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Newsletter

Merebrook

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable half term break. As we move into the second half of the autumn term, there is lots happening in school, so do keep an eye on the dates list on page 2 and our school Facebook page for regular reminders.

Next week is national Anti Bullying Week. We are marking this across both schools with a special assembly on Monday which will focus on this year's theme: Power For Good. Also on Monday, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day.** All children (and staff!) are invited to wear odd socks, with their normal school uniform, to celebrate individuality and diversity, and help children to understand that we are all unique.

On Wednesday, children will have their individual photograph taken in school. Following this, your child will come home with their **QR code which will allow you to access their individual school photo online**, so that you can order these if you wish to. Please allow a couple of days for the system to update, but do not hesitate to contact us if you have any problems with this.

As per the Arbor communication sent yesterday, we have a change to our normal PE timetable next week, meaning that **all children will have PE on Monday instead of Thursday** . Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on Monday.

Next Friday is Children is Need day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes, for a £1 donation via Arbor to Children in Need.



What a busy week to look forward to! Have a good weekend.

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:	Ollie and Poppy
Woodpeckers:	Lance and Khalil
Robins:	Elisabeta and Eleanor
Kestrels:	Cooper and Dean
Starlings:	Edy and Oli
Finches:	Zselyke and Amelia



Autumn Term 2025

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley

unless otherwise indicated. NEW EVENTS IN RED.

10th—14th November 2025	**Anti Bullying week**
10th November 2025	**Odd socks day**
12th November 2025	**Merebrook individual photos**
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**