
Term 1 – 3rd October 2025

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Next Friday is our Harvest Festival at the Church and this year we are combining that with celebrating World Mental Health Day. All parents/carers are welcome to join us at Mersham Church on Friday and you may also like to wear something yellow to show your support. As in previous years, we also welcome donations for Harvest Festival which will all be delivered via the church to the local food bank – donations can include any tinned, dried or packaged food products i.e. not fresh goods that will go off quickly. Please bring any donations from Monday and they can be collected at the gate as the children come in. We look forward to seeing you all at the Church.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Staffing Update

I am also pleased to inform you that Mrs Bethany Fell will be joining us after half term to cover Miss Munday's maternity leave. She popped in to say hello to Kingfishers class this morning and she will be back next week to spend some time with the class before the start of term 2. Mrs Fell is an experienced Year 4 teacher and we are very much looking forward to her joining the team.

Walk In Wednesday

Apologies there was some confusion as to whether Walk in Wednesday was on this last week as I forgot to put it on the calendar. If you missed it this week, we will offer another opportunity this Wednesday 8th October for parents to pop into classes between 3:15 and 3:45pm to see their child's work. Just to remind all parents that this ends promptly at 3:45pm as we hold our weekly staff meeting at that time. Whilst class teachers will be around, if you have any matter you particularly wish to discuss, please speak to the class teacher to make an appointment at an alternative mutually convenient time.

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 £10 will be sent by email on the last day of term to cover the half term break.

Upcoming Events

10 th Oct	Harvest Festival at The Church 9:15am
10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
12 th Oct	Community Day
13 th Oct	PTFA AGM 3:30pm The Farriers Pub
16 th Oct	End of term 1
17 th Oct	Staff Training Day
27 th Oct	Start of term 2
31 st Oct	Interim Reports out
4 th Oct	Parents Evening 5:00-7.30
5 th Oct	Walk in Wednesday
6 th Oct	Parents Evening 3:30-6:00
10 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day
13 th Nov	Open Evening for Prospective parents 5:00-7:00
21 st Nov	Quiz Evening

Mrs Benjamin and Mrs Maher's Quiz – Save the Date!

Mrs Benjamin and Mrs Maher are planning to host a quiz on the evening of Friday 21st November in the school hall to raise money for the school. This will be for adults only so, book your babysitter and start gathering together a team for an evening of fun! More details to follow very soon.

Sport Education Team Holiday Club at Mersham

Mr Oatham and Mrs Fraser will once again be running a holiday club in the hall at Mersham Primary School during the half term break. Please see attached flyer for further information, including dates and how to book.

Junior Adventure Group (JAG) Staff Vacancy

JAG are looking for an After School Club Manager for the club at Mersham Primary School. If anyone is interested in the role or if you know anyone who maybe interested, more information can be found via this link.

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/join-our-team/job-application/?adid=640970>

PTFA News

PTFA annual AGM meeting - 13th October

The PTFA will hold our annual AGM meeting on Monday 13th October 15:30 - 17:00 at the Farriers Arms.

At this meeting we agree committee members for the upcoming year, review the previous year's activities and agree our future plans and priorities. We're of course very grateful for our regular volunteers but also encourage others to attend as we'd like to hear the views of others. Please join us if you can.

Halloween trail - 31st October

We're excited to be working on a Halloween trail around Mersham after school on Friday 31st October. More details to follow :-)

Pre-loved school uniform

Did you know you can now purchase pre-loved uniform via the PTFA Online SumUp shop? Please visit <https://mersham-school-ptfa-1.sumupstore.com/category/pre-loved-uniform> and choose what you need. Save a fortune on the Mapac prices and save the planet while you're at it!

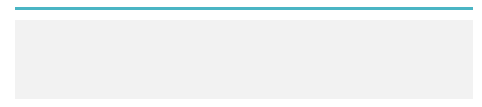
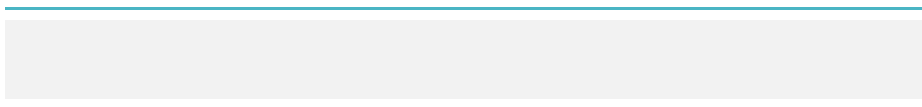
Community day - Sunday 12th October 10:00 - 16:00

Your help is needed! On Sunday 12th October, we need volunteers to help with outdoor jobs at school please. Repairing, building, cleaning, weeding and more... there are jobs, big and small, for all skill sets so please do come along and get stuck in.

Please share with family and friends; all are welcome. As well as helping out, these days are a lovely way to spend an afternoon and the weather forecast currently looks lovely for it.

PTFA social media links

For those who may be new to school or may not have found us before... our PTFA social PAGES keep you up to date with our events and activities and help bring our community together.



Please join us:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17NKuJvaLU/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Instagram -

https://www.instagram.com/mershamschoolpta?igsh=dm92NzA0MnRjNWFv&utm_source=qr

WhatsApp - email us at hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk to be added to the PTFA WhatsApp group.

Magic show - Thank you!

Thanks to all who bought tickets and attended our Amigo's magic show at school this week. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Huge thanks as always to the amazing volunteers who helped to make this event a success.

