across the community.

Please RSVP through Eventbrite using this link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emily-darlington-mps-great-get-together-event-tickets-1988623948763?aff=oddtdtcreator

You can also find the event by going to Eventbrite and searching:

Emily Darlington MPs Great Get Together Event

We would be very grateful if you could also share this invitation with your staff, members, service users, parents, congregations, residents or wider networks where appropriate. We want the day to be a genuine reflection of the people, groups and organisations that contribute so much to life in Milton Keynes.

If you have any questions about attending, bringing a group, or how your organisation might like to be involved on the day, please contact us with any questions.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

With best wishes,
Ellis Archer

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Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes Central