

May 2025

Mere Green Primary School

'Making a difference'



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It brings me great joy to write this month's newsletter. Thank you all for your warm welcome and kind wishes – Mere Green is a very special school, and I am truly delighted to be back with you all.

Although this half term has been short, it has certainly been a busy one. One of our school values is to thrive, and over the past few weeks, we have seen this in abundance:

- Our Early Years and Year 1 children enjoyed an immersive theatre experience of Jack and the Beanstalk, which truly captivated their imaginations.
- Year 5 consolidated their learning with a fantastic trip to the Space Centre.
- Many of our families joined Mr. Gordon for a Forest School workshop.
- Our girls' football team played in the finals HMS League for Girls primary School U11 at Bodymoor Heath and proudly achieved runners up.
- Several of our musicians impressed the audience during our Spring Concert.
- Year 6 pupils completed their KS2 SATs – we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.
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In addition, we were pleased to welcome Ofsted to our school. It was a privilege to share the journey of our wonderful school, and the fantastic learning and opportunities that take place here. Thank you to all the families who completed the parent survey or took the time to speak with the inspectors – your support was incredible and deeply appreciated. I know many parents are eager to hear more about the inspection; we expect to receive the report in the coming weeks and will share it with you as soon as we do.

A short but jam-packed half term! Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Brookes

Welcome Back, Miss Whateley

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Whateley, who returned today following her maternity leave. It's wonderful to have her back as part of the Year 5 team, and the children were excited to see her return.

However, Miss Whately's return will be a short one, as she will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to pursue a new career path. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the very best in this exciting next chapter and thank her for all she has contributed to Mere Green.

Additional Nursery Sessions for Summer 2

As our nursery pupils approach their final half term as preschoolers and prepare for the exciting transition to Reception, we are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to purchase additional nursery sessions at a significantly reduced cost.

For Summer 2, we are offering a 50% reduction on additional sessions. If you would like to purchase extra hours, on top of your current booking, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for more information.

Our Nursery operates from 8:45am to 3:15pm, Monday to Friday (term time only).

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to supporting your child through this exciting transition!

A Reminder About Jewellery in School

We have recently noticed an increase in children wearing jewellery to school, including necklaces, bracelets, and hooped earrings. We would like to remind all families that, in line with our school uniform policy, jewellery is not permitted in school – with the exception of small stud earrings.

For safety reasons and to support a focused learning environment, we kindly ask that all jewellery be kept at home. Please help us by reminding your child of this expectation.

In addition, we have also noticed an increase in pupils wearing trainers during the school day. As a polite reminder, black school shoes are expected as part of our school uniform, in line with our uniform policy.

Trainers should only be worn as part of the PE kit on designated PE days. Thank you for your continued support.

Our School Book Fair is Back!

We're excited to welcome the Book Fair back to school from Monday 9th to Friday 13th June, outside the reception area. Come and browse a fantastic selection of books, perfect for summer holiday reading. There's a 3 for 2 offer across all titles – a great opportunity to stock up on some brilliant new reads!

Planning for Successful Transitions in Summer 2

During Summer 2, we dedicate time to carefully plan for the successful transition of all our children into the next phase of their education. This includes teacher handovers, transition mornings for all pupils, "meet the new class staff" events, and bespoke support from our pastoral team.

Each year, we review the successes, needs, and dynamics of each cohort. Staff teams work collaboratively to create new classes for the following year, ensuring that every child is placed in an environment where they can thrive. As part of this process, class groupings may change annually.

New class placements will be shared early in Summer 2, giving families ample time to prepare for the next academic year. This is a significant and carefully considered task, and we take great care to ensure the very best outcomes for all pupils.

Junior PCSO Programme – Supporting Safer Parking

We're proud to share that we have teamed up with the local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) to run a Junior PCSO programme. The team includes 15, trained year 5 pupils and their focus is on promoting safe and more considerate parking in the local area.

The children completed their first patrol on Tuesday alongside our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). The children did a fantastic job promoting safe and responsible parking during morning drop-off and afternoon collection times.

The Junior PCSOs will continue their patrols throughout the next term, helping to encourage respectful and safe behaviour around our school.

As always, we kindly remind families to use local car parks and avoid parking on yellow lines, as this may result in a fine.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community safe.



Becoming Lead School for Music

We are proud to have been named a Lead School for Music—an incredible achievement and recognition of our commitment to music education. This honour reflects the dedication of our staff and students. It also opens up exciting new opportunities for collaboration and growth.

Participating in VE Day Celebrations at St James Church

Our students took part in the VE Day celebrations at St James Church, paying tribute through music and reflection. It was a moving experience that connected them to our shared history. We were proud to be part of such a meaningful community event.

Amazing Spring of Sound – Young Voices and Rising Voices Performances

This spring has been packed with musical highlights, including fantastic performances from both Young Voices and Rising Voices choirs. Their talent and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. The season continues with a special upcoming workshop in Mere Green Primary alongside the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

Birmingham Royal Ballet – Dance Track Program

The Dance Track program with Birmingham Royal Ballet was an amazing success, engaging our Year 1 children in the joy of movement and expression. The sessions were full of energy and creativity. It was a fantastic opportunity to work with such a prestigious company.

Storytelling Workshop with The Red Hen Theatre Company

Reception and Nursery children enjoyed a captivating storytelling workshop with a practitioner from the Red Hen Theatre Company. The traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk was brought vividly to life through drama. It was a magical and memorable experience for our youngest learners.





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WITH THE BIRMINGHAM MUSIC
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VE Day
performance at
St James Church
Mere Green



RISING VOICES



SING!

West Midlands

Sign up for SING! 2025, which includes **three FREE workshops!**

Each workshop day is led by our **friendly team** of vocal leaders **from National Youth Choir**.

Young singers will learn exciting new **songs**, make new **friends** and develop their **musical skills**.

Who can join

- Open to **Year 5 to Year 8**
- You must be at **state school or homeschooled** in the West Midlands area
- The workshops are **FREE** and **support with travel costs** is available
- You can sign up at any point in the year

Sign up now

Register for events and sign up to our mailing list



Opportunity for Free workshops with National Youth Choir

Held at Mere Green Primary!

Workshop dates

All workshops take place in Mere Green Primary School, Birmingham

Workshop 1 - Saturday 7 June, 10am-4pm

Workshop 2 - Saturday 5 July, 10am-4pm

Workshop 3 - Saturday 11 October, 10am-4pm
includes auditions to join National Youth Choir

www.nationalyouthchoir.org.uk



**Travelling Book Fair-
Monday 9th to Friday 13th
June**

TRAVELLING BOOKS

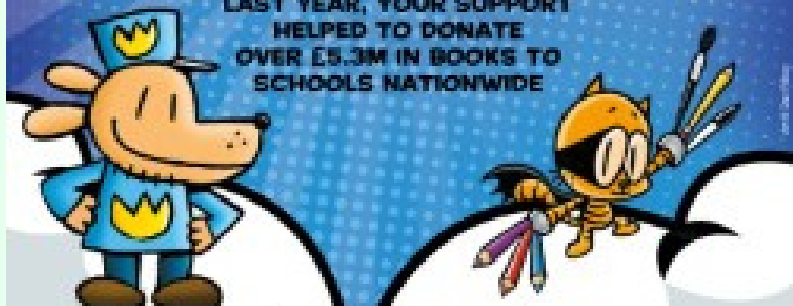
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SCHOOL WITH
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READING
GIVES YOU
SUPERPOWERS!

GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT
HELPED TO DONATE
OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO
SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



Upcoming Events with Ark Community Church

We're excited to introduce a new Lads and Dads Coffee Morning – a relaxed and friendly space for dads, male carers, and their lads to come together, chat, and enjoy a warm drink. We look forward to seeing you there!



Academic Date 25/26

Please make a note of these dates. They will be updated on our website.

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025

Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026

Inset/ Training Days

- Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd Sept 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 1st December
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 1st May 2026
- Tuesday 5th May, 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

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



Monday 2nd June: School Begins Summer 2

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th June: Year 1 DT Days

Monday 23rd-Thursday 26th June: Pop up Clothes Sale

Tuesday 24th June: Year 6 Leadership Academy Awards

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th June: Year 3 & 4 DT Days

Wednesday 25th June: Year 2 Class Assembly

Thursday 26th June: Multicultural Celebration Family Picnic & Summer Fair

Friday 27th June: School Closed - Training Day

SPORTS DAYS

Wednesday 2nd July:

Nursery, Reception 1.15- 2pm

Key Stage 1 - 2.10pm - 3.10pm

Thursday 3rd July: KS2 1.30 - 3pm

Children will return to class at the end of the event and will be dismissed from classes at 3.15pm