

March 2025

Mere Green Primary School

'Making a difference'



Acting Head Teacher Update

We hope you've had a wonderful week. There's been lots happening in school, and we are excited to share some key updates with you.

As many of you are aware, there was a security threat to the school last week. We want to sincerely thank you for your support and understanding during what was a challenging time for our school community. We are incredibly proud of how well the children handled the situation—their resilience was remarkable, and the school day continued as usual. Next week, we will be delivering assemblies to all pupils about the principles of lockdown: Run, Hide, Tell. This will be delivered in an age-appropriate way to ensure children feel informed and empowered.

In other news, our Year 6 pupils have had an unforgettable experience on their five-day residential trip to Paris! From exploring iconic landmarks to enjoying the magic of Disneyland, they have created lifelong memories. We look forward to welcoming them home this evening. A special thank you to our dedicated staff: Mrs Harders, Mrs Haque, Mrs Matthews, and Mr Wilkes who gave up their time to make this incredible experience possible. See below for some lovely photos!

Today, we celebrated Holi (Festival of Colours) with a non-uniform day to embrace the joy and vibrancy of this important Hindu festival. It is wonderful to see the children learning about different cultural traditions and joining in the celebrations.

I am pleased to share that Mrs Brookes has begun a phased return to work at our partner school, Brookvale, as she eases back into working life. She is planning to return to Mere Green in the second week after the Easter break. In the meantime, Mrs Brookes will be popping into school regularly over the next few weeks, and I know she is looking forward to reconnecting with staff, children, and parents. We appreciate your support and understanding as she transitions back, and we are all excited to welcome her back fully soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our school a wonderful place for children to learn and grow. We have more exciting events coming up, so keep an eye out for further updates!



Health 4 Life Award

We are delighted to announce that Mr Gordon has successfully secured the Health 4 Life award for our school! This achievement reflects our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles among our pupils. As part of the process, we have engaged in a range of initiatives focusing on nutrition, physical activity, and overall well-being. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Donations

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our parents and the PTA for your generosity and continued support. Your donations make a real difference to our school community.

Following parent feedback, we have now purchased a range of outdoor EYFS resources to further develop this space, providing our youngest learners with exciting new opportunities for exploration and play.

In addition, our brand-new bike shelter is now fully installed, and it has been fantastic to see so many children using it as they cycle to school. We appreciate your efforts in promoting a healthier and more sustainable way to travel—just don't forget to bring a bike lock!

If you are able to offer any further donations to help us continue developing our provision, we would be most grateful. Your support enables us to enhance the learning environment and opportunities for our children. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference. Thank you for your generosity!

World Book Day 2025 - once again an incredible success!

While we know that one day alone isn't t enough to celebrate the joy of reading, it was certainly a special occasion. Each class welcomed a 'secret reader' who shared their favourite book, we all took part in our much-loved annual book character catwalk, and so many children proudly shared their favourite books. Thank you for taking the time to talk about reading with your children - it truly makes a difference!

Here are some of our favourite moments from the day:





🏴‍☠️ Ahoy, Me Hearties! Pirate Day is Coming! 🏴‍☠️

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, and we'd like to say a big thank you for your support – the children had a wonderful day filled with book talk and storytelling.

To keep the excitement going, we're thrilled to announce that we have more book-themed events happened in school:

🌟 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 Tuesday 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.

Why Pirate Day?

Treasure Island is a classic story, but without some background knowledge, younger children may find the play tricky to follow. Pirate Day will give them a head start – helping them understand the characters, plot, and key ideas so they can fully enjoy the performance.

📅 Key Dates for Your Diary:

🏴‍☠️ Thursday 20th March – Treasure Island Dress-Up Day (Pirate costumes encouraged!)

🎭 Tuesday 25th March – Treasure Island Theatre Performance (£5 per child)

School Fund Donation

To support our school and enhance the educational experience for your children, we would like to raise additional funds. Options to donate are in the School Shop tab on MCAS.

Your generous contributions will go directly toward important initiatives and equipment that will benefit our students and ensure they have the best possible learning environment.

Donation options include £5, £10, £25, £50, or an amount of your choosing. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference and is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness and ongoing support for our school community!



Important Dates



Friday 21st March: Comic Relief

Friday 28th March: Reception Maths Workshop

Monday 31st March: Eid

Monday 7th - Friday 11th April: Easter Celebration

Wednesday 9th April: Child Progress Meetings

Friday 11th April: EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, KS2 Egg Competition

Friday 11th April: Last Day of Term (normal finish time)