
Term 4 – 14th March 2025

Mersham Primary School

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It has been another busy week with the focus being on Science this week! I know the children have been involved in some amazing scientific activities this week and have really enjoyed their investigative learning – a huge thank you to the staff for all their efforts in putting this together and particularly Miss Munday who has led the planning and organisation.

You will have probably noticed the new banners at the front of the school reminding parents to park responsibly. Your child should have also brought a leaflet home on Monday – I really hope that those parents who still pull in outside the school to drop off/pick up at the school gate, do take notice of the signs to avoid a serious accident happening.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

21 st March	Spring Disco Yr R-3 3:15 - 4:15pm Yr4-6 4:30 – 5:45pm
2 nd April	Walk In Wednesday
4 th April	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am
4 th April	End of Term 4
22 nd April	Start of Term 5
5 th May	Bank Holiday
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12 th May	Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	End of Term 5
2 nd June	Staff Training Day
3 rd June	Start of Term 6

Sporting News – Football

A huge well done to the football team who won the match at home this week against Victoria Road Primary School, 2 goals to 1. Once again, the team showed excellent teamwork as well as fabulous sporting behaviours – well done all those in Years 5 and 6 who took part.

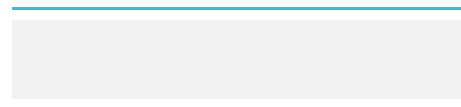
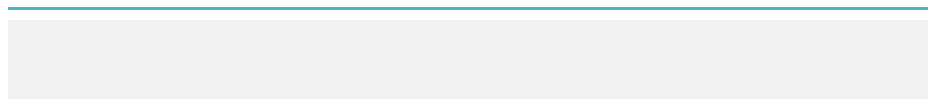
Please can I remind all parents that any pupils who wish to spectate at matches are welcome to come along but they must be accompanied by an adult, as we do not have the staff available to supervise them.

Science Week

What a wonderful Science Week the children have had! They fully immersed themselves into the theme for this year - Change and Adapt.

Children took part in various activities with year-group pairs, which included:

- Going for a 'spring walk' and looking at seasonal **changes**.
- Exploring **adaptations** and **changing** themselves into different animals (yoga poses).
- Investigating what we can and can't flush down the toilet and creating posters to attempt to **change** other people's behaviour.



- Examining how animals are **adapted** to their habitats... Did you know that the horned lizard shoots blood out of its eyes to ward off predators - how cool!?
- Dissolving sugar and **changing** the type of sugar to investigate whether this had an impact on the rate at which it dissolved.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities that they participated in - it was lovely to see them engage well with their Science learning. Miss Munday



Supermarket vouchers for pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

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 £20 will be sent by email on the last day of term to cover the Easter holidays.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Vouchers have been issued directly to eligible families i.e. for children entitled to free school meals this week, via email, for the Easter Holidays. Further information can be found here:

Parents HAF Programme Page:

<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-kent-haf/welcome-information-for-families/>

How to use your EVouchers guide:

<https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/sections/12061341995153-Parent>

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

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

Dates are as follows:

27th March

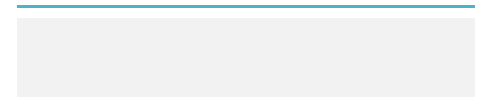
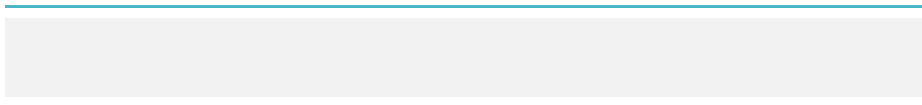
Toucan Class

Term Dates 2025/26

Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

Term 1

Tuesday 2nd September – Thursday 16th October



Staff Development Days - Monday 1st September and Friday 17th October

Term 2

Monday 27th October – Friday 19th December

Term 3

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Term 6

Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

Staff Development Days – Monday 1st June, Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July

Folkestone Chess Club

Folkestone Junior Chess Club is the only dedicated junior chess club in the region. We now have 50+ members. If you are child is interested in joining, please see links below for more information.

folkestonejuniorchessclub@gmail.com

<https://folkestonejnrchess.wixsite.com/juniors>

Easter school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds!

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kids football camp in Ashford during the forthcoming Easter break, taking place at The North School from **Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th April**, for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is **just £13 per day** and all children receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation, and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit www.premierfootballschool.co.uk or call 07821 573837.

Easter Break Football Camp – see attached flyer

Ashford United Football Club In Partnership With Barry Fuller Football Academy

The Greenbox Stadium, TN26 1NJ

For ages 4 to 14 years

Week 1:

Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th April

Week 2:

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th April

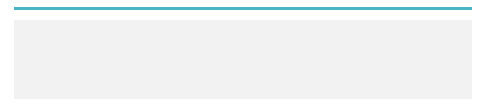
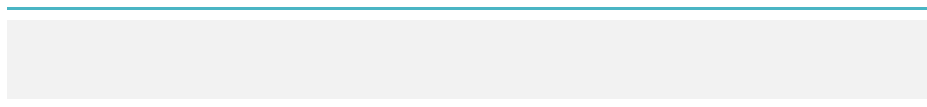
Pricing:

£20 per day

All 3 days – £50

All 6 days – £90

9AM early drop-off available – £2.50



Book now: <https://form.jotform.com/243362463840355>

Don't miss out on top-quality coaching, fun games, and skill development!

Mersham Brownies

Please see attached flyer for more information about joining Mersham Brownies. Elaine Gore can also be contacted on 07849 633134

Five Rivers Child Care – Looking for Foster Carers

There is a national shortage of foster carers with a need for 6,500 carers needing to be recruited nationally, to ensure children have a safe, loving home. If this is something you are interested in finding out more about, please see the attached flyer.

PTFA Updates

PTFA meeting - 21st March

Our next PTFA meeting is Thursday 20th March 2025 at the Farriers Arms 15:30-16:30.

At these termly meetings, we discuss upcoming events and activities, ways we can support the school and plan how we will spend our hard earned funds.

We truly welcome everyone - no past PTFA experience is necessary and everyone's views are welcomed and valued. Please join us!

Minecraft movie - exclusive cinema screening 6th April 2025

Family and friends are welcome so please book and continue to spread the word! Tickets can be booked via our online shop <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com> and you can preorder one of our Minecraft sweet cones there too.

Spring disco 21st March 2025

Please don't forget to book tickets for the disco. It's really helpful for planning if we can see attendee numbers earlier.

Pre-buying a ticket for your child is essential if they want to attend. Tickets are available to buy via our online shop <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com>

These events cannot run without volunteers - if you're able to help at either disco please get in touch via WhatsApp, via Facebook or by emailing hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk

