



# INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, **we took 36 children to the Young Voices concert at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham.** We couldn't be more proud of the group of children we took to the concert who sung their hearts out amongst 5000 other children. It was an extremely long day with us arriving back at EVS at 11:15pm, however the children were an absolute credit to their families as their behaviour, throughout the rehearsals, performance and coach journey was excellent! Well done to all the children involved and a special thank you to Mrs Bosdet and Mrs Prince for preparing the children for the concert with weekly rehearsals over the past few months! Look at our Facebook page for some snapshots of the day.

We are really looking forward to welcoming **Football Freestyler, Jamie Knight**, to both schools in our Federation next week. He will visit us at Emerson Valley on Wednesday to work with children in Years 5 and 6 and on Thursday to work with children in Years 3 and 4. Children will experience an incredible performance by Jamie and take part in a workshop. The workshop will enable children to learn some new skills and tricks. All children need to **wear their PE kits** on the day of their visit.

After school, Jamie will be selling **signed Freestyle Footballs** that he uses during the workshops at the front of the school outside reception. The JK Skill Ball is a **4.5 sized football** with a unique soft material to aid with ball control and learning the skills. The footballs are **£18** and all footballs are hand signed by Jamie. Both cash and card accepted on the day.

After the February half term break, **the cost of our breakfast club will be increasing to £4.50 per session.** Due to the increase in the costs associated with this club, including the rise in food prices, this increase is necessary. There will be no change to the after school provision.

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

## Attendance MATTERS



We need your help to ensure that your child attends school regularly and on time. There is a direct link between school outcomes and school attendance. **Children that have school attendance of 90% or less are classed as persistently absent according to the national expectations for school attendance.** Your child only needs 1 day off every 2 weeks to fall below 90% attendance. It is part of our daily safeguarding practices to know and understand the reasons for any child's absence, so please expect a call from us if your child is not in school and we have no reason provided for their absence. **Please contact our Learning Mentors if you need any support with your child's attendance.**

## GOLD AWARDS

**Year 3: Luke 3JT, Amara 3JP, Matilda 3JR, Adam 3EM**

**Year 4: Mya & Jadey 4CM, Oscar 4LS, Charley 4GB, Theo 4BM**

**Year 5: Natalie 5AR, Dara 5BF, Rex 5NB, Mariam 5KH**

**Year 6: Lola-Grace 6LF, Rishi 6AM, Shadiya 6DC, Bea 6DT**

**PE : Nana-Yaw 3JT, Elvis 4BM, Dara 5BF, Erin 6DT**

**Music awards: Rose 3JT, Abigail 3JR, Nia 4BM and all Young Voices performers.**





## Merevalley Federation: Spring Term 2025



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

17th January 2025	Rock Steady Concert @ 2p.m. (in place of the cancelled concert in the Autumn term)
20th January 2025	6DC to Bletchley Park <b>5KH &amp; 5NB walking to Tattenhoe Park River</b>
21st January 2025	6AM to Bletchley Park (change of date) <b>Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly &amp; workshops</b> at Merebrook
22nd January 2025	<b>Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly &amp; workshops</b> for years 5&6
23rd January 2025	<b>Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly &amp; workshops</b> for years 3 & 4
27th January 2025	6DT to Bletchley Park (change of date)
28th January 2025	6LF to Bletchley Park
29th January 2025	<b>6AM &amp; 6DT to SBE for Sports Festival in the afternoon</b>
30th January 2025	<b>5AR walking to Tattenhoe Park River</b>
31st January 2024	<b>6LF &amp; 6DC to SBE for Sports Festival in the afternoon</b> <b>5BF walking to Tattenhoe Park River</b>
3rd—7th February 2025	Children’s Mental Health Week
3rd February 2025	<b>Year 1 enrichment day - dress as a space explorer</b> Year 1 celebration of work at 2:40pm
5th February 2025	Reading Parent workshop for Years 3 and 4 at 3:35pm
10th February 2025	EYFS Forest School celebration of work from 1:30pm
11th February 2025	Year 2 celebration of work at 2:40pm
12th February 2025	Reading Parent workshop for Years 5 and 6 at 3:35pm
6th March 2025	World Book Day. More information to follow.
10th March 2025	Year 6 Mock SATS week
21st March 2025	Red Nose day—non-uniform
24th March 2025	Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:00pm EVS Mother’s Day Shop
25th March 2025	Parent consultation meetings 3:30-6:30pm
28th March 2025	Merebrook PE Pirates festival
4th April 2025	Last day of Spring term.
22nd April 2025	Children return to school. Start of the Summer term.