

Term 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# Mersham Primary School

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This week, we had an amazing visit from the Bomb Disposal Team. They spoke to all the children about their work to keep us all safe. I certainly had not realised that a significant part of their work is connected to unexploded devices that have resurfaced from the World Wars – they deal with thousands every year! They explained to the children what they do to make the devices safe but also gave an important message to all children about what they should do if they should ever come across a suspected device. In addition, Year 6 got an opportunity to have a go at manoeuvring the robot that the team use, which they thoroughly enjoyed! As a result of the visit, 11EOD&S Regiment have also said that we can name their robot (please see details below). What an opportunity!



A huge thank you to Mrs Fell for organising this – it really has been something special for everyone in school!

Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

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

## Sporting News

### Ashford and District Primary School Sports Association Girls Football

On Friday 1st May, Mersham girls football team headed to Kennington for the small schools tournament. The weather was almost as amazing as our girls performances! The group stage went well for us as we kept a clean sheet with Octavia our goalie left to watch the action down field as we took on Willesborough B, Aldington, Goat Lees and Rolvenden! Olivia, Nancy and Darcey all hit the back of the net, supported brilliantly by Holly, Charlotte, Bailey and Annie!

We finished second in the group behind Rolvenden and took on Aldington in the semis. We took it to them and demolished their defence emerging victorious 2- nil! Onto the final against group winners Rolvenden who proved too strong for us in the end and despite a valiant effort, it was not to be this time.

The team all got runner-up medals and Darcey got Player of the Tournament as she is just awesome! Mr Fraser, Miss Read and all the parents who came to watch could not have been prouder of our girls. They were all outstanding! Octavia, Darcey, Charlotte, Bailey, Nancy, Holly, Annie & Olivia - what a team! Miss Read

### Football Cup Match vs Tenterden

On Wednesday, our footballers played a Cup match against Tenterden. We didn't get off to the best start and found ourselves 3-0 down with just 10 minutes to go. However, never a team to be written off, we managed to get it back to 3-3 before the final whistle with goals from James, Dylan and Daniel. Then came the penalty shoot out....which we won 2-0! We go into our quarter final match against Kennington full of confidence, determination and team spirit. Congratulations to Darcey who once again was named Player of the Match.

### Competition Time...Name the Bomb Disposal Robot

After the success of our visit from Bomb Disposal (11 EOD&S Regiment) on Tuesday, the children have now been given the privilege of being able to name the bomb disposal robot! This name will take pride of place at all future deployments. If your child wishes to enter the competition to name the robot, then please pass their suggestions onto their class teacher (this should be on a piece of paper with their robot name suggestion and the child's name and class). Entries to be handed in before the last day of Term 5 please.

### Message from Norton Knatchbull for Year 5 parents (please see attached flyer)

We would like to invite your current Year 5 male students and their parents/carers to a series of Open Mornings at our school on the following dates from 09:15-10:30am, this will enable them to see the school in action. The morning will begin with a talk in the School Hall at 09:15am followed by a tour providing an opportunity to see staff and students engaged in lessons.

- Thursday, 11th June and Tuesday, 16th June

We would also like to invite them to our Open Evening on Thursday, 11th June from 18:00.

### Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

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

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

### **Affordable Bike Sale – please see attached flyer**

Our next Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sale is this Saturday (9th May) at Goldwyn School (TN23 3BT), 10-1.

Why buy a bike from us?

- Our bike sales are 'not for profit' - all revenue goes back into providing this service for the community
- This weekend 5 volunteers will help to make this happen
- All our bikes are fully serviced, cleaned and ready to ride
- Families can save hundreds of pounds over buying new (\* our bikes are sold for around 1/3 retail price)

### **Total Sports Coaching – Rugby camp in Ashford.**

Bookings are now **OPEN** for our **May Half Term Camps** at Total Sports Coaching!

We have a fantastic range of activities planned to keep children active, engaged, and having fun with friends throughout the school holidays. From sports and games to skill-based activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We're also excited to announce that bookings are now available through **ClassHoppa**. Simply click the booking link and you'll be taken directly to our booking page - making the process quicker, easier, and improving your overall booking experience.

**Spaces are limited**, so we recommend booking early to secure your child's place.

We look forward to welcoming you this May Half Term!

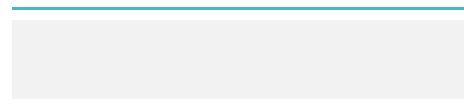
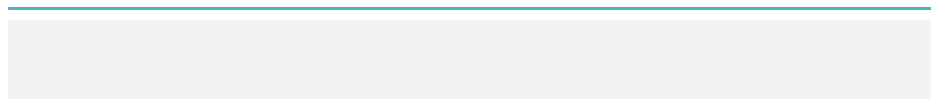
[\*\*Book your place now\*\*](#)

### **May Half Term Art Workshops**

Booking is now OPEN for Cygnets Art School Folkestone's May holiday workshops, running on Tuesday 26th May and Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Our workshops offer longer, in-depth projects for children in a welcoming, nurturing environment, offering a brilliant opportunity for children to develop their fine art knowledge, skills, confidence and creativity with professional guidance.

We run two holiday workshop per day, so you can choose to attend one, several or all sessions.



Here's what you need to know:

📍 Venue: Sandgate Primary School

🕒 Time: Morning workshop 10:30am-12pm and afternoon workshop 12:30-2pm

👤 Ages: Suitable for children aged 5-12

🍽️ What's included: All materials are provided! If children are attending the full day, they will need to bring a packed lunch.

Follow this link to reserve your child's space today:



<https://bookings.cygnetartschool.com/public/workshops/547/2156>

### **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**

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our recent initiatives. Here is the latest news and a few friendly reminders for the week ahead.

### **Final Countdown to the Garage Safari!**

The wait is almost over! The Mersham & Aldington Garage Safari is happening this Sunday, 10th May, from 10am – 12pm.

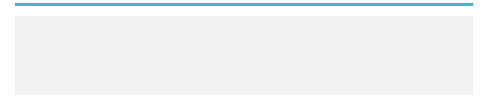
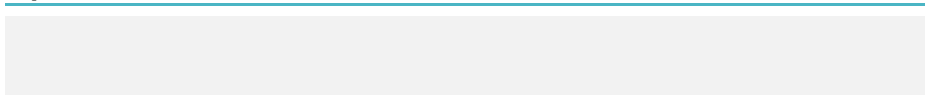
Last Call for Sellers: If you've been meaning to clear out your cupboards, it's not too late to register!

Sign up via our PTA Events Page or use the QR code on the flyer.

Bargain Hunters: If you aren't hosting, come along for a stroll and a scavenge—everyone is welcome!

The Map: We will publish the digital map on our Facebook page and socials on Sunday morning so you can plan your route.

### **Play Patrol Amazon Wishlist - Thank You!**



A huge thank you to those who have already purchased items from our Play Patrol Amazon Wishlist. The children are going to be thrilled with the new equipment and items. Every contribution, no matter how small, directly improves the children's daily play experience. If you'd like to donate, you can find the QR code on the attached flyer, the PTFA notice board, and the banner by the gate. Feel free to scan and shop while you wait at pickup!

### **Calling All Local Businesses**

Our Summer Raffle preparations are in full swing, and we are looking for more exciting prizes. Do you run a local business or have a contact who does? Donating a prize or voucher is a fantastic way to support the school. In return, we will feature your business across our social media platforms and in our community-wide raffle promotions.

If you can help, please contact [Kelly.bishop@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:Kelly.bishop@mershamschoolpta.co.uk) .

### **Get Involved**

The PTFA thrives on your energy! Whether you have a fresh idea for a project or can spare just one hour of your time to volunteer, we'd love to have you on board. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve refreshments at Sports day on 26th June – if you can spare an hour to help at some point during the day, please email us on [hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk) , DM us on Facebook or Instagram or catch one of us in the playground at drop off or pick up.

Our next Committee meeting is being held virtually on the evening of Thursday 21st May – see our Facebook page for details – everyone is welcome to attend!

