

April 2025

Mere Green Primary School

'Making a difference'



Acting Head Teacher Update

As we come to the end of a vibrant and exciting Spring Term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the many wonderful things that have taken place across school.

It's been a term full of learning, happiness, and exploration – with so many of our children taking part in enriching trips to places of worship including a mosque, a Buddhist centre, and more. These visits have supported our learning in RE and helped to develop a deeper understanding of different cultures, beliefs and traditions. We are incredibly proud of how respectful and curious our children were throughout these experiences.

Staff Updates

We have a few important staffing updates to share with you:

- Mrs Shakespeare will sadly be leaving us on Friday 2nd May. We know she will be greatly missed by children, staff, and families alike. In the interim, Mr Newton (Assistant Headteacher) will be taking over her class to ensure continuity and a smooth transition for the children.
- We're delighted to share that Becky Murray has returned from her secondment and is now back with us, teaching in Year 1 and leading EYFS. It's wonderful to have her back on the team!
- We are also very excited to welcome back our Headteacher, Kristal Brookes, who will be returning on Tuesday 29th April. We can't wait to have her back in school, and we know the children and staff will be thrilled to see her.
- As part of some recent restructuring, we will also be seeing a change in our Strategic Leader. We say a big thank you to Jenny Maskell for all her work with us, and welcome Suzie Norton, to the role moving forward.



Suzie Norton

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term and look forward to an exciting and successful Summer Term ahead. We hope you enjoy the break!

Lucia Wilder (formerly Lucia Thornton)
Acting Headteacher

Person of the Month – Dav Pilkey

As part of our Person of the Month initiative, this term the children have been learning about Dav Pilkey, the American author best known for the Captain Underpants and Dog Man series.

Dav's story is an inspiring one – as a child, he struggled with ADHD and dyslexia, often finding it difficult to focus in school. However, he had a passion for drawing and storytelling, which led him to create the humorous, comic-style books that have now become international bestsellers. His creativity has captured the hearts of millions of young readers, and Captain Underpants has even been adapted into a popular movie and TV series.

Through learning about Dav Pilkey, our children have been encouraged to see the value in embracing their individuality, using creativity as a strength, and never giving up on their passions – a powerful message for learners of all ages.

Welcoming Our New Vulnerable Children's Advocate

We're delighted to introduce Chris Morgan, who has recently joined our school community as our new Vulnerable Children's Advocate. Chris is a passionate and dedicated parent with a strong commitment to ensuring every child feels seen, supported, and heard.

Chris will be working closely with staff, children, and families to help identify and support those who may need a little extra care or guidance, ensuring that all our children feel safe, valued, and able to thrive.

We're really excited to have Chris on board and know he will make a positive difference in the lives of many of our pupils.

Reminder: Summer is coming!

As the weather warms up, we encourage you to help your child stay sun-safe. Please make sure they come to school wearing sunscreen. They are also welcome to bring a hat and sunglasses for extra protection during outdoor activities. Kindly remind your child that they will be responsible for taking care of their personal sun protection items.

For our Year 6 parents, if you would like your child to walk home, please ensure that you give written permission via email or ClassDojo to Admin and the Class teacher. Please find our policies on collection and walking home here: <https://meregrn.bham.sch.uk/files/2024/03/Drop-Off-and-Collection-Information.pdf>

Medication

Please ensure that if your child is on regular medication, that the school is made aware and that the most up to date medication is at school. If you are not sure, please send a message to Admin on Classdojo or email admin@meregrn.bham.sch.uk

School Office Hours

Please be reminded that school office hours are **from 8am to 4pm.**

Relish

Please ensure that your child's dinner is ordered on Relish. The cut-off for ordering dinners is at 12pm the day before the selected date.

External Provider Updates



Free Parenting Groups & Courses

Support for all parents and carers with children from pregnancy to 19 (25 with special educational needs & disabilities), both online and face-to-face.

- Are you expecting a baby?
- Have you recently had a baby?
- Do you want support to better understand your child or teenager's behaviour?



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16TH APRIL - 11AM TO 1PM
DUGDALE CRESCENT, B75 5HA

Inflatables | Food |  Easter Trail | Crafts





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For more info: Lynn Jennings - 07950 085905

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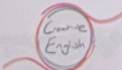
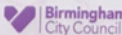
Join the class at...

Place: Ark Community Church, St. James Road, Mere Green, B75 5EH

Day: Starting Thursday 1st May

Time: 12.45 - 2.45 (Please book in on the number below)

Just drop in! Or for more information, call...
Assistant Pastor Lynn Jennings 07950 085905

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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 28th April: Closed Training Day

Tuesday 29th April: School Term Begins

School Day begins at 8.45am Gates open at 8.30am

Doors open at 8:40am

Tuesday 29th – Thursday 1st May: London Residential

Tuesday 29th April: Year 2 Forest School Parent and Child Workshop

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday- School Closed