Autumn 2026

Newsletter

Merrydale Infant School

Headteacher's Message

It has been a great first half term at Merrydale. Our children have settled wonderfully into school life and it has been a pleasure to see so much learning, fun and achievement taking place across the school.

Personally, it has been a pleasure to become part of the Merrydale family, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our pupils, families and staff. I am excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to building on the many successes of this first term as we continue to work together to provide the very best for our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.





Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Parents' Evenings on **11th and 12th November**. Appointments will last approximately **10 minutes** and provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class, as well as the social and emotional progress they are making.

A reminder to please sign up for parents evening with your class teacher.

We look forward to meeting with you.

End of Term Reminder

A reminder to all families that school will finish on **Thursday 16th October**, as Friday 17th October is a staff training day and school will be closed to pupils.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 26th October** for the start of the new half term.

Children In Need

Our wonderful school counsellors are organising Children in Need! On Friday 13 November, children can wear something spotty or yellow in return for a suggested £1 donation.

Attendance

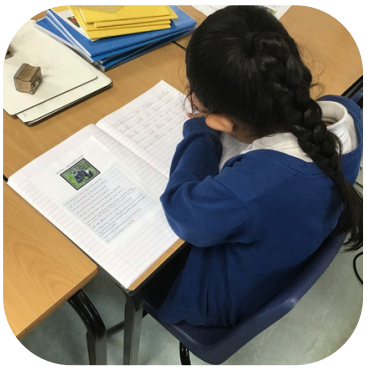
Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their very best at school. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities, helps children build friendships, and supports their overall development.

Our whole-school attendance is currently 94.8%, and we would love to see this increase to at least the national average of 96%. We can only achieve this with your continued support.

A polite reminder that we ask all family holidays to be taken during school holidays, as holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised. Where possible, we also ask that routine medical and dental appointments are arranged outside of the school day to minimise the amount of learning time missed.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive, achieve and enjoy their time at Merrydale.





Lost Property

We are receiving a large amount of lost property. Please make sure all clothing and belongings are clearly named.

If your child has lost any items, please come to the school office and have a look through our lost property collection, as we currently have a large number of unclaimed items.

Nut-Free School Reminder



Please remember that Merrydale is a nut-free school and, for the safety of children with severe allergies, nuts in any form must not be brought into school.

We also kindly ask that children do not bring birthday treats or other food items to share with their class.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all of our children safe.

Dates for Diary

Parents Evening - 11th & 12th November

Open Days - 4th & 17th November

School Photographs - 18th November

Healthy Bowel Healthy Bladder Workshop - 19th November

Behaviour Workshop - 24th November