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Term 4 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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# Mersham Primary School

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**A huge thank you to the PTFA committee for organising another wonderful school disco – the children have all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.**

**Thank you also to all the additional parents who came along to help in various ways – your support is invaluable in creating such a memorable experience for all the children who attended. Thank you also to staff members who popped in to join in with a dance or two!**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

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## Sporting News

### Hockey Festival

On Tuesday, 8 Year 6 pupils took part in a mini hockey festival held at Ashford Prep School. They participated with remarkable determination, exhibiting excellent teamwork and a competitive spirit in every game. Over the course of the festival, they played a total of eight matches, successfully winning two, losing two (to teams that compete in league hockey), and drawing two others. They consistently encouraged one another, effectively organising themselves to ensure every player performed to the best of their ability. Mrs Lawrence and I were immensely proud of their effort and sportsmanship throughout the morning.  
Mrs Cox

### Football

A huge well done to the football team who played away this week at Hamstreet Primary School. I am pleased to report that they had another 3:0 win to Mersham! Once again, the team showed excellent teamwork as well as fabulous sporting behaviours – well done all those who took part. Next week, the team will be defending their title in the Ashford and District Primary School competition – wishing the team well at Willesborough school on Friday!

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.

### Dance Workshop

Today (Friday 21st), 10 children from year 5 and 6 were given a fantastic opportunity to attend a Dance workshop at Ashford School, alongside 5 other primary schools. Our group were mixed with Kennington and we were taught a style of dance called 'Locking' with a fantastic professional dancer called Francesca. Locking is part of the Hip Hop/Funk style. It is very quick and was quite

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## Upcoming Events

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

difficult to learn at times, however the children were amazing and soaked up the experience; I was extremely proud of our dancers. I am now lucky enough to have the nerve-wracking job of continuing the choreography with them so that we can go back to Ashford School to participate in a dance festival where we will be showcasing our talents to the parents (6th June). Mrs Harris

### **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:

27<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Term 2**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Term 3**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Staff Development Days – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **PTFA Updates**

#### **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-ptfa-1.sumupstore.com> and you can preorder one of our Minecraft sweet cones there too.

