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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at Merebrook, full of exploration and discovery. Our new Woodpeckers and Wagtails have settled in brilliantly, enjoying their new learning environment, making friends, and getting stuck into their **first phonics lessons**. Year 2 have been truly inspired by learning about the life and achievements of **Florence Nightingale**, while Year 1 have loved diving into the story of **'Tom and the Dinosaur Egg'.** It's been fantastic to see all our children so enthusiastic about their learning!

A big **thank you** to all Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers who attended our **'Meet the Teacher'** events this week. Your engagement and support are invaluable in helping us build strong partnerships and ensuring the best outcomes for our children. We hope you found the sessions informative and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's new class teacher. If you were unable to join us, we will share all the important information with you via Arbor .

Apologies for the error on last week's dates section of the newsletter and well done to those who spotted the clash between school photos and non-uniform day . This has now been amended below. **Please update your calendars accordingly**.

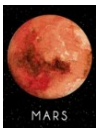
Next week we are excited to invite all Early Years parents/carers to a **Phonics and Reading workshop on Tuesday at 8:45am in the school hall**. The session will focus on how we teach reading using our **Read Write Inc. Phonics** programme. You will learn practical tips and strategies to support your child's reading at home and hear about how phonics is taught in the classroom.

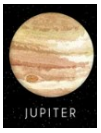
Have a great weekend!
Miss Hurwood
Head of School

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



Introducing Our New House Captains!





Jupiter ~Mila
Mars ~ Killian
Neptune ~ Adelina
Saturn ~ Isla M

We are delighted to announce our newly elected house captains for this school year. Chosen by the children in our community. Well done to all candidates and thank you to everyone who took part in the voting process!





Golden Book

Robins: Mia and Kayson
Kestrels: Dean and Joshua
Starlings: Isla and Tami
Finches: Luna and Oliver



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.

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Emerson Valley

Merebrook

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Autumn Term 2025

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

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
21st October 2025	**CHoMS Magic Show Event 3:15 - 4:15pm at MB**
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**
14th November 2025	**Children in Need**
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**