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Term 5 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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# Mersham Primary School

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**Welcome back to Term 5 – I hope you were all able to have a lovely Easter break.**

**With the weather looking to be much warmer this week, please can I remind all parents to ensure that their children have a hat and a water bottle in school as well as sun cream applied, to provide protection from the sun. Preferably, please apply the all day sun cream prior to your child coming into school rather than have children bring in sun cream to apply themselves – there is always a tendency for children to forget and staff are not able to apply sun cream for them.**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

## Upcoming Events

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Day
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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
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mersham Fest and Summer Fair
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6
21/22 July	Staff Training Days

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## Obituary – Vic Elderton

The Mersham School Community was very sad to learn of the sudden passing of Vic Elderton just before the Easter holidays. For any parents who may have had a long association with the school, Vic was a key member of the PTFA committee when she was a parent at the school a few years ago. She was instrumental in organising all the key events that occurred at that time including Cream Teas, Summer Fair, Easter Egg bingo and school discos and the school will be forever grateful for the fundraising and hard work that she did at that time. As a resident of Mersham, Vic was always passionate about what she could do for the local community. Vic was also the deputy headteacher and Senco at Aldington Primary School, one of the other schools in the CARE Foundation Trust to which Mersham Primary School belongs. She worked closely with members of our school staff as part of the regular collaboration work that we undertake as a Trust. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Vic's husband, family and friends at this time and especially with her two children, who were pupils at Mersham Primary School.

## Message from SGN about ongoing Roadworks

Please see latest update about our ongoing work to upgrade the gas network in Willesborough. <https://www.sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/ashford-willesborough-a2070-kennington-road>

## Ashford Family Hubs

Please see attached Ashford Family Hubs new timetable for April-July 2025 for anyone who is interested.

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## **Emotional Wellbeing Teams – Understanding ADHD Workshop**

Please find attached details of a workshop being run by the Emotional Wellbeing Teams about understanding ADHD

## **All Stars Cricket Coaching**

Please find attached details of Cricket coaching programmes across Ashford.

## **BioBlitz with The University of Kent**

BioBlitz is an interactive, participatory, one-day event bringing together families, school groups, and local community members to engage in nature-based learning with University of Kent students, scientists, and local wildlife experts, including Kent Wildlife Trust, RSPB Canterbury, and Kent Moth Group. There is also a Nature Detectives trail designed to allow young children (and their parents or guardians) to explore the wildlife on campus through enjoyable mini challenges all around campus.

Please see attached poster with more information and details of how to sign up.

## **Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6**

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

Dates are as follows:

22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Robin Class
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Parrot Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Toucan Class
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingfisher Class
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Duckling Class
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly (2pm)

## **Term Dates 2025/26**

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

### **Term 1**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Development Days - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

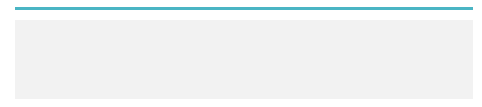
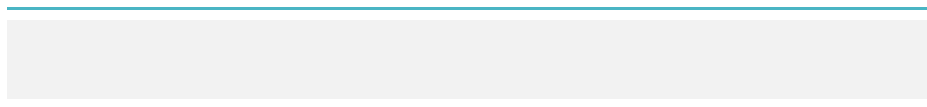
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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

### **Sanderson Sponsorship Estate Agent Boards - please sign up today!**

Parents, carers, family, friends and neighbours are all invited to display an estate agent board outside their homes to advertise our Summer Fair on 13th June 2025.

The PTFA receive sponsorship for each board that goes up and best of all, you don't need to do anything apart from sign up!

To participate, please fill in this form (which takes 60 seconds): [Mersham Primary School Fair event advertising via Sandersons UK](#) Once signed up, you will receive an email from Sanderson confirming your participation, and you can unsubscribe to any future emails from this confirmation email if you wish.

Thank you for your support. Please do share the link with neighbours, family and friends to boost our sponsorship efforts!

