



EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

Issue 7: Friday 16th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the school has been alive with lots of cheerful singing as classes across the school have been practicing for our **Sing Off competitions**. Classes have chosen their own song, with the theme of 'Our school values'. **Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 winners: 3rd place – Cherry Blossoms, 2nd place – Penguins and our 1st place winners - Flamingos**. This afternoon, we are all looking forward to the Year 5 and 6 performances.

Following an excellent field of applicants, we are delighted to welcome **Mr Richard Hill to our team as our new Sports Coach**. Mr Hill joins us with many years of experience as a Sports Coach and we are looking forward to welcoming him to our staff team after half term.

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Please see the catalogue your child has bought home this week or click [here](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Last year we were able to buy a set of Graphic Novels suitable for all the different year groups which the children really enjoyed borrowing and reading. Please place your **order online by November 13th, 2026**.

Thank you for your attendance at the **Parent consultation meetings** this week. I hope that you found the meetings informative and that you enjoyed celebrating children's achievements with your child and their new Teacher.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our **Year 4 Parents and Carers into school on Wednesday afternoon for our Harvest performance**. The performance starts at 2:30pm. If you are attending with young children, please sit at the back of the hall so that you are able to leave easily if they are unsettled. Across both of our schools, we are collecting food for the MK Food Bank Harvest appeal. Please send any donations into school by Tuesday next week. These items will then be collected by the MK Food Bank and distributed to those in need.

Somehow, next week is the final week of this half term. This half term has just flown by! **We break up for half term next Friday at 3:25pm. Children return from half term on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Mrs White

Executive Headteacher

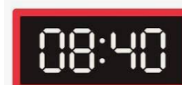
Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have **two Parent Governor vacancies** on our Local Advisory Board. We have one Board that serves both of our schools and are seeking enthusiastic parents to join us as ambassadors for our school community. The role of a governor is to work alongside school leaders to help monitor and continue raising standards of achievement for all pupils. Governors play an important role in supporting the schools to provide a relevant, purposeful, and enriching educational experience, promoting positive academic, personal, and social outcomes for every child. Nominations should be submitted by the end of the school day on **Friday 6th November**. If you would like to find out more about the role or enquire about the application process, please email parents@evs5d.com. We would be delighted to hear from you!



Arrival at school

We have noticed an increasing number of Year 3 children arriving before the school gates open and congregating outside the classrooms. During this unsupervised time, some children have been engaging in unsafe behaviour, including an incident this week where a large stone was kicked towards a classroom window. **To help keep all children safe and ensure a calm start to the school day, please remember that children should either be booked into Breakfast Club or arrive when the school gates open at 8:40am.** Staff are not available to supervise children before this time unless they are attending Breakfast Club. We would appreciate your support in ensuring children do not arrive on site before 8:40am unless they have a Breakfast Club place. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and positive start to each day.



Gold Award Winners

Year 3: Timmy (Snapdragons), Casey (Sunflowers), Eliza (Bluebells), Rachel (Cherry Blossoms)

Year 4: Hannah (Penguins), Whole class (Flamingos), Edward (Swifts), Gianna (Eagles)

Year 5: Ollie (Axolotls), Harvi (Orcas), Max (Turtles), Kayaan (Jellyfish)

Year 6: Alice (Attenborough), Maddie (Darwin), Theo (Luther King), Noah (Parks)

Music: Victoria (Bluebells), Luwaih (Swifts), Liam R (Orcas), Kevin (Luther King)

PE: Nadia (Cherry Blossoms), Jenson (Penguins), Smaranda (Axolotls), Sophia (Darwin)



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.**

Attendance winners

1st – Darwin - 99.62%

2nd – Swifts – 99.6%

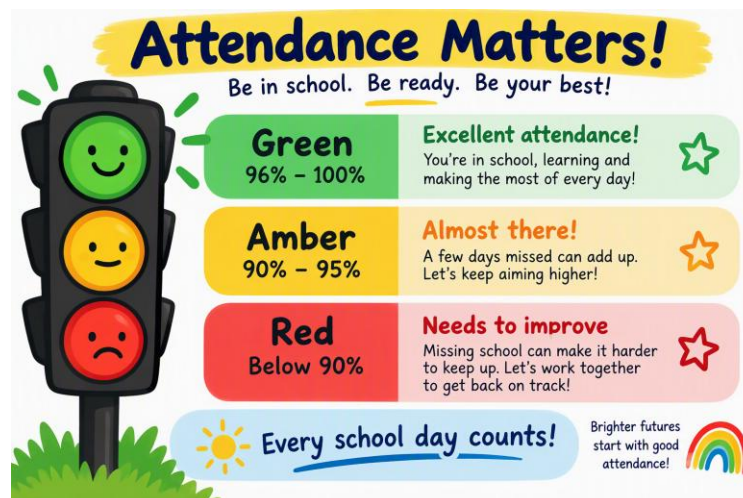
3rd – Cherry Blossom - 98.25%



Attendance Matters!

Every day in school counts. Good attendance helps children build strong friendships, develop confidence, and make the most of every learning opportunity. When children attend school regularly, they are better able to keep up with their learning, take part in school life, and feel a strong sense of belonging within our community.

We work closely with families to promote good attendance and support children to achieve their best. As part of this process, attendance is monitored regularly, and letters may be sent home when a child's attendance falls below 95%. This allows us to work together at an early stage to understand any barriers and provide support where needed. If you would like any support with improving your child's attendance please contact learningmentors@evs5d.com and our pastoral team will be happy to support you with this. **Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are in school, on time, and ready to learn every day.**



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 9:30am at Merebrook School and 10:15am at Emerson Valley School
19th October 1:15pm at Merebrook School and 2:00pm at Emerson Valley School
20th November 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.merebrookschoo.co.uk tel: (01908) 522876
www.emersonvalley.org.uk tel: (01908) 507914

Community, Pride, Aspire



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**



Youth drop in @ Sunshine Family Centre.

Every Thursday @ 3.30-5pm open to ages 10+ /
 Next to Merebrook School, Dulverton Drive, MK4 1EZ.

Pop in and see us @ Sunshine after school!

A place to chill, create, and connect. Enjoy games, crafts, music, snacks, and making new friends! 😊

Contact sunshine.familycentre@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call 01908 508566 for more information or to register interest.

EVS ENTERPRISE CLUB AUTUMN FAIR

Wednesday 21st October 2026
3.30pm - 4.00pm
EVS School Hall

Bookmarks **Badges** **Magnets** **Coasters**

Hot Chocolate Bags **Keyrings** **Halloween Mystery Bags** **Croc Charms**

Water Bottle Stickers **Friendship Bracelets** **Books** **Harry's Rainbow Cups**

Temporary Tattoos **and lots more!** **Animal Rubbers**

All money raised is being donated to **Harry's Rainbow**

Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
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

 BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

 Park legally |  Don't block driveways |  Be respectful

Please remember that local residents need access to their homes and driveways at all times. We kindly ask all parents and carers to park responsibly and treat our neighbours with courtesy during drop-off and collection times.

Thank you for your support.