
Term 4 – 7th March 2025

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It's been a busy week this week! Thank you to all of you for your attendance at Parent's evenings – I hope that the conversations you had with class teachers were useful. Please don't forget, if you feel you would like to discuss anything in more detail that you can always make an appointment, at a mutually convenient time to speak to your child's class teacher at any point in the year. Please just ask.

We have also had a wonderful book week which culminated today with a visit from Phil Henry (who used to lead forest school for groups of our children) who shared his book, Big Blue Blob. He was also able to share the plots and book cover designs for the next books that he hopes will be published soon – one of his next ideas is even set in Mersham forest school! A particular thank you must go to all the staff for their hard work planning activities this week and especially to Mrs Sly who has led all the preparations.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

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| 21 st March | Spring Disco Yr R-3 3:15 - 4:15pm Yr4-6 4:30 – 5:45pm |
| 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 |

Book Week

This week we have been celebrating Book Week. Classes have enjoyed sharing books across classes and showing off their reading skills! Teachers had the pleasure of visiting a different class to read their favourite book, Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed 'Dogger' read by Mrs Sly. We were so impressed with all the effort put into your costumes this year and a big thank you to parents and carers who supported this. On World Book Day, all classes took part in a carousel of activities based on a story. These consisted of drama and role play, dancing, performance poetry and even some rhythm rapping!

Mrs Sly

Science Week next week - Request from Miss Munday:

As part of a Science Week activity, we need empty 2L plastic bottles. If you have any at home in the recycling that you could bring in, preferably on Monday, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Vouchers will be issued directly to eligible families i.e. for children entitled to free school meals on 12th March, 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>

Update on the Roadworks along the Kennington Road

Please find attached an update from SGN regarding the roadworks on the Kennington Road (A2070)

Easter Market – Muddy Wellies on 29th March

Please see attached flyer regarding an Easter market on Saturday 29th March

Wide Eyes Falconry Quiz Night – Friday 14th March

Please find attached details of a quiz night being organised by Wide Eyes Falconry on Friday 14th March

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

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

Dates are as follows:

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| 13 th March | Kingfisher Class |
| 27 th 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

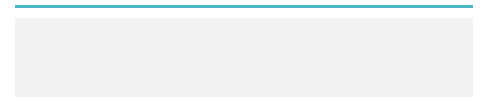
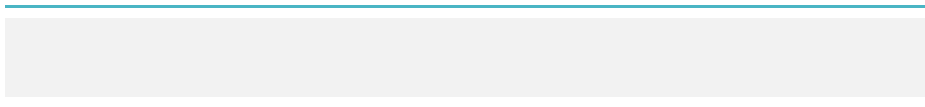
Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

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

PTFA Updates

Minecraft movie - exclusive cinema screening 6th April 2025

We're excited to have secured the Silver Screen cinema in Folkestone for another PTFA exclusive film screening. "A Minecraft Movie" releases early April 2025 and we have the whole cinema to ourselves on Sunday 6th April at 10am for an exclusive screening for our school community.



Family and friends are welcome so 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

Potential walking bus to school

The PTFA have been looking in to the possibility of a walking bus to school in the morning. This week we walked our potential route to school with KCC to get their approval.

Our next steps will be to find out whether we can rally up enough volunteers to make it happen. More information is available here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/set-up-a-walking-bus> . If you think you might be able to "get on board" with helping us set this up please email hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk

