

MERTON COURT news

SUMMER 2025



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TRIPLE SPORTING SUCCESS!



*Finalists – U11 Kent English Schools
Swimming Association (ESSA) Boys' & Girls' Swimming Team (representing Kent)*



Winners – U11 Bexley Primary Schools Football Association Minor Cup



Finalists – U11 Girls Independent Schools Association National Netball Competition



IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOL

125 Mosaic, Remembrance Garden & EY Outdoor Play Space

We had the mini-digger out over Easter to dig the foundations of our 125 Mosaic on the front lawn of School. Whilst we had the mini-digger, we refurbished both the Remembrance Garden (for outdoor covered activities) and also the EY outside play space.

PASTORAL & SAFEGUARDING

Tooled Up

We would like to remind parents of our fantastic platform 'Tooled Up Education', a very useful resource, to turn evidence-based research into impactful real-life tools to help children thrive. We would encourage you to access this at home to benefit from all that is on offer, along with Dr Kathy Weston's Wednesday Wisdom. It really is a great help for parenting solutions. Log in and password details are available from the School Office.

A lot of thoughts have been sparked by the themes highlighted in the ground-breaking Netflix series 'Adolescence'. The Tooled Up platform has a host of evidence-based resources addressing topics raised by this series.

After School Clubs on Merton Field

Please be aware that after school clubs (Cricket & Athletics) take place until 4.35pm on Merton field. We have three fields – the nearest one (by the astros) is 'School', the top Rectory Lane entrance pitch is 'Merton' and the lower field with the pavilion is 'Modern'. Parents and children are asked to avoid using Merton field, after school, when clubs are in progress – for their own safety and to ensure clubs are not interrupted.

We would also remind parents that children not attending after-school clubs are their responsibility and should be in their sight, bearing in mind that the Rectory Lane Car Park and roadway are busy and in constant use.

Medication, Medical & Pastoral Forms

Please remember that medication of any type **must not** be sent into school with your child. If your child is prescribed medication by a doctor or pharmacist you will need to complete an Administration of Prescription Medication Form which can be provided from the School Office or found on our Parents section of the website. We **cannot** administer any unnamed medication. Please also remember to keep us updated of any changes to your child's personal details. This includes updated parent contact details, emergency contact details and mostly importantly if your child has any new dietary or medical requirements that we need to be made aware of. A Health & Pastoral Care Plan Form can again be obtained from the School Office.

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your children come to school in the correct uniform. Blazers, caps and hats, according to your child's daily timetable **must** be worn every day.

Attendance & Late Arrivals to School

When children arrive late or miss school days, they miss crucial learning opportunities that cannot be fully recovered. Even a few minutes can disrupt your child's morning routine and impact their entire day of learning. Late arrivals also interrupt the learning environment for other pupils and require teachers to pause.

Research consistently shows that regular attendance and punctuality are directly linked to:

- Higher academic achievement
- Stronger social connections with peers
- Better development of essential life skills

Every school day matters. While we understand that occasional absences due to illness or emergency situations are unavoidable, we ask that you:

- Ensure your child arrives at school before the bell goes at 08.45

- Schedule non-emergency medical appointments outside of school hours where possible
- Plan family holidays during normal school breaks
- Contact the school office in advance when your child must be absent. Please note due to Educational Welfare reviewing our attendance records on a termly basis we are no longer able to authorise any holidays taken during term time. Under these circumstances any dates will be marked as unauthorised absence.

Remember that developing good attendance habits now will benefit your child throughout their academic journey and into their professional life. Your support in maintaining regular attendance is crucial to your child's success.

If you are experiencing any challenges that affect your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child.

School Council

Our School Council has had a fantastic start to the term, launching straight into action with The Little Recyclers fundraiser. Pupils across the school brought in old clothes and shoes to be recycled, helping to raise money for much-needed outdoor play equipment. This initiative will benefit all year groups, from Early Years through to Year 6, and supports both sustainability and active play.

To kick off the term, the School Council also had the opportunity to meet Jacqueline Jenkins, Chair of the School's Advisory Board. She spoke to the council about the importance of pupil voice in shaping the school's future and in the inspection process. Our representatives rose to the occasion, asking thoughtful and insightful questions that reflected their dedication to making our school the best it can be.

Well done to all our School Council members – your hard work and enthusiasm are truly making a difference!

Past Events Spring 2025

► SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to everyone for their Spring Sporting Successes!

S2 SPORTS BADGES:

FOOTBALL	<i>Hollie, Isaac</i>
NETBALL	<i>Luna, Millie</i>
SWIMMING	<i>Oliver, Adele</i>
HOCKEY	<i>Mark, Nyah</i>
CROSS COUNTRY	<i>Jonathan, Sheen</i>

Well done also...

'Most improved swimmer' last term was awarded to Joshua in S1.

'Most Improved Hockey Player' was Logan. Charlie won Hockey Player of the Season and the 'Passmore' Hockey Shield was awarded to Poppy.

SWIMMING

On 23rd March we took a team to take part in the Kent Schools Swimming Competition.

The results were:

TEAM EVENTS

1st Place for Girls Medley School Record and Freestyle teams: (Serena, Georgia, Olivia and Eden)

3rd Place for Boys Medley Relay

4th Place Boys Freestyle Relay (Billy, Charlie, Zachary and Luka)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1st place

Georgia – 50m Butterfly (*School Record*)

Georgia – 50m Backstroke (*School Record*)

Serena – 50m Breaststroke

Serena – 50m Freestyle

Top 6

Billy – 50m Butterfly

Billy – 50m Backstroke

Olivia – 50m Backstroke

Charlie – 50m Breaststroke

Luka – 50m Breaststroke



CROSS COUNTRY

On 25th February fifteen children represented Merton Court at the ISA London South Regional Cross-Country Championships at Radnor House.

Medals were awarded to:

S2: Hollie, Millie, Isaac, Mark

S3: Maksim, Max, Luka, Anushree, Amalia

S4: Billy, Alex, Charlie, Georgia, Olivia, Serena
U11 girls race – Georgia finished third overall.

On 5th March we hosted our annual Inter-Schools Cross Country fixture

Individual prizes:

U8 boys race Harrison – **1st**

U10 boys race Maksim – **runner up**

U11 girls race Georgia – **1st**

Team prizes:

S3 Boys finished 1st – Maksim, Luka, Max and Freddie

On Monday 17th March St. Dunstan's organised Cross Country Relays for (S1) Y3 and (S2) Y4 with 6 other schools.

S1 girls finished Runner-up – Autumn, Elsie, Kady and Lucy

S1 boys finished Runners-up – Aryian, David, Harrison and Max

BREAKTIME HOCKEY 6-A-SIDE

A great competition as ever... 3rd place were the Cunning Cats and 2nd place went to the Incredible Iguanas. The winners were the Heroic Horses. Captain was Georgia and vice-captain

was Arlo. Their team was Max, Aarav, Phoenix, Henry, Beatrix, Max, Ronnie and Oliver.

Maksim was the top goal scorer with 10 goals. Well played everyone!



S4 vs STAFF 'FUN' NETBALL MATCH

Well done everyone who took part in the Girls & Boys v Staff 'Fun' Netball match at the end of last term. It was indeed great fun, with both teams fiercely fighting for the win. MC staff just managed to sneak a win, but the mixed girls' and boys' team triumphed at the goal shoot-out and were awarded overall winners! Thank you to everyone who supported, especially S4 cheerleaders!



Past Events Spring 2025

HOUSE EVENT WINNERS	
Science:	Modern
Hockey:	School
Netball:	Merton
Football:	Merton
Swimming:	Modern
Merit Shield	Modern

Headmaster's Award Winners: J3 & S4

► OTHER EVENTS

SCIENCE WEEK

The topic for Science term was chosen with the intention of exploring the capabilities of our wonderful brain. Our brain carries our opinions, personalities, likes and dislikes, and tells us what to do, and what not to do. There is not one brain in the world that is the same as another! As the differences in our brains should be understood and celebrated, we aimed to introduce children this term to the world of neurodiversity and to encourage them to embrace all their wonderful differences.

With our 'Thinking about Thinking – Celebrating the World of Neurodiversity' topic, we incorporated discussions and activities in our curriculum that taught children the importance of looking after our brains. These activities were also designed to support both physical and mental readiness for learning. We focused on developing children's metacognition and thinking skills to build self-awareness.

At our assemblies, each year group took a different aspect of brain development and diversity to present their findings to the school and parents. We found out about how every one of us is unique, the physiology of brain, mind – mapping, different types of brains in the animal kingdom, the history of neuroscience and even about AI! During Science Week, The KS2 children measured their knowledge of science at our annual science house quiz followed by a test of their ability to spell science-related words.

We also made amazing masks and sculptures to test our problem-solving skills as part of our 'Thinking – Skills' focus.

We held our exciting event, Pet Day, during the Science Week extravaganza. The children from EY to S4 had the opportunity to enter their pet in a competition held in the hall. Escorted in by the parents, the animals, great and small, gathered together in the hall to be measured against each other. It was a very difficult task to select the winner, as each of the eight categories had some wonderful representatives, who were quite frankly all winners in their own right. Nevertheless, one pet from each group was named as a winner, and was invited back to the parade in the afternoon to meet the whole school.

Thank you everyone for your hard work and for filling the term with some unforgettable memories.



Top left: Max's gecko, top right: Sophie's python – Smartie & bottom: Leo the winner!



ISA STEAM COMPETITION

A huge well done to Amber, Parker, and Isaiah, who took part in the Independent Schools Association STEAM Competition, designing robots to solve a school problem. Isaiah reached the final stage and presented his project to the judges, earning a commendation. All the participants showed great enthusiasm for Science and Technology, as well as creativity and problem-solving skills.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Science Spelling Bee champions last term: Nasir (J2), Shiyi (J3), Owen (S1), Samar (S2), Anushree (S3) and Zachary (S4).

CHARITIES

Our chosen charities for Spring term were 'My Name's Doddie/Motor Neurone Disease (MND)' and also The Born Free Foundation, raising **£697.50** from the proceeds of Pet Day and Safari Dressing Up Day during Science Week.

ROBBIE BURNS SCOTTISH BREAKFAST

On Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th January we hosted a "Robbie Burns Scottish Breakfast" as a fundraiser for the worthy charities 'My Name's Doddie/Motor Neurone Disease (MND)'. S4 led these amazing performances, with all children from Early Years to S4 singing and dancing. Well done to everyone – we managed to raise a fantastic **£3,603**. Thank you to everyone involved and everyone who supported us so wholeheartedly.



Past Events *Spring 2025*

At our recent School Council it was decided we will be fund-raising for the following charities:

- Summer Term 2025 – **Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).**
- Autumn Term 2025 – **Sarcoma UK**, which is a national charity that funds vital research into Sarcoma, a type of cancer that can appear anywhere on the body. This charity is particularly poignant for us as a community since a pupil (Rafferty) was diagnosed with a fibromyxoid sarcoma in December 2023. He adopted the motto “be good, be brave, be strong” which he has indeed been.
- Spring 2026 – **Soccer Aid.**
- Summer 2026 – **Make A Wish Foundation.**

‘PEOPLE THAT HELP US’ – EY VISITS

The children in EY had an exciting opportunity to meet some real-life heroes from our community!



We welcomed a Judge, Paramedic, Firefighter, Dentist, and a Police Officer, who each spent time with the children, sharing stories about how they help others every day. The children enjoyed exploring their uniforms and equipment, asking lots of curious questions, and learning more about the important roles these visitors play in keeping us safe and healthy. This was a fun and educational experience that helped bring our “People Who Help Us” topic to life! A big thank you to all our wonderful visitors for taking the time to visit us.

YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2

On 21st January, 33 children from S1-S4 took part in Young Voices 2025 at the O2 Arena in London. The event brought together over 8,500 children



from across the country for a truly unforgettable experience. The day began with a morning session at school before boarding a coach to the O2. Upon arrival, the children participated in a lively rehearsal with the incredible house band and their fellow young performers, setting the stage for the evening’s main event. For weeks leading up to the concert, the children dedicated their Thursday after school to learning an exciting repertoire of songs. Performing these songs live in front of a packed audience at the O2 was a magical and unforgettable moment for everyone involved.

S4 CYCLING PROFICIENCY

S4 took part in Bikeability, learning to control their bikes in different situations in order to prepare themselves for riding to school in Year 7. They were taken out onto quiet roads in our local area where they experienced real-life road conditions. The children became more confident as the week went on and, more importantly, they all achieved their Level 2 certificates and received badges for their efforts.



S4 BRING AND BUY SALE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a successful fundraising event for S4 (Year 6)'s forthcoming trip to Tossa De Mar, in Spain this summer. We raised just over **£1,000**.



GROVES PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

During half term, S4 children chose a topic and created a speech. Staff then listened to all entries and judged who should go through to the finals. Well done to all S4 but particularly to the six finalists who presented their speech to the judges and S3 – these ranged from Sir Harold Gillies, 3D Printing, Emeralds and Coin Collecting. Special congratulations to Emma who was Runner Up with her speech on The Titanic and Nuralayn who won with her speech on her Umrah (Pilgrimage to the Middle East).



EASTER BONNETS PARADE AND EASTER VISITOR

Our annual FOMC Easter Bonnet competition was a huge success at the end of the Spring Term with the children making some beautiful Easter Bonnets for the Parade. Well done to all entrants, for their egg-cellent efforts! We also had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny! All very egg-citing...



SPRING PRIZEGIVING

Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a prize certificate or award at our Spring Prizegiving. We really appreciated the Deputy Mayor Councillor Lisa-Jane Moore attending as our special guest, to present the prizes.

Congratulations particularly to Georgia for winning our new netball trophy for 'Excellence in Netball', presented during prizegiving by Tomi, an outstanding netballer who was in Year 6 last year and now attends Dartford Grammar School for Girls.



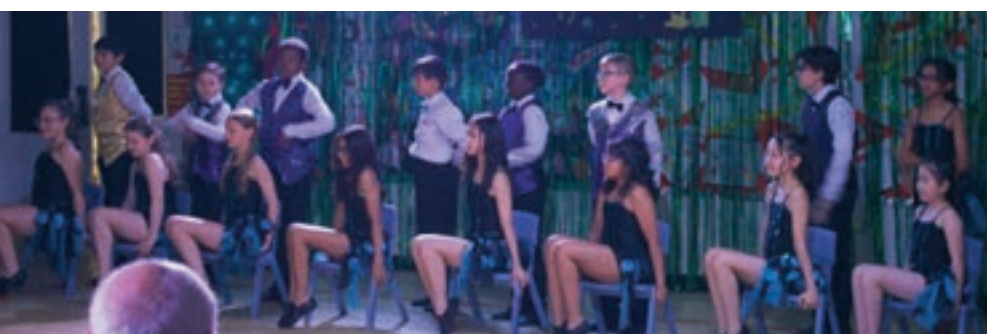
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S4 STRICTLY 'ST. PATRICK'S' NIGHT

What a night! On Friday 21st March our S4 children brought a little "Strictly St Patrick's" magic to Merton Court. Everyone dazzled in their sparkly costumes and performed a Jive, a Waltz, a Cha- Cha, a Rhumba, an Argentine Tango and a Pasa-Doble, finishing off with special light and heavy shoe performances from The Kyne Irish dancers, who are Old Mertonians. The night was a spectacular success and fundraised towards the S4 trip to Spain.

Remember everyone, "Keep Dancing!"





Past Events *Spring 2025*



MERTON COURT FAMILY SKI TRIP 2025

This Easter we flew to Zurich and then headed to the lovely PostHotel in Pfunds, Austria. We skied in Nauders, Austria for 2 days, Schoeneben in Italy for 2 days and finally in the linked mega-resort of Ischgl/Samnaun where we skied across the border from Austria into Switzerland. We were blessed with beautiful, sunny weather and great skiing conditions. Most of our group progressed enough to ski red and even black runs by the end of the week. Our evening events included Mrs Walsham's raucous big-prize bingo, Phil's legendary quiz, Mr Jones' baffling town trail, a games night, swimming, an Easter egg hunt, and two live bands! It was a week of stunning skiing, fabulous food, wonderful weather, bombardinos, hugos, Lego and laughter, with the unforgettable Moustache Monday, Tutu Tuesday and Wig Wednesday!. Next year we will be doing it all over again! Please see Mr Brady for next year's details.

MERTON COURT'S GOT TALENT!

Congratulations on the family success of Aoife (S3) and Aedan (J3) who both came first at EPTA Kent. Aoife in Intermediate 2 (Grade 6-7) class and Aedan in Intermediate 1 (Grade 4-5) class. Aedan, was also successful in winning at his age group in the Kent Chess Championships. Congratulations also to Leo who won gold at the 2025 Compnet European Jiu-jitsu Championships.



School Events Summer 2025

New Responsibilities in School Summer Term 2025

Athletics Captains: **Isaiah, Olivia**

Cricket Captains: **Michael, Nuralayn**

Rounders Captains: **Zachary, Isabella**

St George's Day – Cuppa & Cake

What a lovely way to start the term and celebrate St. George's Day! Thank you to everyone who came along for a cake and chat to start our Summer Term!



S2 (Year 4) Hilltop Residential Trip

Friday 25 – Saturday 26 April

S2 started the Summer term by visiting Hilltop Activity Centre, near Sheringham in Norfolk. This was the children's first residential school trip – we had two days of activities and an overnight stay. The children got to experience archery, team building games, a zip wire, super swing, caving and crate stacking. We also had an evening coastal walk, with ice cream! The children had a fun experience but also developed their 'soft skills': curiosity,

empathy, collaboration and creative problem solving. They also developed their independence and resilience. It was a brilliant trip!



Maths week – Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 May

We are looking forward to a very busy Maths Term this term, with the following events taking place:

Tuesday 6th May – Spelling Bee & Drone Day for S1 – S4

Wednesday 7th May – House Maths

Thursday 8th May – Magician EY – S4

Friday 9th May – Maths Hat Day & Escape Room (Senior)

School Events Summer 2025



'125' Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church

Friday 16 May (2.15pm)

This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the foundation, 125 years ago of our unique school, with songs from children, storytelling from S4 and anecdotes from past pupils. All welcome!

125 Merton Court Ball

Saturday 10 May (7pm – midnight)

We are delighted to confirm our '125' Ball will take place at the Delta Hotel, Bexleyheath, 1 Broadway, Bexleyheath, DA6 7JZ on Saturday 10 May from 7pm until midnight. We will be treating you to a champagne reception on arrival.

This will be a real opportunity to celebrate our special year (with very few speeches!) – a lovely event for staff, parents and supporters of the school, who will be able to enjoy a three-course meal, along with a live band and DJ.

S2 Information Evening

Wednesday 21 May (6.30pm)

A useful opportunity for S2 Parents to discuss their child's move into Year 5 and Year 6 and also to talk about Secondary School admission procedures with Mr Price and our teaching team.

S4 Challenge Weeks

(Week 1) Monday 2 June – Friday 6 June

(Week 2) Monday 9 June – Friday 13 June

One of our most popular and exciting events in Year 6 is our Leadership and Challenge Weeks. S4 will be undertaking a range of different challenges which include; our 'Dragons Den' Business/Charity Challenge; an IT Challenge; a Rifle/Pistol Shooting Challenge; Catering

Challenge; Water safety and First-aid Challenge. The two weeks will culminate with the thrilling 'I'm A Yr6 – Get Me Out of Here!'

J3 to S1 Transition Talk

Wednesday 4 June (6.30pm)

J3 Parents are cordially invited to come into School to talk about transition from KS1 to KS2 and to meet the children's new form teachers for the coming academic year.

EY – J1 Transition Talk

Wednesday 11 June (9am)

EY parents are invited to a coffee morning where Mrs Langton and members of the J1 teaching team will talk about successful transition into J1 and answer any questions you may have. There will also be an opportunity to visit our J1 classroom and meet the teaching team.

S4 Residential Trip to Spain

Monday 16 – Saturday 21 June

S4 children and staff are very much looking forward to their residential trip to Spain. It is a unique experience and ideal preparation for Secondary School. The children will take part in flamenco dancing, sports activities and local excursions, including The Dali Museum, 'El Parque Acuatico' (Waterworld) and Sagrada Familia Cathedral. As usual, this promises to be a truly memorable fun-packed week for S4 and staff.

EY/J2MS/J3C/S1A Parents' Evenings

Monday 16 June

J1/J2M/J3H/S1M Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 17 June

S3 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 June

S2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 June

Sports Day – Juniors – Thursday 26 June

(EY/J1 @ 9.15am & J2/J3 @ 11am)

Sports Day – Seniors – Friday 27 June

(S1/S2 @ 9.15am & S3/S4 @ 1.45pm)

Please note that this is a compulsory event for all children. Children should be dressed appropriately for this event in their white PE kit, including a school baseball cap and white trainers. Parents are welcome to come and cheer their children on. Sports Day events that will take place in year-groups on Merton and Modern fields. Both of these days are normal school days, and therefore children should stay in school following the event. However, should you wish to take your child home after Sports Day please inform their Form Teacher and the School Office prior to the date.

Founders Week & Art Exhibition

Tuesday 24 June – Friday 27 June

Founders Week is an opportunity for all past pupils to revisit our school, reunite with friends and tell us how they are doing. We will also be staging a 125 Art Exhibition in our tented and covered areas outside J1 to which everyone is welcome. We will be doing lots of lovely art this term. As you can see, J1 have already been busy sketching the school.



Our Whole School Production

at Indigo O2 – Friday 4 July

(Performances at 2.30pm & 7pm)

Our whole school production is a school tradition scheduled every five years, which brings us together from EY to S4, as a whole school, in a truly memorable way and for this extra special year we have managed to book 'Indigo' at the O2. The cost of the tickets will be £30 per adult, £15 for under 11's and free for under 3'. Bookings will be direct with 'Indigo' and we will be announcing further information about ticket sales soon.

'Moving Up' Day – Tuesday 8 July

This will be an opportunity in the last week of term for all children to meet their new teacher in preparation for the forthcoming academic year 2025-2026.

Breaktime Netball League S1-S4

Monday and Friday (girls only)

Breaktime Football League J3 and S1

Wednesday and Thursday

(boys and girls)

Each team will have a unique alliterative name such as 'Blazing Birds' or 'Creepy Cookies'. Teamwork, communication, support for each other and ball skills will be key. The best four teams in each league will take part in the Play-offs and finals at the end of this term.

Summer Prizegiving – Wednesday 9 July

(Juniors 2pm) & (Senior 7pm)

We will be hosting our prizegivings outdoors, on our large sound stage on Merton field.

FOMC 'Old Skool' Prom On The Pitch

Thursday 10 July (6pm – 9pm)

Live band and DJ for everyone and bouncy inflatables all evening for the children. Tickets will go on sale via your ParentMail app after half term.

School Events Summer 2025

Tree Planting, Time Capsule Burying, Flag Changing & Unveiling of the '125' Mosaic

Friday 11 July (11am – 12pm)

Term will end at midday on Friday 11 July

Summer Playscheme 2025

Monday 14 July - Friday 8 August

Our Playscheme Team will provide an exciting variety of themed activities over the summer holidays. Booking forms will be sent out after May half-term. Please remember to book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited. Bookings will go live after half term via ParentMail.

Coffee Mornings

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to coffee mornings this term to watch children's assembly presentations.

J1 Friday 9 May

S1 Friday 16 May

J2 Friday 20 June

S2 Friday 2 May

J3 Friday 23 May

S3 Friday 6 June

Prospective Parents' Open Opportunities

Open Day – 21 May (9.15am – 2pm)

Open Morning – 20 September (9.15am – 12noon)

A reminder that any new parents wishing to look around the school with a view to sending their child here will be able to do so, shown round by members of School staff.

Anyone wishing to look around the school is welcome to make an individual appointment to talk with Dominic Price (our Headmaster), via the Admissions Team.

Merton Court 'Tiny Tots & Toddlers' Club'

These sessions will be held on Thursday mornings during our Summer Term 2025, between 9.30 and 10.30am. The sessions will commence on **Thursday 1 May** up to and including **Thursday**

19 June. (Please note there will be no session on Friday 29 May due to half term). Prospective parents are invited to bring younger children (adult accompanied) to our "Tiny Tots & Toddlers" for a real taste of Merton Court. These sessions will be held in the Early Years (EY) indoor and outdoor areas and entry is via the EY gate. A variety of activities are on offer for the children, from painting, playdough and messy play to trikes, bikes and sandpit play. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to become familiar with the EY environment and for you to meet and chat with staff and other prospective parents who are about to join school. £5 per session including refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you for tea/coffee and a chat.

Early Years New Parents' Induction

Tuesday 8 July (9am)

This is an opportunity for parents of children joining Early Years in September 2025 to come and meet with Mrs Langton and the Early Years teachers.



Sincere thanks to FOMC for a great Comedy Night enjoyed by everyone who attended.

**SOME FURTHER DATES
FOR FOMC EVENTS THIS YEAR**

Prom on the Pitch – Thursday 10 July

Bonfire Night – Friday 7 November

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 28 November





Old Mertonians news • Old Mertonians news • Old Mertonians news



Really lovely to see **Olivya Issac (OM 2015 - 2022)** who popped in to see us. She is at Knole Academy and excelling particularly with the Performing Arts. She is seen here with our newly published 2nd WW Lost Boys book, as her strong and detailed research on Lt Guy Agard-Butler is included in it. She is standing next to her name on our Scholar's Board for 2022.

Lovely to hear from **Chris Hewitson (OM 2003 - 2007)** who after completing his GCSEs and A-levels at Bexley Grammar School, attended Portsmouth University, where he achieved a First Class Honours

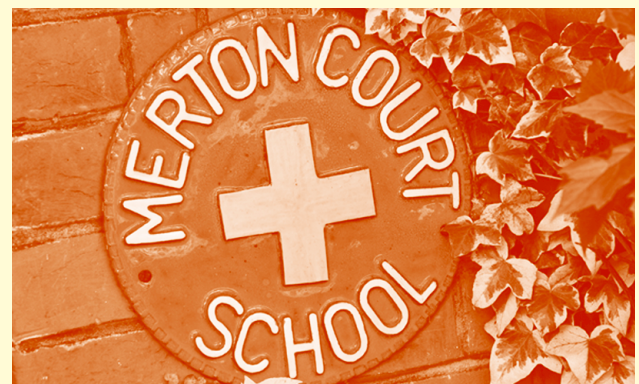
and maximum 4.0 GPA in Business & Management. He is now working as a Client Administrator at a Wealth Management firm in London and looking to study the CISI exams to become an Investment Manager in the next couple of years.

Great to talk to Mrs Manek and hear of all their successes. **Sienna (OM 2014 - 2017)**, **Vir (OM 2013 - 2021)** & **Neev Manek (OM 2013 - 2021)**

Also lovely to hear from **Maeve-Anne Allen (OM 2001 - 2008)**, who graduated from Royal Central School of Speech & Drama (University of London) a couple of years ago. Prior to that she had attended a foundation acting course at Sidcup's beloved Rose Bruford College. She has recently set up her own business 'Prose & Concepts' and will be presenting George Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion' at The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, Kent this year.

Great to see that **Stephen Flanagan (OM 1986)** is Head of Music at Newstead School. We found this out from the Kominek family, who met him at a Parents' Evening there.

It was also great to bump into **Billy (OM 2003 - 2012)** & **Zach (OM 2008 - 2016)** Mitchell's dad who was very proud of their continuing professional football careers with premiership teams!



It really is great receiving updates from past pupils (and staff). Please do contact us if you have news to share. Equally, as it is our special '125' anniversary, please do contact us, if you are an 'OM', with any of your recent news and please do come along and visit us on 'Founders Week' at the end of June – please contact the School Office on 020 8300 2112 or office@mertoncourtprep.co.uk

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Future Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary:

Staff Meeting – Monday 1 September

Staff INSET – Tuesday 2 September

Autumn Term 2025 Begins

Wednesday 3 September

New Parents Induction Meeting

Wednesday 3 September (9am)

Clubs Registration – Friday 5 September

S3 Residential Trip to France & Belgium

Wednesday 10 – Friday 12 September

School Photos – Individual & Sibling

Monday 15 September

FOMC AGM – Wednesday 17 September (7pm)

Prospective Parents' Open Morning

Saturday 20 September (9am – 12 noon)

Harvest Festival Service at St John's Church

Friday 26 September (9am)

Festival of Speech & Drama

Thursday 2 October (Individual)

& Friday 3 October (Form Performances)

English Week – Monday 6 – Friday 10 October

October Half Term

18 October – 2 November (inclusive)

Remembrance Service – Friday 7 November

FOMC Bonfire Night – Friday 7 November

EY, J2M, J3C, S1A, S2B, S3B Parents Evening

Monday 10 November

J1, J2M/S, J3H, S1M, S2T, S3P Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 11 November

Swimming Championships

Friday 14 November & Friday 21 November

Prospective Parents Open Day

Wednesday 19 November (9.15am – 2pm)

FOMC Christmas Bazaar – Friday 28 November

Junior Production

Thursday 4 & Friday 5 December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 10 December

Christmas Jumper Day/House Chess

& Santa Fun Run

Friday 12 December

Christmas Parties – Monday 15 December

Carol Service at St John's Church

Tuesday 16 December (6pm)

Autumn Prizegiving

Wednesday 17 December

Juniors 9.15am & Seniors 11am

End of Term

Wednesday 17 December at 12 noon

Please do check our website www.mertoncourtprep.co.uk for any dates and future events throughout 2025 and beyond. If you wish to access some great photos of last term's and this term's events, visit the secure 'Parents' section.

Please email office@mertoncourtprep.co.uk or telephone the school office if you require the password.

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