



EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

Issue 6: Friday 9th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have marked World Mental Health Day, which is tomorrow, by wearing yellow across the school. Please find attached to this newsletter the latest **Mental Health Support Team (MHST) newsletter**, which details of advice and support available for Parents and Carers.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Parents and Carers into school in the evenings to meet our Teachers. **If you have not yet booked your Parent Consultation meeting with your child's Class Teacher, please do this via Arbor before 4:30pm today.**

A little reminder that, if your child is in Year 6, you need to apply for a Secondary School place for them. 59 of our Year 6 EVS families have not yet applied for a Secondary School Place. **Applications must be made by 31st October 2026 and should be made on the Milton Keynes Council website by clicking [here](#).** If you need any support with this, please speak to our office team.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

Help us fundraise by taking part in short survey

As a way of fundraising for our school, we are proud to support a new local and family-run business - White Pineapple Photography Studio in Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes. They offer bespoke Family & Pet Photography Experiences and are looking to conduct some market research with local families. Please can you take a few minutes to answer their survey by clicking [here](#) to follow the link to the survey. **Each family that completes the survey will earn £2 for our school.** You will also have the chance to be selected to have your own Photography Experience at the Studio in Wolverton for FREE. Please ensure you enter your correct contact details so the White Pineapple team can contact you directly, should you wish to take advantage of this. **Any funds raised will be used to buy new books for our classroom book corners.**

Gold Award Winners

Year 3: Aadvika (Snapdragons), Arya (Bluebells), Bernice (Sunflowers), Lok (Cherry Blossoms)

Year 4: Jaden (Penguins), Moladeanu (Flamingos), Catherine (Eagles), Vamika (Swifts)

Year 5: Kai (Axolotls), Nissrine (Orcas), Callum (Turtles), Kristians (Jellyfish)

Year 6: Sofia (Attenborough), Alessia (Darwin), Imogen (Luther King), Violet (Parks)

Music: Aaliyah (Bluebells), Annie (Flamingos), David (Jellyfish), Thea (Darwin)

PE: Ruby (Snapdragons), Reiss (Penguins), Riley (Attenborough), Elvis (Darwin)

Support for Families: Household Support Fund

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that our school can apply for funding through the Milton Keynes Household Support Fund to help families who may be experiencing financial difficulties. **This support is available to families in financial need, including those where one or both parents are in paid employment.** Support could include help with healthy food, school uniform or essential clothing, wraparound care, and extracurricular clubs or activities. If you feel your family may benefit from this support, please contact our Learning Mentors confidentially at learningmentors@evs5d.com to discuss your circumstances and how we may be able to help.

Attendance winners

1st – Bluebells -99.38%

2nd – Cherry Blossom – 98.83%

3rd – Penguins – 98.22%



Year 4 Harvest Festival

WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE MK FOOD BANK

Any items listed below would be greatly appreciated | All donations to be handed in by **Tuesday 20th October**

Items we are collecting:
Tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned pulses, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, long life milk, juice or squash, spreads (e.g. jams), tea, pasta, tinned veg, pasta sauce, dried rice (500g/ 1kg packets), rice pudding, custard, cereal, biscuits, soup & loo roll.

Merebrook **THE FOOD BANK** **Emerson Valley**

OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND CARERS

Is your child due to start school in Reception or are they moving into Year 3 in September 2027?

28th September	19th October	20th November
9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School	1:15pm at Merebrook School and 2:00pm at Emerson Valley School	9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School

Book your space now !
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 tel: (01908) 522876
www.emersonvalley.org.uk tel: (01908) 507914

Community, Pride, Aspire

Emerson Valley **Merebrook** **5 DIMENSIONS TRUST**

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations of...

BOOKS
Good condition KS2 books of all types are welcome!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS
Pre-loved or new, any size and style is great!

HALLOWEEN OUTFITS
Costumes, accessories and spooky outfits of all kinds!

HOMEMADE CRAFTS
Handmade items, art, cards, jewellery, knitted goods and more!

All items will be sold at the EVS Autumn Fair on Wednesday 21st October.

Please give all donations to Mr Caswell in Year 6 or the main office.

HOUSE POINTS to be awarded for all donations!

Enterprise Club **harry's rainbow**

All money raised on the day will be donated to Harry's Rainbow.

NHS Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust **MK MHST**

Mental Health Support Team

Incredible Years Workshops

The Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team (MK MHST) are offering workshops to build awareness and understanding around our Incredible Years Group Intervention. This is designed for parents and carers of children facing mild to moderate challenging behaviours

Scan to book

When & Where?
Monday 19th October 1-2.30pm at **Hummingbirds Family Centre**
Wednesday 21st October 10-11.30am at **Daisychain Family Centre**

- Evidence-informed strategies
- Supporting with challenging behaviours
- Parent/carers of children aged 5-8 years
- Referral process explained

If you are interested in further support, please refer your child to the MHST through their school, GP, or via our online parent self-referral. This NHS service will open a mental health care episode on your child's NHS records. Explicit parental consent will be obtained during the referral process.

Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
9th October 2026	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
14th October 2026	Parent Consultation meetings 3:40-6:30pm
14th & 15th October 2026	Scholastic Book Fair at Merebrook
15th October 2026	Word Guerilla Year 4 workshop Parent Consultation meetings 4:00-6:30pm
19th October 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 1:15pm, Emerson Valley 2:00pm
21st October 2026	Year 4 Harvest Assembly to Parents at 2:30pm Enterprise Club Autumn Fair 3:35pm at EVS
26th to 30th October 2026	Half term break
2nd November 2026	INSET day – school closed to pupils
3rd November 2026	Penguins and Eagles to Bradwell Abbey
5th November 2026	Swifts and Flamingos to Bradwell Abbey
6th November 2026	Individual School photographs at EVS
11th November 2026	Individual School photographs at Merebrook
13th November 2026	Children In Need – non-uniform day
16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
18th November 2026	Year 3 Stone Age Day Year 3 movie night until 5pm
19th November 2026	Year 4 movie night until 5pm
20th November 2026	Prospective Parents' tours: Merebrook 9:30am, Emerson Valley 10:15am
25th November 2026	Year 5 movie night until 5pm Flu vaccinations at Merebrook
26th November 2026	Year 6 movie night until 5pm
30th November 2026	Flu vaccinations at Emerson Valley
1st December 2026	Christmas discos: Year 3/4 4:30-5:30pm and Year 5/6 6:00-7:00pm
3rd December 2026	Year 6 Coding workshop
7th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers with pre-school aged children only
8th December 2026	EYFS Christmas performance 9:00am Year 3 Nativity for Parents of Sunflowers and Cherry Blossoms at 2pm
9th December 2026	Year 1 and 2 Carols in the Playground 2:30pm
10th December 2026	Year 3 Nativity for Parents and Carers of Snapdragons and Bluebells at 2pm Year 5 and 6 Carols in the Playground 3:35pm
11th December 2026	Rock Steady concert for Parents 2pm
15th December 2026	Christmas Shop
16th December 2026	Pantomime for both schools – The Wizard of Oz and Christmas jumper day