



17th July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Although I have continued my recovery away from school, I have loved hearing all about the wonderful events that have taken place over the past few weeks. Through updates from the team, photographs and even joining our Year 2 Leavers' Show via Zoom, I have still been able to celebrate the many achievements of our children. It has been a wonderful way to reflect on everything our children have accomplished this year.

I was delighted to hear how successful our Open Evenings were. It was wonderful to hear about the children confidently guiding their families around the classrooms, proudly sharing their work and introducing you to their new classrooms and teachers. The feedback from staff was that the children spoke with such confidence and pride, a wonderful reminder of just how far they have come this year.

Year 2

Our Year 2 Leavers' Show was a fantastic celebration of everything the children have achieved during their time at Merry Hill. Watching them perform with such confidence was incredibly special. They have grown into kind, resilient and capable young people, and whilst we are sad to see them leave us, we are immensely proud of all they have accomplished.

We know they are more than ready for Year 3 and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We wish them every success and look forward to seeing them again.

Summer Learning

We hope you enjoy a wonderful summer holiday together, making the most of quality family time whenever work and other commitments allow. We recognise that the summer holidays can bring different challenges for different families, so our aim is to keep things simple and enjoyable.

We do not set homework over the summer holidays. However, we do encourage you to continue reading with your child. Sharing books, listening to your child read, talking about stories and simply enjoying books together are some of the most valuable ways to support their learning and help them return to school feeling confident and ready to learn.

Encouraging your child to write little and often can also help them retain the skills they have developed throughout the year. This doesn't need to be formal writing – shopping lists, postcards, holiday diaries, letters or emails to family and friends, recipes, or even a note to school about their summer adventures are all fantastic ways to practise.

Talking is just as important as reading and writing. Spend time joining your child in what they are doing, whether they are playing, building, drawing, cooking or exploring outdoors. Make observations together, ask questions and enjoy conversations about your shared experiences. These everyday interactions help to develop communication skills and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

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Maths can also be practised in fun and practical ways. Play board games, cook together, tell the time, spot patterns, read door numbers, compare prices or use money while shopping. These everyday activities help children see how maths is used in real life while keeping learning enjoyable.

A Happy Face

Team points:

EYFS and KS1: We are ready for the next school year

We are incredibly proud of how successfully The Merry Hill Way has been implemented across our school community during its first year. Throughout the year, our staff have continually reflected on and refined our approach to ensure it meets the needs of every child.

Through explicitly teaching what it means to be **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, our children have developed increasingly positive, pro-social behaviours that enable them to make the most of every learning opportunity. These behaviours not only support their success now but also prepare them for the next stage of their education.

Thank you all for your continued support in the successful implementation of The Merry Hill Way. By working together, we have created a consistent and positive culture where every child can flourish.

A Learning Place

Year Group Blogs

To mark the end of the academic year, our class teachers have created a special blog for each year group to celebrate the children's achievements and the many exciting learning and enrichment opportunities they have enjoyed throughout the year.

Please click on the link below to view the blogs and join us in celebrating a fantastic year of learning.

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

A Growing Space

Transition

Supporting children through change is something we take great care over at Merry Hill. Over recent weeks, the children have taken part in a range of transition activities to help them feel confident and excited about September.

Last week, the children revisited their new classrooms to enjoy a story with their new teacher. Some children have also had additional visits to Ashfield where appropriate, and every child has received a social story to help them revisit information about their new class over the summer holidays. We hope these opportunities help every child return in September feeling confident, settled and ready for a successful start to the new school year.

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Thank You

To the Merry Hill Team

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible team for their unwavering commitment, care and dedication. There is so much work that happens behind the scenes long before the children arrive each day, and it is this collective effort that makes Merry Hill such a special place to learn and grow. Thank you all for everything you do.

To Our Governors

Thank you to our governors for their continued support, challenge and commitment to the school. Their time and expertise help ensure that Merry Hill continues to grow and provide the very best opportunities for every child. Their dedication behind the scenes is greatly appreciated by both our staff and our wider school community.

To Our Merry Hill Community

Finally, thank you to every member of our wonderful Merry Hill community. Whether you have supported your child's learning at home, volunteered your time, attended school events or simply encouraged your child every day, you have played an important part in another successful year.

A special thank you to **the Friends of Merry Hill** for organising so many fantastic events throughout the year and for raising valuable funds that directly benefit our children. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteers their time, attends events and supports fundraising activities.

Thank you for everything you do to support our school each and every day.

As another successful year comes to an end, I would like to wish every one of our families a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. I hope you enjoy making special memories together, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Wednesday 2nd September** for another exciting year at Merry Hill.

With very best wishes,

Ms Adams
Headteacher

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