

Term 5 – 1st May 2026

Mersham Primary School

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With the weather getting warmer, please can I remind all parents to ensure that their child(ren) are equipped for the weather and have in school a water bottle, hat and sun cream. The children enjoy being on the field at breaktimes/lunchtimes but there is limited shade so they can easily catch the sun. Ideally, the sun cream should be applied before they come to school (the version that only has to be applied once is perfect) or alternatively they need to be able to apply the sun cream themselves, as staff members are not allowed to apply it for them in the way a parent might.

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

4 th May	Bank Holiday
11 th May	SATS week
18 th May	Residential meeting – Yr 6 parents only
22 nd May	End of Term 5
1 st June	Staff Training Day
2 nd June	Start of Term 6
11 th June	Parents Meeting for new Yr R pupils
12 th June	MershamFest
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15 th June	Year 6 Residential
26 th June	Sports Day 9:15-11:15 Years R, 1, 2 and 3 1:15-3:15 Years 4, 5 and 6
13 th July	Annual reports to Parents
17 th July	End of Term 6
20 th July	Staff Training Day
21 st July	Staff Training Day

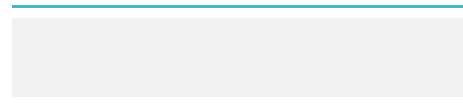
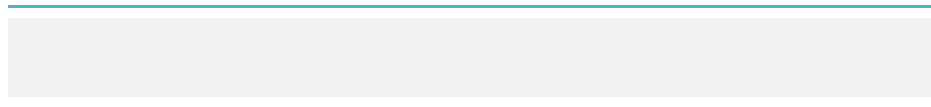
Sporting News – Basketball Festival



A keen group of year 6 children represented Mersham at the Ashford Basketball Festival on Thursday after school. The children had a fantastic time and represented school brilliantly. They showed excellent skill and fantastic teamwork which meant that they won 4 out of the 8 games that they played. It really was a pleasure to accompany the Mersham basketball team to this event. Mrs Maher

Art Competition – please see attached flyer for more information

We are delighted to invite your students to take part in our brand-new Kent Art Competition at this year's Kent County Show!



NEW to Kent County Show in 2026, the Kent Art Competition is for children aged 4 – 11 and all entries will be featured in our brand-new Kent Art Quarter in the John Hendry Pavilion alongside works by local Kent-based artists.

Kindly Sponsored by Trail Blazers, the Kent Art Competition challenges young people to create a piece of art inspired by farming, farm animals or the countryside.

Each entrant will receive 1 free child's ticket and 1 free adult ticket for the entrant and a parent/guardian to attend the Kent County Show and see their work of art on display!

Artwork submitted should be on an a4 sheet of paper and can be in any medium including paint, paper, collage etc.

All entries should be mailed to:

Emma Stewart
Kent Art Competition,
Kent Showground,
Detling,
Kent,
ME14 3JF

Ashford Family Hubs

Please find attached a flyer with information about online courses available from Ashford Family Hubs.

Badminton Club – Mersham Village Hall

Please see attached flyer with information about a Badminton Club that runs at Mersham Village Hall for children aged 8+

Message from Kent Lions FC, an inclusive football club

We are currently looking for new players aged 7+ to join our teams. We offer equal training and game time for all abilities in a safe and supportive environment. Training takes place every Friday at Pitchside, Ashford. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Summer Holiday Theatre Camp

Camps take place 09:00 - 16:00 and are designed to improve children's confidence & public speaking skills with an end-of-week performance for parents with costumes, scenery and full tech. You can find out more about our upcoming event in Ashford on the attached flyer and on our website here: <https://www.britishtheatreschool.com> .

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

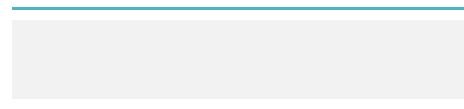
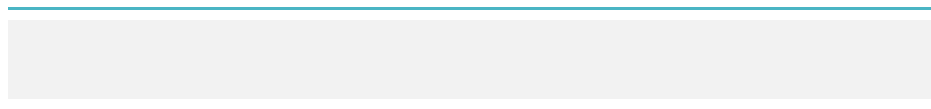
Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

21 st May	Robin Class
11 th June	Toucan Class
18 th June	Parrot Class
9 th July	Kingfisher Class
16 th July	Duckling Class
17 th July 2pm	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1



Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Staff Development Days – Tuesday 1st September and Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days – Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July

PTFA News

A Huge Thank You!

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to your generous donations over a number of fundraising events, the PTFA has been able to fund a brand-new outdoor storage shed (see attached photo) which we are sure you have already spotted! This fantastic addition to the playground will keep outdoor toys and equipment safe, dry, and organized for years to come.

Enhancing Outdoor Play (See attached flyer)

To make the most of this new space, we've also launched a new Amazon Wishlist specifically for outdoor play equipment! If you would like to help us stock the shed with engaging new toys, equipment and new items, you can find the link below and on the attached flyer. The QR code will also be on the PTFA notice board and banner from Monday so you have the opportunity to buy while you wait! Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a world of difference to the children's daily play.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V4XV9KI3BI30/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

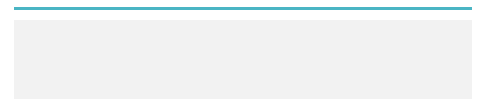
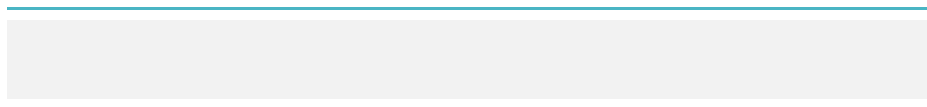
Garage Safari (See attached flyer)

If you live in Mersham or Aldington, get ready for the Garage Safari on **Sunday 10th May, 10am-12pm**. This is the perfect chance to clear out your cupboards! There is still time to host a stall on your driveway - you can register via our PTA Events page (<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/mershampfta/>) or via the QR code on the attached flyer.

If you don't live in the villages, then why not pop down for a bit of bargain hunting – everyone is welcome! The map will be published on Facebook on the day.

Get Involved

The PTFA thrives on your energy and ideas! Whether you have a suggestion for a new project or would like to volunteer your time (even just an hour!), we would love to hear from you. Please contact us via email (hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk), send us a message on one of our social media sites, or catch a member of the PTFA in the playground.



Calling All Local Businesses

We are currently gathering prizes for our upcoming summer raffle. If you run a local business—or know someone who does—and would be willing to donate a prize or voucher, please let us know. It's a wonderful way to support the school while showcasing your business to our community – we will happily share your businesses on our socials, and in the wider community, as part of the raffle promotion. Please email Kelly.bishop@mershamschoolpta.co.uk if you can help.

