
Term 1 – 4th September 2026

Mersham Primary School

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Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous summer break. Mr Oatham has been busy over the summer with lots of maintenance across the school including repainting fences and equipment in the Ducklings outdoor area. He has done an amazing job! We have also had new playground markings put down on the playground and by Phoenix classroom. A huge thank you to FM Conway for this work and particularly Mr Carter who has been working with us for some while to get this work completed – we got there in the end and they look great! It has been a pleasure watching the children explore the new markings at breaktimes and lunchtimes and really enjoying the new games they have prompted.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Staffing News

Over the summer holidays, Mr Fraser, whom many of you know through his work with PE and School Sport at the school, made the decision to train to become a primary school teacher and asked if we could help with that training. We were very happy to provide that support and consequently he will effectively be a member of the staff team throughout this academic year. He is currently based in Year 6 with Falcon class.

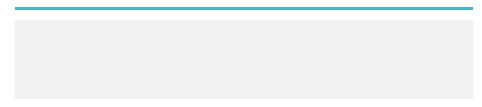
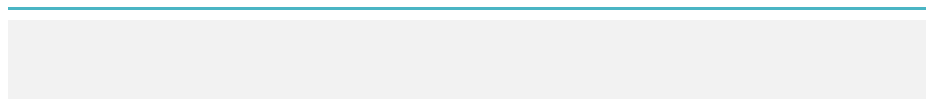
The children may have also reported that Miss Maher is back, which is true in the short term! Miss Maher has not quite moved to London and so offered in the interim to support in Parrots class, until we are able to appoint a replacement for Mrs Delaney. We were of course very happy to take up that offer! We are interviewing next week so hope to have a new teaching assistant in place in Parrots class very soon.

Toys/Collectable cards

Please can I remind parents that children should not be bringing in any toys or collectable cards such as Pokemon or football cards into school. These are a distraction in lessons and can cause issues on the playground. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

7 th Sept	New Year R pupils start
10 th Sept	Kent Test
14/15 Sept	School Photos
21 st Sept	Flu Vaccinations
15 th Oct	Harvest Festival at the church 9:15am
22 nd Oct	Last Day of term 1
23 rd Oct	Staff Training Day
2 nd Nov	Start of Term 2
6 th Nov	Interim reports out
16 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
	Anti-bullying week
16 th Nov	Parents Evening 5-7:30pm
18 th Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm
25 th Nov	Open Evening for Prospective Year R parents 5-7pm
17 th Dec	Christmas Church Service 9:15am
18 th Dec	End of term 2



Snacks for breaktime

Please can I remind parents that children should be bringing in healthy snacks for breaktime e.g. fruit. We are increasingly seeing children bringing in crisps and high sugar products for breaktimes which is not appropriate or healthy. I appreciate that in some cases, this may be children picking out the item they fancy from their lunch box rather than the healthy option! Therefore, please could you also remind your child which item is for snack, as they will be challenged by adults at school and may be asked to put it back in their bag/lunchbox if it is not a suitable snack.

School Dinners

We have let parents know some while ago but this is a reminder that for those children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have school dinners (and who are not eligible for free school meals), the cost of a school dinner is going up to £3.10 from September.

After School Club message

We have started to put together a craft box for the After School Club. If you have any unwanted card, craft bits, wool, paper plates, bubble wrap, kitchen roll card, etc (sorry - no toilet roll card) could you email me on Kim.wenn@mersham.kent.sch.uk and I can arrange to meet you to collect any items at the school reception before the club starts, or when you collect your child from the club at the end of the day. Many thanks Mrs Wenn and Miss Norman

New Community Football Club

Please see attached flyer for more information

Ashford Family Hubs

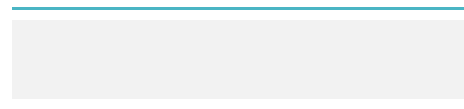
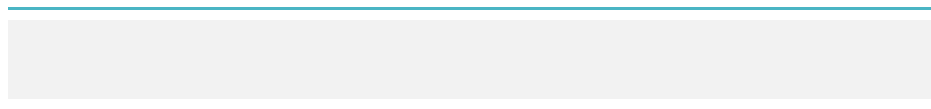
Please see attached numerous flyers from Ashford Family Hubs with details of courses, workshops and support available locally.

PTFA Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our families, and a special welcome to those joining our school community for the first time. We hope you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Before we look ahead to the new school year, we'd like to take a moment to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who supported the PTFA throughout 2025/26. Through your generosity and support, we raised thousands of pounds for our school through various events and initiatives including our summer raffle, magic show, Christmas Fair, school disco, Easy Fundraising, Your School Lottery, uniform donations and many more. These funds helped us provide a new shed for Play Patrol, support the school pantomime, enhance the Friendship Garden, fund Forest School activities, sports day and Christmas gifts from Santa, among other projects.

What makes these achievements even more remarkable is that they were delivered by a very small team of volunteers. Every event and fundraising initiative was organised by a handful of parents and supporters who gave up their time for the benefit of all our children. We are incredibly grateful for every volunteer, every donation, and every one of



you who attended an event or bought a raffle ticket or ice cream! Together, you really have made a difference.

See What Your Support Achieved

Please take a look at the attached poster to see the fantastic impact your support had during 2025/26. Every pound raised helps enhance our children's school experience, and we're excited to see what we can achieve together this year.

Could You Get Involved This Year?

As we begin another school year, we'd love to welcome some new faces to the PTFA. You don't need any previous experience, and there's no expectation that you attend every meeting or event. Whether you can spare an hour occasionally, help out at a single event, share a particular skill, or join the committee, every contribution helps.

The more people who get involved, the more we can achieve for our school and, most importantly, for our children.

We're holding an informal get-together for anyone who would like to find out more about the PTFA. Pop in for a drink, have a chat with current members, ask questions, hear about our plans for the year ahead, and see how you might like to get involved.

Thursday 17th September From 3.30pm onwards The Farrier's Arms, Mersham

There is absolutely no pressure to commit to anything. It's simply an opportunity to meet us, learn more about what we do, and get to know other parents and carers in a relaxed setting.

We look forward to meeting lots of new and familiar faces and making 2026/27 another successful year for our school.

The PTFA Team 

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

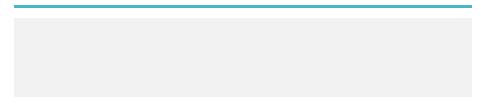
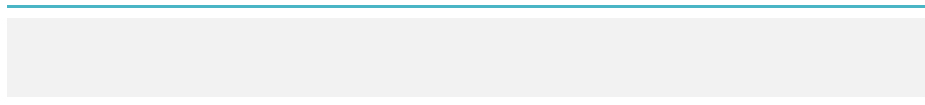
Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

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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