



30th January 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a busy and positive week across the school, and it was lovely to welcome so many of you into school for our Parent Consultation meetings. These important conversations help strengthen the partnership between home and school and ensure that we continue to work together to support your child's learning, wellbeing and development. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout.

### A Happy Face

The Merry Hill Way remains at the heart of our school community, and it has been wonderful to see children consistently demonstrating our expectations across the school.

#### Team Points Focus:

**EYFS – We share and help one another**

**KS1 – We cooperate in work and play reaching compromises**

The Merry Hill team have been very impressed to see children supporting one another, working collaboratively and showing resilience when faced with challenges. Well done children!

### A Learning Place

#### Parent Consultations and Attendance

During Parent Consultations this week, families were provided with:

- A flyer advertising the **Mastering Number at Home workshops**, starting next week for **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**
- Your child's **attendance sheet** (for all year groups)

As a reminder, attendance is categorised as follows:

- **Above 95%** – Good attendance
- **90–94.9%** – At risk of becoming a persistent absentee
- **Below 90%** – Persistent absentee (as defined by the DfE)

Good attendance is vital for children's **academic progress, wellbeing and social development**. Being in school every day helps children build secure friendships, develop confidence and emotional resilience, and fully access learning opportunities. Even small amounts of missed time can have a significant impact over the year.

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### 'Little Vets' Assembly

This week, the children enjoyed a special assembly delivered by Little Vets, where members of a real veterinary team shared what a day in the life of a vet or vet nurse looks like.

The assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by the children with highlights including:

- Fun facts about pet care and the work vets do
- Real X-ray pictures with a *guess the animal* game
- True clinic case stories
- An exciting hands-on activity where children were able to bandage a toy dog's paws and try real equipment such as a stethoscope and ophthalmoscope

The aim of Little Vets is to inspire the next generation of vets, and it certainly achieved its aim! The children were captivated throughout.



### Parking Reminder – School Car Park

We have noticed that some families are using the school car park during school hours. We kindly ask that parents and carers do not use the car park at these times, as spaces are extremely limited and are required for staff and authorised visitors only. Your cooperation helps us ensure safe access and sufficient parking for those who need it throughout the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Melissa Adams  
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