



16th October 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy week at Merry Hill, and it has been lovely to see our children embracing new learning, growing in confidence and demonstrating what it means to be part of our school learning community. From welcoming prospective families to sharing expertise with Early Years colleagues from across the district, there has been plenty happening across the school!

Here are some of this week's highlights.

A Happy Face – Our School Community

Harvest Festival – Thank you for your kindness

Our Harvest Festival collection in support of the Red Trust is well underway, and it has been wonderful to see the donations arriving in school. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Your generosity will help support individuals and families in our local community.

There is still time to take part, so if you are able to donate, please continue to send items into school over the coming days. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

Working together with our families

This week, we have continued our parent consultation meetings. These conversations are an important part of our home school partnership, giving us time to celebrate children's achievements, discuss their progress and agree on how best to support their next steps.

Thank you to all the families who have taken the time to meet with us. Working together helps us ensure that every child feels supported, valued and ready to learn.

Welcome to Merry Hill (Tours)!

We were delighted to begin our Welcome to Merry Hill tours this week, opening our doors to families who are considering joining our school in the future.

Our tours are a wonderful opportunity to see Merry Hill in action, meet our staff and experience the learning, curiosity and enthusiasm that fill our classrooms every day.

If you know a family looking for a school place, we would love you to spread the word and encourage them to come and see what makes Merry Hill such a special place to learn and grow.

A Learning Place- Learning, Sharing and Growing

Strengthening Teaching and Learning

This week, we welcomed our School Improvement Partner to work with us on one of our key priorities in our School Development Plan:

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Closing attainment gaps for disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND through high-quality adaptive teaching.

We are committed to ensuring that every child receives the teaching, challenge and support they need to succeed. Visits such as these help us reflect on our practice, celebrate what is working well and identify ways to make learning even better for all our children.

Sharing our Early Year Expertise

We were proud to host the EYFS District Clinic this week, bringing together Early Years practitioners from across the local area to share ideas, discuss effective practice and learn from one another.

Our visiting colleagues also had the opportunity to tour our Early Years classrooms and see our learning environments in action. It was lovely to showcase the experiences we provide for our youngest learners and to receive such positive feedback about our provision. We are always pleased to share our practice and learn alongside colleagues from other schools.



The Merry Hill Way

The Merry Hill Way is at the heart of everything we do. We want our children to feel safe, happy and confident, understand our expectations and develop the skills they need to become independent learners.

This week, we have continued to focus on helping children recognise when they need support and feel confident enough to ask questions. These are important skills that help children become more confident, resilient and successful learners.

Our Team Points focus this week:

- **EYFS:** We know who to ask for help when we need it.
- **Key Stage 1:** We are confident to ask questions for clarification.

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It has been lovely to see children putting these expectations into practice across the school. Well done, everyone!

Keep Up to Date with Our Learning

Would you like to know more about what your child has been learning in class? Our weekly Year Group Blogs share highlights from the classroom, celebrate learning and offer ideas to help you continue conversations about learning at home.

Take a look at this week's updates here:

<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

A Growing Space – Our Wider Community

Have you received support from Hertfordshire's Children & Young People's Mental Health Services in the last 12 months?

If you have, please take a few minutes to share your views and experiences by completing the survey below. Just scan the QR code to take part.



Have Your Say: 20mph Speed Limits Consultation

Hertfordshire County Council is inviting local residents to share their views on proposed 20mph speed limits in Bushey and Bushey Heath.

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The consultation is seeking feedback on whether more roads in the area should have a 20mph limit. Lower speed limits can help make journeys safer and more comfortable for children and families walking, wheeling and cycling to school and around the local community.

Please see the attached poster for further information and consider taking part in the short online survey:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Merry Hill community.

We hope you have a lovely, relaxing weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back next week!

Warm wishes,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

20 Bushey & Bushey Heath

Your Streets Your Say
Hertfordshire County Council want to hear from local people, on whether, and where, 20mph speed limits may be appropriate in Bushey and Bushey Heath.

Why 20mph?

- ✓ Safer school runs
- ✓ Calmer streets
- ✓ Healthier neighbourhoods

The consultation is open from Monday 12 October 2026 to Sunday 15 November 2026

Have your say
Scan the QR code or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph, select your area and complete the survey.


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