Term 2 – 6th November 2026

Mersham Primary School

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Welcome back – I hope you all had a good half term break.

You should have received an email via Arbor this afternoon with your child's interim report. Please note that this does not include children in Reception who receive regular updates via Tapestry. The report provides information about their current attainment in reading, writing and maths as well as their general attitude to learning and behaviours in class. This will form the basis of your discussions with your child's teacher at Parent's Evening, the week after next. Further details regarding Parent's Evening will be sent to all parents early next week including how to book an appointment. This will be online, in the same way we have done previously.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

6th Nov	Interim reports out
16th Nov	Odd Socks Day Anti-bullying week
16th Nov	Parents Evening 5-7:30pm
18th Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm
25th Nov	Open Evening for Prospective Year R parents 5-7pm
2nd Dec	Walk in Wednesday
4th Dec	Christmas Fair 3:15pm
8/9th Dec	Ducklings and Parrots Christmas Production 2pm
17th Dec	Christmas Church Service 9:15am
18th Dec	End of term 2

Breakfast Club/After School Club pick up and Drop off

There are a number of parents that use the track down the side of the school to drop children off at Breakfast Club as well as pick up from After School Club. Please can I remind parents that this is not a proper road and is technically access for the railway. Pedestrians and children use this track all the time so please can I ask parents to watch their speed and drive very slowly along there. We have put signs up to remind people but we have noticed a couple of parents drive too fast along there recently. Thank you for your support.

After School Club Phone Number

For all those of you who have children that access After School Club, we now have a phone number to call the staff directly during After School Club hours (3:15-6:00). The number is 07442 525790. Please do make a note of this for future reference.

Children's Therapies – The Pod

Please see link below that directs you to a NHS website that has some really useful videos for parents of children with additional needs.

https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/

Cycle Circle – see attached flyer
Keep your bike running smoothly this winter with our free cycling events at The Coachworks.

FREE BIKE CHECKS AND MINOR REPAIRS

10am–12 noon

Bring your bike along for a free check, minor repairs and friendly, impartial maintenance advice.

LEARN-TO-FIX YOUR BIKE WORKSHOP

12.30–2.30pm

Learn the basics of bike maintenance and gain the confidence to carry out simple repairs yourself.

Workshop dates:

- Saturday 31 October
- Saturday 14 November
- Saturday 5 December
- Saturday 9 January

CHRISTMAS BIKE RIDE

Join us at 12 noon on Saturday 19 December for a festive group ride through the local area.

Dress up in your favourite Christmas outfit, decorate your bike and bring plenty of festive spirit! The ride will be approximately 10 miles, so participants should be comfortable cycling this distance.

All events are free and ideal for adults and accompanied teenagers.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

https://bbr.cyclinguk.org/?cycle-circle-limited

For more information, email spencer@cyclecircle.co.uk.

Craft Café
Please find attached details of a Craft Café in Sandgate that is offering workshops after school, at weekends and in the holidays.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2
Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.
Dates are as follows:

26th November	Duckling Class
3rd December	Robin Class
10th December	Toucan Class

Primary Admissions - Year R 2027
Applications for primary admissions for September 2027 open between Friday 6th November 2026 - Friday 15th January 2027 and can be made at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions . If parents are

unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk . Please see attached flyers with more information for parents with children starting school next September.

Open Evening – Wednesday 25th November
We will be holding our annual Open Evening for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2027 on Wednesday 25th November from 5-7pm. Please see attached poster with further information and I would be grateful if you could share with any other families you may know, who have a child starting school next year.

PTFA Update:

Save the Date - PTFA AGM
Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 November. The venue is still to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on our social media channels for further details. We would love to see as many parents and carers there as possible. At the AGM we elect a new committee, hear about the year's achievements and plan priorities for the year ahead so it is always a good one!

Christmas Volunteers Needed!
The Christmas term is fast approaching, and we're already busy planning a range of exciting festive events. To make them a success, we'll need lots of volunteers to help with organisation, set-up, running activities, and more. Whether you can spare an hour or a little longer, your support would be greatly appreciated. Watch out for volunteer opportunities coming soon or contact us if you would like to get involved – we would love to have you!

Term Dates 2026-2027
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