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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Merebrook. Miss Hurwood and I enjoyed spending the whole morning on Tuesday popping into classes, talking to children and watching our wonderful staff across the school. **We observed fantastic learning behaviours and conduct from children in all classes and we were very proud of our Merebrook children**.

Thank you for supporting your children with their learning by attending the **parent consultation meetings** this week. We hope you found these meetings helpful in identifying what your child is doing well and what the next steps on their learning journey are.

The end of the day is a busy time at Merebrook, as it is at most schools. Please help this be a pleasant time for everyone in our community. We kindly ask drivers to **park considerately, with their engines turned off whilst they are waiting**. Please remember that we are a **smoke free and mobile phone free site**, if you need to engage in these activities, please make sure that you do so away from the school gates.

Please bring **any items that are being donated to our Harvest MK Food Bank collec**tion into school on Monday or Tuesday next week. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for a guide to recommended items requested by the Food Bank. Many thanks in advance for your generosity supporting families outside of our school community across Milton Keynes.

Next Tuesday after school, **CHoMS are looking forward to hosting their magic show**. If your child is taking part in this, please collect them afterwards at 4:15pm from the usual classroom doors. There are still places available but booking closes today at 3pm. Click on this link if you would like to book a place: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/qVCQHBpR9E. Once booked, please remember to make payment to the account details in the original email sent.

As we are already into the last week of term next week, please remember that **we break up for half term at the end of Friday 24th October**. Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, and children return to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White



Applying for a primary / junior school place in Milton Keynes.

If your child is currently in Year 2, you need to apply for their place at Junior School by 15th January 2026, even if you wish for them to attend Emerson Valley School as we are two separate schools. Applying before this deadline is important so that your child has the best chance of a place at your preferred school. Applications can be made online through the Milton Keynes City Council website or by clicking here. If you need any assistance with this, please speak to our team in the school office. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details of our open evenings at both Merebrook and Emerson Valley, which take place next week. These may be of interest if you are unable to attend any of the day time tours of our schools.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Lincoln and Germaine
Woodpeckers: Oliver and David
Robins: Zane and Jaya
Kestrels: Isla and Roza
Starlings: Martha and Zoe
Finches: Ajowa and Eesa



Autumn Term 2025

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

21st October 2025	**CHoMS Magic Show Event 3:15 - 4:15pm at Merebrook**
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	**Merebrook individual and sibling photographs**
14th November 2025	**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
2nd December 2025	**Year 3 Stone Age Workshop (Change of date)**
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**





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Shopping List

- [x] Tinned Meat
- [x] Tinned Fish
- [x] Tinned Pulses
- [x] Tinned Fruit
- [x] Tinned Tomatoes
- [x] Long Life Milk
- [x] Juice or Squash
- [x] Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter
- [x] Tea
- [x] Tinned Pasta
- [x] Tinned Veg
- [x] Pasta Sauce
- [x] Dried Rice – 500g or 1kg packets
- [x] Rice Pudding/Custard
- [x] Cereal
- [x] Biscuits
- [x] Soup
- [x] Loo Roll



