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INFORM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed Leaders from 5 Dimensions Trust to conduct a **Safeguarding Audit of** both Merebrook and Emerson Valley. During the visit, they were able to observe and speak to children and staff and spoke to Parents and Carers at drop off time. We are delighted that the feedback we received at the end of the day recognised the robustness of our safeguarding practices in school and our focus on ensuring that all children feel happy and safe in school. The children that had the opportunity to speak directly with our visitors were open, honest and extremely articulate. We are very proud of everyone. Well done team EVS!

Children have enjoyed taking part in a range of after school clubs this week, including some

new clubs including French, Wellbeing and American Football. Thank you for your patience while we have navigated using our new Arbor system to manage this for the first time.

Miss Roche and Mrs Siddiqui, our Chair of the Local Governing Board, hosted a coffee afternoon on Wednesday focusing on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum in school. Yesterday, you should have received a letter from Miss Roche explaining what was discussed in the meeting and as well as Knowledge Organisers for each year group which show what is being taught.

Please ensure that your child is not arriving for school before 8:40am in the morning unless they are attending breakfast club. Some of our support staff arriving around 8:30am have commented on the number of children that are already waiting at the front of the school at this time. Please help us to keep everybody safe in the busy front car park by timing your drop off so that children can come straight on to site.

Please remember that Monday is the May Day Bank Holiday and schools across the country are therefore closed. We look forward to seeing children in school on Tuesday 6th May.

Have a lovely long weekend! Mrs White

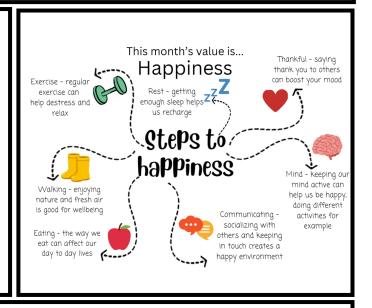
Whole School attendance

With the warmer weather, and hopefully the winter colds behind us, I am pleased to report that our overall school attendance is improving. Thank you to everyone for their support with this. For the last 7 school days, our school attendance has been 96.3% which is above the National Average and significantly better than some weeks in the spring and winter term! Attending school every day, on time, is so important and directly links to how well children succeed in their education. Can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that the gates open at 8:40am every morning and Teachers line children up to bring their class into school at 8:45am.

Whole School Attendance

96.3%

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GOLD AWARDS

Year 3: Liam 3JT, Maya 3JP, Amelia 3JR, Jay 3EM

Year 4: Naina 4CM, Riley 4LS, Rocky 4GB, Charlie & Theo 4BM

Year 5: Savannah 5RR, Bastian 5BF, Theo 5NB, Wiktoria 5KH

Year 6: Darcii-Mai 6LF, Dario 6AM, Attiyah 6DC, Esmarelda 6DT

PE awards: Darlene 3JP, Tay 4BM, Kanushan 5BF, Benjamin 6AM

Music Awards: Ollie 3JP. Rvan 4GB. Harrison 5RR. Eden 6DT





Summer Term 2025



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

5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday. School Closed.
12th—15th May 2025	Year 6 SATS
12th May 2025	Maths workshop for EYFS parents 8:40am-9:30am at Merebrook
12th May 2025	Year 2 celebration of work at 2:40pm
13th May 2025	Year 1 celebration of work at 2:40pm
15th May 2025	EYFS celebration of work at 2:40pm
19th May 2025	Year 6 celebration of work (pm—time to be confirmed)
20th May 2025	Year 5 celebration of work (pm—time to be confirmed)
21st May 2025	Year 4 celebration of work (pm—time to be confirmed)
22nd May 2025	Year 3 celebration of work (pm—time to be confirmed)
21st—23rd May 2025	Year 6 residential
26th-30th May 2025	Half term break.
2nd June 2025	INSET day. School closed to children.
3rd-6th June 2025	Year 4 Multiplication & Times Tables Check
9th-13th June 2025	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
18th June 2025	Parent coffee afternoon 2pm for Year 6 parents (focus on transition & change)
19th June 2025	Year 2 to 3 Transition meeting for parents at EVS 5pm
26th June 2025	Merebrook Sports Day (9:00am EYFS, 10:30am Key Stage 1)
30th June 2025	Transition Day. Children to spend the day in their new classes.
3rd July 2025	Merebrook reserve sports day (only needed if 26th June is cancelled)
4th July 2025	Emerson Valley Sports Day (Years 3/4 9:15am, Years 5/6 1:30pm)
18th July 2025	EVS reserve sports day (only needed if 4th July is cancelled)
	Year 6 BBQ and Sleepover
21st July 2025	Year 6 Prom
	Year 2 awards & leavers assembly morning at Merebrook
22nd July 2025	Year 2 awards & leavers assembly morning at Merebrook Year 6 awards & leavers assembly at Emerson Valley
23rd July 2025	Last day of term
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