

February 2025

Mere Green Primary School

‘Making a Difference’



Acting Headteacher Update

As we approach the end of Spring 1, we are thrilled to share the fantastic progress made across the school. Since Christmas, the children's development has been exceptional, particularly in phonics within EYFS and KS1. We are delighted with the impact of our phonics parent workshops, which were very well attended. Thank you to all parents who joined us and for the positive feedback—we greatly appreciate your support.

This week, we marked Safer Internet Day with a special assembly delivered by our local PCSO, focusing on the importance of staying safe online. We encourage all parents to continue reinforcing online safety at home to help keep our children safe in today's digital world.

Today, we say a fond farewell to Andie Bailey in Year 1. Andie has been truly exceptional, and her dedication to the children's learning and well-being has made a significant impact. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome back Miss Rebecca Murray, who is returning from her secondment. We are excited to have her back as part of our team and look forward to her continuing to inspire and support our children.

We wish all our families a safe and happy half-term break. A reminder that children will return to school on **Monday, 24th February at 8:40 am.**

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another successful half-term ahead!

Mrs Lucia Wilder (formerly Miss Thornton)
Acting Headteacher



During the half term, several improvement projects will be taking place

KS1 Toilets are being refurbished, along with the Year 3 and 4 toilets. Year 5 and Year 6 toilets will be updated during the next phase of works.

Bike Shelter Installation - We are excited to announce that a new bike shelter will be installed, supporting our ongoing commitment to promoting active travel to school.

Year 5 Swimming Success

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at Wyndley. We are incredibly proud to announce that many children have already achieved their 25 metre distance, a fantastic accomplishment. Well done to all swimmers for their hard work and perseverance.

Tip 2: Focus on Solutions, Not Blame

Theme: Problem-solving instead of pointing fingers.

Parent with Teacher: Instead of saying, “You don’t care about my child,” ask, “How can we address [child’s name]’s needs more effectively?”

Children with Children: Teach your child to say, “Let’s figure out how we can play together,” instead of “You’re ruining everything.”

Parent with Child: Instead of saying, “You never do what I ask,” say, “Let’s work out a plan to help you remember your chores.”



PCSO PHOTOS

Zones of regulation

We recognise at Mere Green, that not everyone is able to regulate their emotions in the same way. For this reason, children have created their own zones of regulation together with Memojis, to help the adults around school understand their individuals needs.





🚩 World Book Day & Exciting Treasure Island Events! 🚩

We're thrilled to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, and as always, we invite children to dress up as their favourite book character to mark the occasion.

To make the day even more special, please encourage children to bring in their favourite book from home to share with their class and friends.

🌟 Special Theatre Performance – Treasure Island! 🌟

As part of our celebration of stories and classic literature for World Book Day, we are delighted to bring a live theatre performance of Treasure Island to school on Monday 25th March.

- Open to all children from Nursery to Year 6
- Cost: £5 per child (Payments available via CASS under 'Theatre Performance of Treasure Island')
- A fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre and engage with classical literature

🏴‍☠️ Treasure Island Day – Get Ready to Dress as a Pirate! 🏴‍☠️

To prepare for this exciting event, we will be holding a 'Treasure Island Day'—a fun-filled day where children can dress up as a pirate and take part in themed activities! This will take place on Thursday 20th March.

📅 Key Dates for Your Diary:

- 📖 Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (Dress as a book character & bring a favourite book)
- 🏴‍☠️ Thursday 20th March – Treasure Island Dress-Up Day (Pirate costumes encouraged!)
- 🎭 Monday 25th March – Treasure Island Theatre Performance (£5 per child)

We can't wait to celebrate the magic of books and storytelling with all of our children! Thank you for your support.



If you are worried or concerned about a child please contact Birmingham Children's Trust:

CASS contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Telephone: 0121 303 1888

CASS emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

NSPCC

Advice and help for parents or anyone worried or concerned about a child call: 0808 800 500 or visit:

NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC

Crimestoppers

Help, advice and a means to give information anonymously to the police: 0800 555 111 or visit:

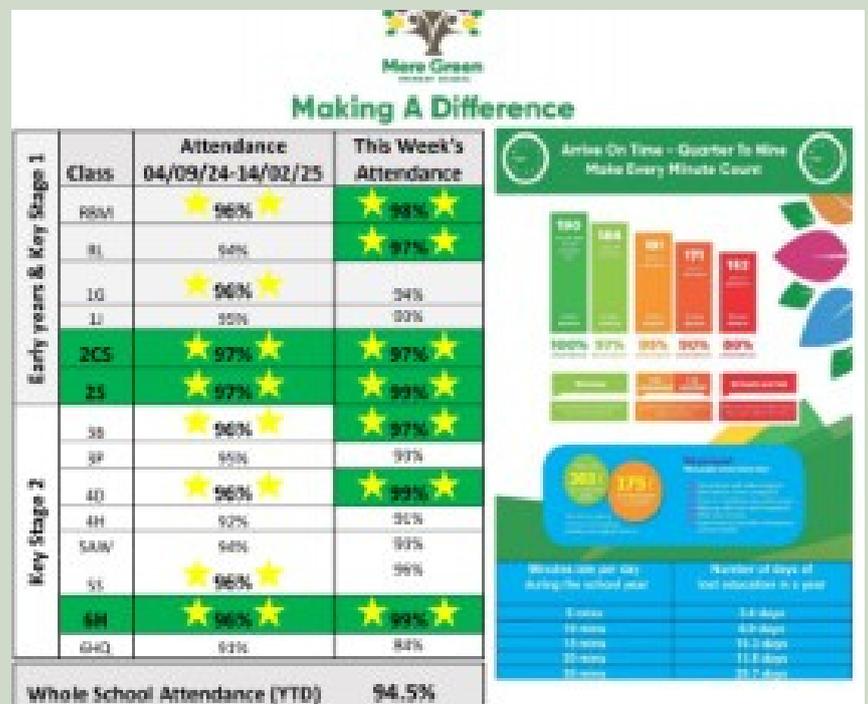
Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers



HOPE FOOD - DONATION BASKET

A reminder that we are have a permanent donation basket in the main office. If you are able to donate any items, we would be most grateful for those in need.

Please find the attendance winners for this week, as well as up to this year so far!



Important Dates

Return to school on Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 28th March - Reception Maths Workshop

Monday 31st March - Whole School Assembly