



# INFORM


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at EVS! Our Year 6 children have taken part in their **Mock SATS** and have handled the tests brilliantly. This experience is as much about preparing children for the routine of these national tests as identifying any gaps in their learning. **Well done to everyone in Year 6 for your hard work on these tests.**

On Thursday, we celebrated **World Book Day**. Your child should have brought home a £1 book token. This can be used towards the cost of a book, or to buy one of the promotional books for free.

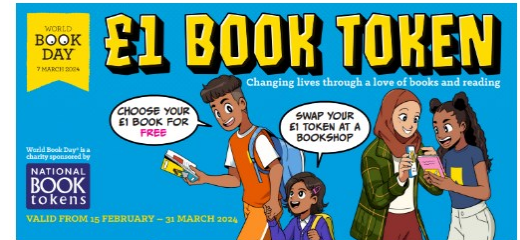
Next week, on Friday we will be supporting **Red Nose Day**. Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including something red if they would like, for a donation of £1 in support of Comic Relief. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure that they are wearing trainers and their clothing is suitable for this lesson.

Our teams are busy **organising trips for children in years 3, 4 and 5**. A lot of planning goes in to organising these trips, and whilst we realise that the cost of transport and entry to places has increased, we do not want to stop doing these trips as they enhance children's learning so much. Our Friends of EVS have kindly donated £500 to each year group towards the cost of the trip, which then brings the cost per child down. For Year 6, the £500 donation will go towards an in school event... more details to come in the coming weeks! Once you receive notification of the trip for your child's year group, please arrange payment as soon as possible. **If we do not receive sufficient contributions, the trips will be unable to go ahead.** If your child is eligible for free school meals, or you would like to discuss a payment plan, please speak to the school office.

Next week we are taking part in **British Science Week** across the Federation. The theme for this week is Time. In class, children will be focusing on this theme for their Science lessons. If your child is particularly interested in Science, you might like to take a look at the website <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/whats-on/>, which includes information about events such as 'The Big Plastic Count' and 'Question Time' that are taking part nationally during this week.

And finally, **please turn to page 2 to see photographs of our wonderful new OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS, funded by our Friends of EVS.** Their fundraising efforts can finally be seen, and children are already starting to enjoy them. A big thank you to Lisa, Mum to Charlie in 6RR, and all of the hardworking Friends who have worked so hard to fundraise for this project. The EVS community are very grateful!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs White  
**Executive Headteacher**



## MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Did you know that the government identifies **children with 90% attendance or less as persistently absent?** We are following the national **Moments matter, Attendance counts** campaign because statistically children that have attendance of less than 90% are less likely to do well academically in their education as they move through school. **Evidence suggests that regular school attendance also facilitates positive peer relationships for children, which has a positive impact on their mental health and wellbeing.**

### GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3: Danny 3JT, Harry 3EM, Asya 3JP, Jenna 3JR**

**Year 4: Emily 4PH, Brianna 4CM, Luke 4NB, Nehemiah 4BM**

**Year 5: Katherine 5AR, Elijah 5LF, Bethel 5LS, Marcus 5KH**

**Year 6: Nicola & Kieran 6RR, Adyaan 6DC, Hazal 6AM, Rebecca 6GB**

**PE awards: Olivia 3JR, Andre 4CM, Samuel 5LS, Camden 4PH, Kome 4PH**

**Music Awards: Mia 4CM, Mille 5AR**



## Outdoor Classrooms!

**Year 3**



**Year 4**



**Year 5**



**Year 6**



### Merevalley Federation: Spring term 2024



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

<b>11th—15th March 2024</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>15th March 2024</b>	<b>Non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief</b>
<b>21st March 2024</b>	<b>Friends of EVS Discos after school</b>
<b>26th March 2024</b>	<b>Parents' consultations 3:30-6:00pm</b>
<b>27th March 2024</b>	<b>Parents' consultations 4:00-7:00pm</b>
<b>28th March 2024</b>	<b>Last day of Spring term</b>
<b>15th April 2024</b>	<b>Children return to school following Easter break</b>

TERM DATES 2023-2024	
<b>Spring Term</b>	8th January 2024 – 28th March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th April 2024– 19th July 2024