

---

Term 5 – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

---

# Mersham Primary School

Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent TN25 6NU

[www.mersham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.mersham.kent.sch.uk) 01233 720449



**Welcome back to Term 5 – the school year is going so quickly! I hope you have all had a restful Easter break. Term 5 is always a short term especially with the Bank Holiday on the 4<sup>th</sup> May as well! However, this is also the term that Year 6 children will sit the national Key Stage 2 SATS and we start all the preparation for Transition – for those in Year 6, getting ready for secondary school but for all children that transition to the next year group which may or may not involve a change of classroom or teacher. More information for parents will be provided in Term 6. Should you have any particular concerns regarding transition, please do talk to the class teacher so that we can support with that process.**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

---

## After School Club- Update

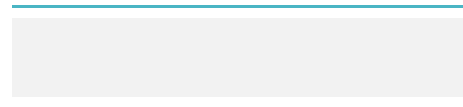
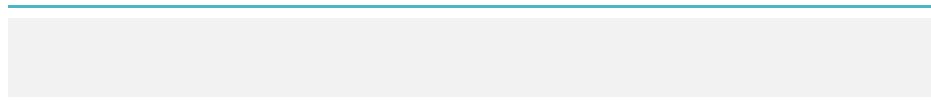
I am pleased to report that we have appointed Mrs Kim Wenn to the After School Lead post. As soon as we have completed all the necessary recruitment checks, she will be starting with us, which we are all very excited about! I would like to reiterate my thanks to all the members of staff who have given up time to help cover After School Club and maintain the service since the New Year – this has really been appreciated. Once Mrs Wenn is on board, we will also be able to conform to parents when we will be able to extend the end time back to 6pm. I would like to thank parents again for their patience in this interim period.

## Jewellery

Please can I remind parents once again that jewellery, with the exception of a watch and/or stud earrings are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons. The girls particularly are wearing necklaces and bracelets that they should not be bringing in to school! Please can I also remind you that earrings should be stud earrings only – again for health and safety reasons. There are a number of girls wearing hooped earrings that could easily catch and have the potential to rip their ear lobes. Most secondary schools are incredibly strict about these matters so getting into those habits now will be beneficial for all. Thank you for your support.

## Upcoming Events

30 <sup>th</sup> April	SEMH Coffee Morning for parents 9-10am
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Residential meeting – Yr 6 parents only
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term 5
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff Training Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Start of Term 6
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Meeting for new Yr R pupils
12 <sup>th</sup> June	MershamFest
Wk Beg	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports to Parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6
20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff Training Days



### **Tying back long hair**

We have had a number of incidents of head lice in school recently and I would like to remind parents that long hair should ideally be tied back. Not only is this for general health and safety reasons but also greatly reduces the likelihood of head lice being passed onto others. Thank you, as always, for your support.

### **Coffee Morning with the Specialist Teachers and Emotional Wellbeing Teams – see attached flyer**

Amy Honey, one of the specialist teachers in this area will be hosting a coffee morning, for parents, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 9-10am in the hall. Marie, from the Emotional Wellbeing Teams will also be there. Amy's area of specialism relates to social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs in children, particularly those who have traits or who are diagnosed with ADHD and/or Autism. Amy will be providing information to parents who would like to know more about how to support children who have SEMH needs. All parents are welcome.

### **Ashford Family Hubs**

Please find attached their new timetable.

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

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

Dates are as follows:

21 <sup>st</sup> May	Robin Class
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Toucan Class
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Parrot Class
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingfisher Class
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Duckling Class
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

### **Term Dates 2026-2027**

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Staff Development Days – Tuesday 1st September and Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

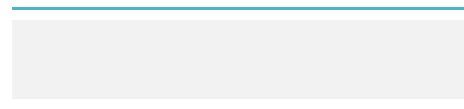
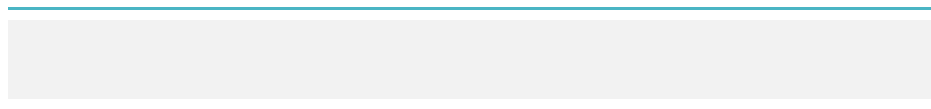
Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days – Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July



## **PTFA News**

### **Garage Safari in Mersham (see attached flyer)**

Together with Aldington Primary School PTFA, we are holding a Garage safari across both villages on May 10th, 10am-12pm. All are welcome to attend! Please see the attached poster.

### **Summer Fair** - Would you like to organise this?

Summer fair - the Summer Fair is currently at risk of not going ahead. If you would like to organise the Summer fair, please email us [hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk)

### **Summer Raffle**

We're pleased to say that the summer raffle is still going ahead. We rely heavily on generous donors to provide prizes and we are looking for local businesses who may wish to support us with a prize - these can be items, hampers or services offered by your business. In return, we'll eagerly share your business on our socials, and in the wider community as part of the raffle promotion. Please email [kelly.bishop@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:kelly.bishop@mershamschoolpta.co.uk) if you'd be willing to support us.

