



3rd July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been another busy and exciting one across the school. On Tuesday, our Year 1 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hertfordshire Zoo. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to bring their learning to life through first-hand experiences linked to their Science topic, *Animals, Including Humans*. Throughout this unit, the children have been learning to identify and name a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, as well as exploring whether animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. Seeing these animals in their habitats helped to reinforce their classroom learning and deepen their understanding in a meaningful and memorable way.

These curriculum enhancements are an important part of our learning journey. They provide rich, real-life experiences that help children make meaningful connections with their learning, deepen their understanding and create lasting memories that will support them well beyond the classroom.



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Transition

Transition activities also continued throughout the week, giving children further opportunities to become familiar with their new classrooms and teachers ahead of September.

Year 2 enjoyed a games session at Ashfield alongside the current Year 5 pupils, while staff continued handover meetings to ensure a smooth transition for every child. We also welcomed the SENDCo from Ashfield for transition discussions, and the Year 2 to Year 3 handover took place.

Yesterday, your child brought home a letter from their new class teacher. We hope this helped to familiarise them with the adults who will be welcoming them in September and supported a positive and reassuring transition to their new class.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed staff from Bushey Library, who led an assembly to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We encourage all of our children to take part over the summer and continue developing their love of reading. All children will have brought home an invite to the Summer Reading Challenge. Taking part is a wonderful way to keep reading skills sharp while enjoying new books and exciting rewards.

A Happy Face

EYFS – We ask others what they would like to do

KS1 – We discuss ideas and make decisions together

A Message from our Friends of Merry Hill

Friends of Merry Hill (FoMH) will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Wednesday 15th July at 8pm in the school hall.**

The meeting will be a chance to:

- * Celebrate the successes, fundraising activities, and events from the past year
- * Share how the money raised has been spent to benefit the school
- * Vote in the FoMH committee for 2026/27
- * Discuss ideas and plans for the autumn term

Everyone is welcome, and we would love to welcome new committee members and volunteers. Whether you can spare a little time or would like to get more involved, we'd be delighted to see you. Drinks and nibbles will also be provided.

To confirm your attendance or share any questions, please email: Fomh@merryhill.herts.sch.uk

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/>

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A Growing Space

On Wednesday morning, we were delighted to welcome Laura Robson, who joined Mrs Gavriel and Mrs Mitzman for our Herts Shining Communication Award review. Laura was very complimentary about the work we have done to further develop and enhance communication provision at Merry Hill, recognising the positive impact it is having across the school.

School Reports

Your child's report will come home today. We hope you enjoy taking time together to celebrate the fantastic progress, achievements and personal successes they have made throughout the year. Every child has worked incredibly hard, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished.

Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day next Friday 10th July. We are keeping everything crossed that the weather is kind to us! Third time lucky, and we can't wait to welcome you all for what promises to be a fantastic sports day and picnic together.

A huge thank you to all of our staff for the care and enthusiasm they continue to show as we prepare for the end of another busy year. Their commitment ensures every child feels happy, supported and ready for the next stage of their learning.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Adams
Headteacher

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