



24th April 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have all been enjoying the beautiful spring weather as much as we have here at Merry Hill. Our children have loved exploring the bluebells that have bloomed across our wonderful school grounds. It's been such a joy to watch them discover the natural beauty around them, and these special moments remind us just how fortunate we are to have such a rich learning environment for our children to enjoy every day.

There's been so much happening at Merry Hill recently, and we're excited to share some of our highlights with you.

Welcome to our New Reception Families

We were delighted to welcome some of our new starters for September 2026 into school this week. It was a real pleasure to meet so many of the children who have been offered places at Merry Hill and to see such an overwhelmingly positive turnout from families. The school was full of excited energy, curious faces and big smiles, and it was wonderful to begin building those early connections. We are already looking forward to supporting the children as they begin their journey with us.

Purple Up Day

Thank you so much for supporting our Purple Up Day by coming to school with a purple accessory. We had a fabulous day celebrating the military children within our community and focusing on resilience amongst us all.

A special thank you goes to Mr Price for supporting us with the running of this event; he put our children through their paces with very energetic and wonderfully fun activities including a Tug of War! The children thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you also to the whole Merry Hill team for planning the day and ensuring it ran smoothly.



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SENCo Meeting

This Wednesday, we were delighted to host the DSPL9 Cluster and the very first FIF Cluster meeting at Merry Hill.

SENcos from across the locality joined us to share updates and discuss Focused Intervention Funding (FIF). The session was led by Gemma Hall, with our own Mrs Summers supporting as Lead SENCo for FIF applications.

It was a lovely opportunity to welcome colleagues into our school, showcase our nurturing environment and bring everyone together to share ideas and strengthen partnerships. We are very proud to play a part in supporting our wider school community.



Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Celebration – Friday 8th May

We are excited to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday on Friday 8th May. This special day is aimed at celebrating our wonderful planet and thinking about changes we can make to help protect and preserve it.

What to Bring:

To make the day even more exciting, we invite children to:

- **Bring in a teddy** for our *Teddy Boroughs* picnic, which will take place during normal lunch time
- **Bring in an explorer accessory (optional)** – this could be a special hat, binoculars, or a magnifying glass. Please ensure all items are named. These can of course be handmade!

Parent Invitation:

We would love to invite you to join us at **3.00pm on Friday 8th May**, where we will share a whole school song and a pledge from each school year group.

Please note: In the event of wet weather, this outdoor event won't go ahead, but we will notify you via email if this is the case. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

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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 greet one another cheerfully

KS1: We enquire how someone is and respond when they ask us how we are

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 Growing Space

Watford Schools Trust Visit

We also welcomed Watford Schools Trust into Moorhens this week for a 'Daniel in the Lion's Den' session. These community links are so important to us, and we are grateful for the support from Watford Schools Trust to enhance our RE curriculum.

Good Luck to Our London Marathon Runners

Good luck to everyone in our community taking part in the London Marathon this weekend! A special mention goes to Thomas, Mrs Barnes' son, who will be running in support of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. We are incredibly proud of his efforts for such a meaningful cause and wish him, and all runners, the very best on the day.

Summer Fair Update

We wanted to share that the Friends of Merry Hill have made the difficult decision not to run a Summer Fair this year. Due to a lack of volunteers needed to organise and support the event, it has unfortunately not been possible to go ahead.

This is particularly sad as it will be the first time in well over twenty years that the fair has not taken place, especially following the success and strong attendance at the Winter Fair.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers, so if you feel able to offer any time or support for future events, the Friends of Merry Hill would be very grateful to hear from you.

Warm regards,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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