



22nd May 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank our children, families and staff for all of their continued support. The children have continued to work hard, show kindness to one another and embrace the many opportunities that have taken place across school. We are very proud of all they have achieved this half term.

Staff Success

We would like to congratulate both Mrs Parker and Miss Ananda on successfully completing their Level 3 teaching and learning qualifications. We are especially proud that Mrs Parker achieved a distinction, a wonderful accomplishment.

Both members of staff have worked incredibly hard whilst continuing to support the children each day, and we have been delighted to support them on their professional journeys. Their dedication and commitment to their own development truly shines through. Well done to you both, we are very proud of your achievements.

Walk to School Week Success

Walk to School Week has been a great success, with children enthusiastically filling in their class charts throughout the week. Thank you to all the families who have supported the initiative by encouraging children to walk, scoot or cycle to school wherever possible. Your support helps promote healthy lifestyles and positive habits for the future.

A Happy Face

The Merry Hill Way remains at the heart of our school community and it has been lovely to see the children consistently living out our expectations in all areas of school life.

Team points:

EYFS: We notice things our friends are good at

KS1: We praise others for doing well

Attendance Matters

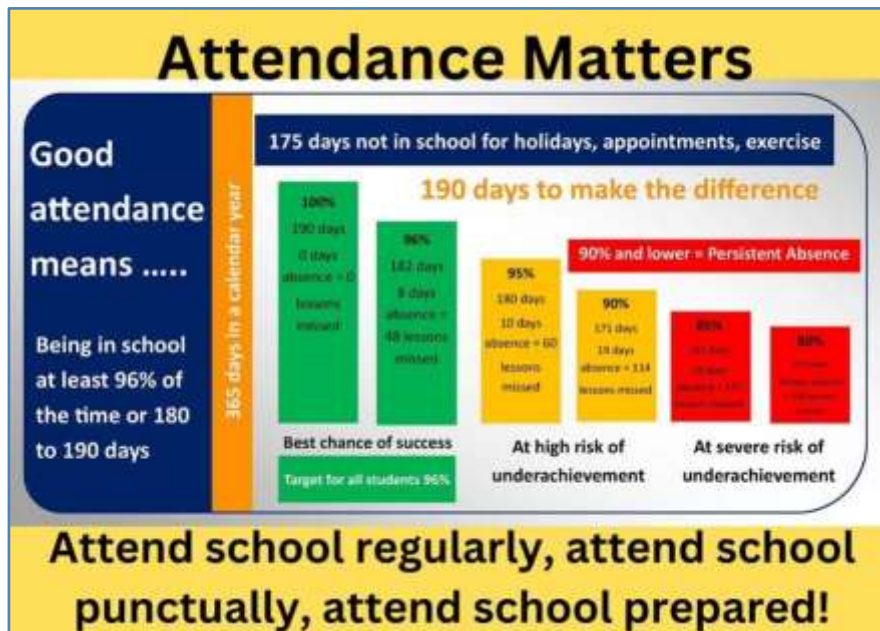
We have recently completed our summer term attendance review with the local authority attendance officer. Good attendance continues to play a very important role in children's learning, wellbeing and progress. Every day in school helps children to build confidence, strengthen friendships and develop positive routines for the future.

Excellent attendance supports children to:

- Build strong friendships and feel part of our school community
- Keep up with learning and make good progress
- Develop positive habits that benefit them throughout their lives

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn each day.

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A Learning Place

Year Group Blogs

Each week the class teachers post blogs, which enable you to find out more about our education offer and reinforce learning at home. Please click on the link below to find out more:

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

A Special Assembly from Sol

A little while ago, Sol wrote a letter asking if he could bring tadpoles into school, explaining that his grandma had lots in her pond. He then worked with Mr Johnson to help create a mini pond in our forest area so that the children could observe the tadpoles and learn more about their lifecycle.

Sol confidently presented an assembly to the whole school, sharing fascinating facts about frogs and explaining the different stages of the lifecycle. Through projects like this, our children develop confidence, communication skills, curiosity and a love of learning.

We are incredibly proud of Sol for showing such initiative and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing more children across the school share their own interests, ideas and passions with our learning community.



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FoMH

A huge thank you to the wonderful FoMH who will be providing an ice lolly treat for the children after school today!

FoMH are currently looking for new volunteers to help with their fantastic events, activities and fundraising efforts. If you would like to get involved, please do get in touch with them via email at fomh@merryhill.herts.sch.gov, by phone on 07786 545845, or catch them in the playground from 3.00pm today.

You will find their flyer attached at the bottom of this newsletter with more information. Whether you can spare an hour here and there or get more involved, every bit of help is valued and appreciated.

Nursery Places – September 2026

We currently have a small number of Nursery places available for September 2026 and would really appreciate your support in helping us spread the word within the local community.

At Merry Hill, we are proud to offer a nurturing and engaging early years environment alongside:

- 30 hours funded childcare (for eligible families)
- Wraparound care Monday to Friday from 7.30am–6.00pm
- A caring and experienced Early Years team
- Excellent outdoor learning opportunities
- Strong links between Nursery and Reception to support a smooth transition into school life

If you have friends, neighbours or family members looking for a Nursery place for their child, we would be very grateful if you could recommend Merry Hill to them. Word of mouth from our families is always one of the best ways for new families to learn about our wonderful school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping our school community grow.

We wish you all a very happy half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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30 FREE HOURS
For eligible children

We offer 30 free hours of early education for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.



EXPERIENCED AND CARING STAFF

Our qualified, friendly team nurtures every child to help them learn, grow and thrive.



EXTENDED WRAPAROUND CARE

OPEN
7:30AM - 6:00PM



NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Safe, stimulating and inclusive spaces where children feel happy, valued and secure.



PLAY, LEARN & GROW TOGETHER

Through play and purposeful learning, we help children build skills, friendships and a love of learning.



LIMITED SEPTEMBER PLACES

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Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery
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My daughter settled so quickly and absolutely loves coming to Nursery. The staff are so caring and the environment is wonderful!




Early Years provision rated **Outstanding** in 2024

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JOIN THE PTA!

FRIENDS OF MERRY HILL

help where you can when you can









-  WINTER FAIR
-  MOVIE NIGHT
-  SPONSORED SLIDE
-  CREATION STATIONS
-  BAKE SALES
-  PRELOVED UNIFORM SALES
-  SPECIAL TREATS
Ice lollies, Easter egg hunt
-  CHRISTMAS GIFTS
personalised
-  CAMP MERRY HILL
-  AND MUCH MORE!

TOGETHER, WE'VE HELPED PAY FOR:

-  THE PLAYGROUND
-  IPADS
-  THIS YEAR: THE CAT IN THE HAT SHOW!

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