



Term 2 – 19^h December 2025

Mersham Primary School

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We have made it to the end of a very long term and I know everyone is ready for a well deserved break! The children have enjoyed their class parties and the pantomime this week as well as Christmas Dinner today. A huge thank you to the PTFA who supplied crackers for that extra festive feel over lunchtime! Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2026!

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Miss Munday raising money for SANDS

Every day in January, Miss Munday will be running 2k to raise money for Sands. Sands is a charity that ensures anyone affected by the loss of a baby receives support, care, and understanding. They also campaign for change, provide vital training, and fund research. If you'd like to donate, the link to Miss Munday's donation page is below. Thank you for your support,
Miss East

<https://fundraising.sands.org.uk/fundraisers/amberchesson>

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

5 th February	Robin Class
12 th February	Duckling Class
12 th March	Toucan Class
19 th March	Kingfisher Class
26 th March	Parrot Class
2 nd April	Falcon Class

Upcoming Events

5 th Jan	Start of Term 3
7 th Jan	Walk in Wednesday
4 th Feb	Walk in Wednesday
13 th Feb	End of Term 3
27 th Feb	Interim reports out
5 th March	World Book Day
31 st March	Easter Service at the Church

Dance Club at Mersham


Get Their Feet Moving & Grooving!

Calling all **KS2 movers and shakers!** Our *After-School Street Dance Club* is the perfect way for your child to have fun, build confidence, and burn off some energy after class. From learning cool dance routines to mastering their Groove on the dance floor, this club has it all!


 **Starting:** Wednesday, 7th January 2026


 **Time:** 3:15 - 4:00 PM (right after school!)


 **Location:** Mersham Primary School


 **Who:** Years 3-6 only (KS2)

Monthly Payment Info:

 **Fee:** £30 per month

 **Payment:** Direct debit via our online admin system (set up upon registration).

 **Schedule:** Payments are spread evenly over 12 months for smaller, manageable amounts.

 **Cancellation:** One-month notice required.

 **Sibling Discounts Available! (t&c's apply)**

Your child will develop confidence, coordination, teamwork and resilience in a fun, positive environment led by Ellie Director of New Groove Creative.

Spots are limited—secure your child's place today!

Ready to join the fun?

 [\[Sign Up Here\]](#)

Emotional Wellbeing Teams Workshops – terms 3 and 4

Please find attached flyers with details of online workshops being run by the Emotional Wellbeing Teams in terms 3 and 4.

Supermarket Vouchers for the Christmas Holidays

For all those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, (this does not include pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 who are all eligible for Universal Free School Meals) food vouchers to the value of £60 will be sent by email on the last day of term to cover the Christmas holidays.

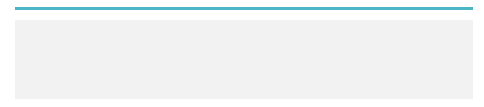
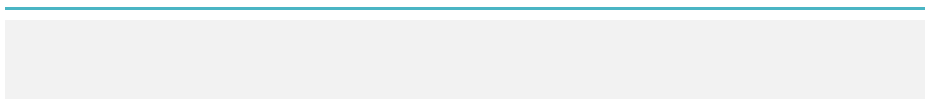
For future reference however, please note that The Household Support Fund which is responsible for the supermarket vouchers for school holidays will cease to exist from March 2026. It will be replaced by a new initiative, the Crisis Resilience Fund, aimed at providing targeted assistance for those most in need. At present, it remains unclear whether the new fund will include financial support for families eligible for free school meals during school holidays. Further details are expected in due course

PTFA News

Class Wishlists

Amazon Wishlists for each class are now live! So far, an amazing 46 items have been purchased by families, friends and villagers. Thank you so much, this is an incredible way to support our school.

The wishlists will continue to run and will be added to throughout the coming terms.



Uniform

It's that time of year where we all need a little uniform top up! All of our quality pre-loved stock can be found in our Sumup store, at just £2 for a jumper or cardigan, so grab a bargain <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/products>

If you have any good condition, pre-loved uniform that you'd like to donate, please drop these into the school office. We are particularly short of school fleeces, and would gladly receive any that your child may have grown out of.

Merry Christmas!

Finally, we'd like to wish you a restful break and here's to 2026!

The PTFA

Winter Weather Guidance from Kent County Council

Severe Snow/Ice Plan for Parents and Families

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected, and it can be challenging to maintain an education service.

As a fundamental principle, every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Given those circumstances, it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be on-site.

We recognise that it is important for our school to remain open, so parents can continue to work and pupils can continue to learn. **Mersham Primary School** will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways, clearing access points, etc

How will we let you know if the school is closed?

If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, Mrs Chalkley may have to make the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made, we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website, which can be accessed here: <https://www.kentclosures.co.uk>

To receive alerts, it is necessary for parents to register and sign up for email and/or Android smartphone notifications on the Kent Closures website. This service will send an email alert to let parents know if **Mersham Primary School** is closed. It is free to use.

Local radio will sometimes provide information on school closures.

What can you do to help?

Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.

Please approach the school with caution – it can be really icy on the road in front of the school and through the village/country lanes.

Check with the school to see whether you need to provide a packed lunch from home in case school meals cannot be provided.

Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies, etc. or even a change of clothing.

If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if the weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping **Mersham Primary School** remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

