



# INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to our **Harvest collection** this week. Our newly appointed School Council members across the federation took a trip to the MK foodbank to deliver the cans that we donated. As this was their first 'job' since taking on the role, they really enjoyed it!

Next week is the last week before the October half term break. This half term has just flown by! We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our **celebration of work afternoons** as follows:

**Year 6** – Monday at 3:25pm (art gallery in hall). Parents will enter and exit via the side hall doors.

**Year 5** – Tuesday at 3:25pm (art gallery in hall). Parents will enter and exit via the side hall doors.

**Year 3** – Wednesday at 3:25pm (art gallery in hall). Parents will enter and exit via the side hall doors.

**Year 4** – Thursday at 2:45pm (music performance in the hall). Parents will enter via reception and will exit via the side hall doors.

We hope to see as many of you in school as possible. If your child is attending an after school club on the day of their art gallery, please do not worry. The art work will be sent home later in the term by their class teacher for you to appreciate.

**Thank you to those parents that have taken the time to email in regarding changes that we have made to the way that we are teaching reading at EVS.** It is lovely to hear that children are enjoying reading more and enjoying sharing this love of books with those at home. After a bit of much needing sorting and refurbishment, our main school library is almost ready to open, and we look forward to children being able to appreciate this space again soon. In the meantime, each class has their own 'reading tree', with books that are replenished by their teacher regularly. Demand is very high in some classes for the most popular books!

**Next Friday we break up for half term and children return to school on Tuesday 31st October 2023.**

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White

**Executive Headteacher**

## BBC 500 words competition

The BBC are running their 500 words competition again this year for children aged 5-11. The theme is 'Write a story you would like to read.' There are great prizes including having your story read by a celebrity and lots of books. If your child enjoys writing, this could be the competition for them, particularly with half term just around the corner. The competition opened on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and closes on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. All the detail and how to enter are on the website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

**Happy writing!**



## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3: Asmitha 3JP, Daisy 3EM, Kasmirah 3JT, Bradley 3JR**

**Year 4: Christa 4NB, Haider & Denis 4CM, Saifullah 4PH, Harry 4BM**

**Year 5: Isaac 5AR, Alex 5KH, Levente 5LF, Jake 5LS**

**Year 6: Josh 6RR, Nikoleta 6GB, Harry 6DC, Khy 6AM**

**PE awards: Demi & Rocky 3EM, Phoebe 5LF, Max 3JT, Michaela 6GB**



## Starting Infant or Junior School in September 2024

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? You need to apply now for their school place.  
Was your child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? You need to apply for their Year 3 place now.

**The Citizens Portal opens on 1 September 2023 for parents and carers to apply online for a primary or junior school place. The closing date is 15th January 2024 and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 16 April 2024 (national offer day).** This information only applies if you want to apply for your child to start school for the first time (children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020) or infant school children moving up to junior school in September 2024 (children attending an infant school who were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August, 2017). [Apply online here.](#)



## MEREVALLEY FEDERATION



### OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

28th September 2023  
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School



2nd November 2023:  
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School

### Is your child due to start school in Reception, or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2024?

We are two schools with one shared vision. We welcome parents to visit our schools, meet our Senior Leaders and see our fantastic school sites. We encourage you to visit both schools to see all of our Primary provision.

Our Executive Headteacher will walk with you from Merebrook to Emerson Valley if you would like to visit both schools.

**Please make a call to one of our school offices if you would like to book a space on either day.**

[www.merebrookschool.co.uk](http://www.merebrookschool.co.uk) tel: (01908) 522876

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Apply online from  
1 September 2023 to 31 October 2023

# Moving up to secondary school in September 2024

As your child is now in Year 6 it is time for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024.

You can apply online and find out more information on the council's website at [Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#)

Please read carefully the [Guide for Parents and Carers](#) on our website. To help you understand the likelihood of securing a place at one of your preferred schools, you should make particular note of the 'key facts' section for each school which tells you the cut off point for places offered last year.

Make sure you read the oversubscription criteria for each school that you want to apply for as many schools are oversubscribed each year.

Details of open events for all secondary schools in Milton Keynes are also included in the guide.

Parents and carers can express a preference for four schools.

If you pay your council tax to Milton Keynes Council, apply on our website. If you pay your council tax to another local authority you must apply through that local authority even if you want to apply for a Milton Keynes school.

You must apply by  
**31 October 2023**  
or you will  
have limited choice

To access support with making an application, face to face drop-in sessions are available at Milton Keynes Central Library on the following dates between 10.00am - 2.00pm

- 20 September
- 11 October
- 25 October
- 13 December
- 27 September
- 18 October
- 6 December
- 10 January

Following date will start from 11.30am

- 4 October

Find out more at:

[Starting secondary/upper school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#)

Apply here



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## Merevalley Federation: Autumn Term 2023



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

<b>16th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 6 celebration of work</b> at 3:25pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>17th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 5 celebration of work</b> at 3:25pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>18th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 3 celebration of work</b> at 3:25pm. Parents and Carers invited into school. <b>Year 1 Local area walk</b> (weather permitting)
<b>19th October 2023</b>	<b>Year 4 celebration of work</b> at 2:45pm. Parents and Carers invited into school.
<b>20th October 2023</b>	<b>Last day of this half term.</b>
<b>30th October 2023</b>	<b>INSET day.</b> No children in school.
<b>31st October 2023</b>	<b>Children return to school</b> following half term break
<b>2nd November 2023</b>	<b>Prospective EYFS and Year 3 parents open mornings. Book with school office</b>
<b>3rd November 2023</b>	<b>Individual and sibling school photographs for Emerson Valley children</b>
<b>6th November 2023</b>	<b>Parents consultations 3:30-6:00pm</b>
<b>8th November 2023</b>	<b>Parents consultations 4:00-7:00pm</b>
<b>15th November 2023</b>	<b>Individual and sibling photographs for Merebrook children</b>
<b>16th November 2023</b>	<b>Friends of EVS Disco after school</b>
<b>22nd November 2023</b>	<b>Year 3 Stone Age day</b> (more details to follow)
<b>23rd November 2023</b>	<b>SENCo Coffee morning 9am</b>
<b>7th December 2023</b>	<b>Christmas jumper day</b>
<b>8th December 2023</b>	<b>Visiting Pantomime to school</b> (EYFS, Yr 1, Yr 2 and Yr 3 morning, Yrs 4-6 pm)
<b>13th December 2023</b>	<b>Christmas dinner day</b> <b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Carols on the playground 3:25pm</b>
<b>19th December 2023</b>	<b>EYFS Christmas performance 9:15am</b> <b>Key Stage 1 Christmas carols 2:15pm</b>
<b>21st December 2023</b>	<b>EYFS celebration of work</b> afternoon
<b>22nd December 2023</b>	<b>Last day of the autumn term.</b>

### TERM DATES 2023-2024

<b>Autumn Term</b>	5th September 2023 – 22nd December 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024