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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have **welcomed Miss Liberty Wallbank as a Teaching Assistant** working across the school. She has settled in well, and has primarily been getting to know our Year 3 children. Welcome to the EVS community Miss Wallbank!

Year 6 had the 2nd part of their knife crime workshop this week, following on from last year. This one focused on the laws behind knife crime, including being a bystander, peer pressure and what to do to get out of a situation they didn't feel comfortable in. All the children were really engaged and asked thoughtful questions – we are really proud of them for taking this so seriously.

On the same safeguarding focus, this week the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, Matthew Barber, has asked schools to share a powerful video on child exploitation with Parents and Carers. This video can accessed by clicking here. The video aims to raise awareness of child exploitation, and support Parent and Carers in identifying the signs. Please reach out to our Learning Mentor team if you need any further support with this. Please remember to support our School Council Cake Sale and preloved uniform shop after school on

Wednesday next week. Please send any donations in to school on Wednesday morning. Any homemade goods must have an ingredients list. Please collect as normal and enter the hall via the side doors.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, there has been a slight change to our INSET days. There will be no INSET day on Monday 5th January 2026—this will be a normal school day. Monday 1st June will now be an INSET day instead, so children will return following the May half term on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Please find attached to this newsletter the updated term dates.

Have a good weekend, Mrs White

5 Dimensions Trust Parent and Carer Survey

On Monday you should have received Arbor communication regarding the 5D Parent and Carer survey. Please take the time to complete the survey—your views are important to us and if there's something we do well, or something we can improve, please help us to do this by letting us know. The survey will be open until 20th June 2025. Thank you for your support with this.



Year 6 transition

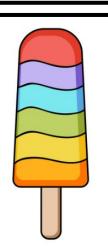
This week our Year 6 children have enjoyed visiting Shenley Brook End School as part of our transition activities. Although not every child is going to this school, it has been a great experience for children to start to think about life in Secondary School. We know that this can be an anxious time for some children (and for parents and carers!) and would therefore like to remind you all about our Coffee afternoon which is taking place next Wednesday, 18th June, at 2pm at EVS. The focus of this session is Transition and Change' and this will be hosted

by Mrs Pearce, our SENCo, and attended by a member of the Mental Health Support Team and the SEND Transition co-ordinator for Shenley Brook End, Maria Barstow-Nazli. This is open to all Parents and Carers - your child does not need to be attending Shenley Brook End School.



Ice cream Friday is back!

Ice-cream Friday is back starting today! Every other Friday, we will be selling ice-creams at the front of the school (just above the steps near the main reception). We will be selling them on the following Fridays: 13th and 27th June and 11th July. The cost of the ice-creams will vary between 50p and £1. Cash **only please.** We would appreciate the exact amount. Any money raised will go towards the Merevalley Shop!



GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 3: Danylo 3JT, Kostya 3JR, Ezekiel 3EM, Aaliyah 3JP

YEAR 4: Kevin 4CM, Danny 4LS, Rakshya 4GB, Anson 4BM

YEAR 5: Mason 5RR, David 5BF, Lucy 5NB, Oliver 5KH

YEAR 6: Phoebe 6LF, Leyla 6AM, Oliver 6DC, Kieran 6DT

PE AWARDS: Luke 3JT, Samu 4LS, Hannah 5NB, Prisha 6LF

MUSIC AWARDS: Clayton 3JT, Daisy A 4CM, Finn 5RR, Tamarakuro 6AM





Summer Term 2025



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

3rd-13th June 2025	Year 4 Multiplication & Times Tables Check
9th-13th June 2025	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
17th June 2025	
17th June 2025	3EM and 3JR to Whipsnade
	Primary Music Festival at the Ridgeway Centre in Wolverton (selected pupils from Y4-6)
18th June 2025	Parent coffee afternoon 2pm for Year 6 parents (focus on transition & change)
	EVS School Council Bake Sale & preloved uniform shop at 3:30pm
19th June 2025	Year 2 to 3 Transition meeting for parents at EVS 5pm
	4GB and 4LS to St Albans
23rd—25th June 2025	Year 6 Bikeability
25th June 2025	3JP and 3JT to Whipsnade
24th and 25th June 2025	Year 5 Mayan Workshops
26th June 2025	Merebrook Sports Day (9:00am EYFS, 10:30am Key Stage 1)
	Year 6 First Aid Workshops
27th June 2025	4CM and 4BM to St Albans
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)
7th July 2025	EYFS to Woburn Safari Park
8th July 2025	Year 1 to Milton Keynes Museum (change of date)
16th July 2025	5RR and 5BF Fire service visit
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 at 9:15am
22nd July 2025	Year 6 awards & leavers assembly at Emerson Valley at 9:30am
23rd July 2025	Last day of term