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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first half term of this academic year! In the past week, children have enjoyed the performance from 'Band in a Van', paid for by CHoMs, and a Magic Show after school. Please see our Facebook page for photographs from both of these events.

CHoMS are delighted to announce that they have managed to secure a limited number of tickets at a discounted rate for this year's pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre. Tickets are for the 7pm performance on Tuesday 9th December, and cost just £19.50 each. This is a fantastic discount of over 50%. If you are interested in purchasing these tickets, please register your interest by clicking here. You must register your interest by 5th November. If there is enough interest from all the forms, CHoMS will send out a payment request form on Friday 7th November 2025. This form will allow you to finalise your booking and secure your tickets. We hope to receive enough interest to go ahead with this amazing show.

After half term, your child will have their **individual photo taken on Wednesday 12th November**. On this day, your child will come home with a QR code which will enable you to view their photo online and order copies if you wish.

It was great to see so many Parents and Carers attending our open evenings at both schools this week. **If you have a child due to start school in September 2026 or due to move into Year 3, we have one more planned tour date after half term, on 19th November. Tours at Merebrook are at 9:30am, and at Emerson Valley at 10:15am**. If you would like to book a place on either of these tours, please contact our school offices to ensure your space.

Happy half term! We look forward to seeing **everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th November**.

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher



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.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Sami and Ella
Woodpeckers: Aurora and Levi
Robins: Morgan and Mahnisa
Kestrels: Joshua and Carla
Starlings: Eppy and Teodora
Finch: Evie, Maisie and Saaleh



Autumn Term 2025

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

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 photographs**
14th November 2025	**Children in Need—non-uniform day**
18th November 2025	**Bradwell Abbey Trip—Eagles and Penguins**
19th November 2025	**Prospective Parent Tours—9:30am at Merebrook an 10:15am at Emerson Valley** **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**
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**