



EY NEWSLETTER (1) **SPRING TERM 2026**

Nurture

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope you all had an enjoyable festive break and wish you a very 'Happy New Year'.

We would like to start off by thanking you all for your continued support, the children have settled back into their daily routine well and we are all looking forward to the busy term ahead.

We would like to welcome our new children: Allegra, Artúr, Elysia, Oliver, Poppy and their families. We are always available at the beginning and end of your child's school day. The Early Years direct line telephone number is

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A gentle reminder that our school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3pm.

Stimulation

Topics

We are starting the Spring Term with our new topic 'Superheroes'. The children will take part in daily craft and messy activities linked to our topic; these will include shaving foam play, ice and water play, and a mixture of other textures. Our subsequent topics will be 'Jungle' and 'Sea Animals'.

Our whole school focus this term is on Science particularly 'Sound'. This term's theme gives us an opportunity to combine science with music and computer technology creating some wonderful, yet unexplored areas in the field of primary science. The links between science and music are enormously diverse. Endless opportunities exist to explore mutual themes ranging from the physics of

sound and acoustics and the psychological effects of music to the use of music in medicine and the associations between mathematics and music. To bring it up to our modern age, we will tap into the digital world and explore how to make music not just by using instruments, but electronically, too.

Story Sacks

This term we will be introducing our Story Sacks, please enjoy sharing them with your children and engage in the tasks set. Children will take them home on a Wednesday and they should be returned the following Monday.

Please find more details on the letter attached.

Exercise

Parent Partnership

One of the most important aspects of the children's learning is the development of independence and self-confidence. One of the best ways to foster this is to create environments where the children are given the opportunity to do things on their own.

Please encourage your child to dress themselves as this will aid us greatly when changing for Swimming and Forest School. We also would like to encourage the children to come in to class independently and carry their own bags.

Love

Empathy Week

We will be taking part in Empathy Week at School from 9th- 13th March. This a global initiative designed to help young people understand and develop empathy through storytelling, film, and interactive events. It aims to foster emotional intelligence and compassion

among children, encouraging them to build meaningful connections and resolve conflicts effectively. We will introduce this in an age-appropriate way.

No Phone Zone

Merton Court operates a 'No Phone Zone policy'. School photographs and videos performances where appropriate and uploads them to year group google drives for parents to view.

Please respect our policy of no photographs or filming which is for the safety of all our children and enjoy each performance in the moment.

Talk

"Tooled Up"

Tooled up is a useful resource for teachers and parents to turn evidence-based research into impactful real-life tools to help children thrive. Please see below the link for you to access at home.

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/register>

School PIN Number: MCP0809

Environment

Car Park

We have parents/carers within the school who need access to the disabled parking bay (just outside of J1) Please be mindful of this even when in a rush and please also do not obstruct our school gate, access to field and the passing bays.

Uniform

Please remember that blazers and caps/hats are part of our school uniform and should be worn to school every day. Girl's long hair should be tied up using red hair bands and small bows only.

In order that your lost items may be returned to you quickly, please would you ensure that all items of uniform including shoes are visibly labelled.

Due to the colder weather, children should bring a school coat everyday as well as a blazer. Scarves must be the school scarf and gloves.

If it is a 'Formal Uniform' day and the weather is particularly cold, your child is able to come to school wearing their tracksuit bottoms, please note that tights or sports leggings are not part of the boy's school uniform. Please would you ensure that your child has a pair of black plimsols to be left at school for Dance and PE.

Kind regards

Miss Amphlett, Mrs Richardson and the Early Years Team.

Diary of Events

Cake Sale (S4 Fundraiser) – Friday 16th January

(after collection outside of top and bottom gate)

Prospective Parents' Open Morning – Saturday, 17th January, 9:15 am – 12:00 noon.

FOMC Family Disco- Friday 30 January 5-7 pm

Valentine's Breakfast- Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February (Further details to follow) 12th - 9am & 11am 13th- 9am

Half Term – 16th – 20th February

Science Week – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th February

Soccer Aid Charity Day- Friday 27th February

FOMC Comedy Night - Friday 6th March

EY Parents' Evening - 9th March

Festival of Dance - Friday 20th March

Easter Bonnet Competition - Monday 23rd March

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