



EMERSON VALLEY INFORM

Issue 5: Friday 2nd October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our wonderful school community for their donations and purchases at our Macmillan cake sale last Friday after school. **This event raised Macmillan cake sale £159.80.**

To help keep all of our children safe, please park considerably and legally at drop-off and collection times. Avoid blocking driveways, parking on yellow lines or stopping in locations that obstruct visibility for pedestrians and other road users. A small change in where we park can make a big difference to the safety of our school community. We are grateful to the many parents and carers who already model respectful parking. **If you would like to support the school by helping to remind others about safe and considerate parking at the end of the day, please email learningmentors@evs5d.com and we will be in touch.** Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe.

On Tuesday, the **NHS School Nursing team will be in school to administer flu vaccines** to any children signed up for this. To book your child's vaccine, please follow the text message that you should have received from the NHS. If you need any support with this, please speak to our school office.

Our **School Uniform Policy** has recently been updated and can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#). There are no changes to the uniform expectations, however, to help maintain our high standards and ensure consistency across the school, **we kindly ask all parents and carers to check our uniform policy and ensure that their child is in the correct uniform each day.** Thank you for your support in helping us promote a positive sense of pride and belonging within our school community. We have lots of pre-loved uniform in school so please contact us if you need any spare items.

Next Friday, we will be marking **World Mental Health Day** and invite children to come to school wearing something yellow, or even a full yellow outfit, to show their support. Yellow is a symbol of hope and positivity, and we look forward to seeing our school community come together to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing. 🌞💛

Have an enjoyable 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: Matti (Sunflowers), Nila (Bluebells), Lael (Snapdragons), Emma (Cherry Blossom)

Year 4: Ranjyot (Swifts), Noah (Flamingos), Sienna (Eagles), Imogen & Matifadza (Penguins)

Year 5: Tate (Orcas), Hazel (Turtles), Abbie (Axolotls), Emma (Jellyfish)

Year 6: Jamie (Attenborough), Joshua (Darwin), Freddie (Luther King), Ibrahim (Parks)

Music: Amelia (Sunflowers), Reid (Penguins), Ollie (Axolotls), Henry (Luther King)

PE: Killian (Bluebells), Valentina (Swifts), Hazel (Turtles), Kayla (Attenborough)

Pride

We are so proud of **Jenson from Penguins Class** in Year 4 who is taking on a special challenge for the month of October. He is doing **his own Marathon** and is covering the full marathon distance of 26.2 miles throughout the month of October. He'll be completing the miles through a mixture of walking & running. He is doing this to raise money for **Crohn's & Colitis UK**, a charity that is particularly close to his family.

He started his marathon miles yesterday and Miss Roche actually saw him walking past the school before 7am yesterday morning. The whole of EVS are behind him and are so proud of him. In the last week of this half-term, he will complete some of his miles during PE lessons and lunch time with some of his classmates joining him and cheering him on.

If you would like to contribute to this amazing young man's fundraiser, please check out our Facebook page for the GoFundMe link!

Attendance winners

1st – Bluebells and Cherry Blossom 100%

2nd – Luther Kind 99.3%

3rd – Sunflowers 98.5%



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.merebrookschoo.co.uk tel: (01908) 522876
www.emersonvalley.org.uk tel: (01908) 507914

Community, Pride, Aspire

Emerson Valley Merebrook Emerson Valley 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!

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

Emerson Valley Harry's Rainbow

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

Key Dates 2026-2027 New dates in red	
6th October 2026	Flu vaccines at EVS Year 2 enrichment day: Brave nurses to the rescue!
7th October 2026	Year 1 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 2:45pm Year 5/6 Reading and Phonics workshop for Parents 3:35pm
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
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