



Thursday 26th March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!

Our children were absolutely delighted to take part in a special Easter egg hunt this week, kindly organised by our wonderful FoMH. There was a real buzz of excitement as the children searched high and low around the school grounds, working together and sharing in the fun. Every child was thrilled to receive a chocolate treat to take home at the end of the day!

Not wanting to miss out on the excitement, Miss Finch also organised an Easter egg hunt for staff, proving that you're never too grown up for a little chocolate-fuelled competition!

Nursery Phonics Meeting

We were delighted to welcome some of our Nursery parents and carers into school this week for a phonics workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity to share how we support early reading in Nursery, with a focus on Phase 1 phonics.

During the session, parents and carers explored how we develop key foundational skills such as listening and attention, sound discrimination, and an awareness of rhythm and rhyme. These early skills are essential in helping children build confidence as they begin their reading journey.

Thank you to everyone who attended, we really value your continued support in helping to strengthen children's learning both at home and at school.

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. Their kindness, respect and consideration for one another continue to make us proud.

Team points:

EYFS: We ask before taking something someone else is using

KS1: We ask permission before doing or taking something that is not part of the routine

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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 Growing Space

Special Assembly – Easter with Father Burton

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Father Burton to Merry Hill, where he led a special Easter assembly for our children. He shared the story and meaning of Easter in an engaging and thoughtful way. The children listened attentively throughout and demonstrated excellent respect



We were also pleased to welcome the Watford Schools Trust into Year 2, where they led an interactive and engaging Easter session as part of the children's RE curriculum.

We are very grateful for these valuable outreach opportunities, which enrich the children's learning and help to deepen their understanding through meaningful, real-life experiences.

Bake Sale and Pre-loved Uniform Sale – Friday 27th March @ 13:30

We look forward to welcoming you after school today for our bake sale and preloved uniform sale (donations gratefully accepted). Thank you in advance for your support, we appreciate the contributions that help to support our school community.

Purple Up Day

On Friday 24th April, we will be celebrating the military children within our community, in recognition of April as the Month of the Military Child. Purple Up Day recognises some of the military's most unsung heroes - their children. The day encourages everyone to wear purple representing all branches of the military and showing unity with each other. During the day we will be supported by Commander Price who will lead some exciting physical challenges for the children.

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There will be a range of activities throughout the day, recognising the unique qualities they bring to our community and the challenges they may face. These activities will be linked to a whole school focus on resilience, ensuring that everyone feels included.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful connections and would like to thank everyone involved so far. If you are a military parent who would like to come in for one of the Q&A sessions, please contact the school office by Friday 17th April.

We kindly ask that children wear a **purple accessory** to school on this day.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April for the summer term.

Warm regards,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

Please see below some local family Easter activities:



Date: Friday April 3rd

Time: 11 am to 1 pm

Entry Fee: £3 per child

This year's Easter Trail is themed around Paddington Bear

Two thrilling trails to choose from:

- **Younger Children:** A gentle, age-friendly trail around the playground
- **Older Children:** A more challenging trail that spans the entire park with activities along the trail

The entry fee also includes Easter crafts, and every participant receives a small gift!

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Reveley Lodge

As many of you know, we visit Reveley Lodge to enhance our history learning about schools during the Victorian era. They are *holding an Easter Egg hunt at Reveley Lodge Elstree Road, Bushey Heath on Saturday 4th April* which over the years has been very popular. There will be a hunt round the garden for hundreds of eggs with a roped off egg scramble for the younger children. They will be firing eggs up the lawn from a trebuchet that the children can then chase. Children can have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny, or in a giant egg! For a small extra charge there are Easter crafts for the children to make a little something for their parents or grandparents, and there are games in the garden. Coffees, teas and cakes will be available. Tickets are £6 for children and £3 for accompanying adults.

You can book by clicking on this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/reveleylodge>. They have a good number of events for both adults and children during the year which are listed on their website <https://www.reveleylodge.org>.

The money raised from these events help support Reveley Lodge for the benefit of the local community. There is a two and a half acre free to enter garden, with rose garden, woodland walk, and vegetable plot. The Secret Garden Cafe in the historic stables has a rotating art exhibition, and Mabel's Vintage Tearooms has afternoon teas in the Billiard Room, which you can also hire for your private function.



**Reveley Lodge
Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday 4th April
10.30 - 13.00
£6 child, £3 adults

- Egg hunt at 10.45 (4-12)
- Under 3-year-old egg hunt at 11.15
- Refreshments (coffees, teas, cakes)
- Easter crafts *
- Homemade Easter bonnet competition
- Trebuchet and garden games
- Meet the Easter Bunny!

* small extra charge

Book online at: [reveleylodge.org](https://www.reveleylodge.org)

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