



## Merton Abbey Primary School Newsletter July 2025



**"WORKING HARD AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER"**

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This end of term newsletter is packed full of the exciting activities the children have been taking part in recently. These activities help the children to celebrate the end of another school year and the Year 6 children to say goodbye to their primary school – an important transition in their lives.

I hope you and your children have a wonderful summer together and come back refreshed in September, ready for the next adventure.

Yours sincerely,  
**Michael Bradley, Headteacher**



### Mini Musicians

Years 1 and 2 have completed their two-year Mini Musicians project with the amazing help from the MMF specialist, Sally. During this time, they learned how to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments to

songs, including the melodicas! Using the melodicas, they learnt how to play in harmony by performing four different rhythms at the same time. Very challenging! They concluded their project by performing at St Mark's Church with other schools, and to their parents at Merton Abbey a week later. Bravo!

**Mark Oglesby, Year 2 Teacher**



### Kingswood Residential Trip

At the end of last week, Children from Years 3 and 4 visited the Kingswood PGL site for their first Merton Abbey residential trip. We were away for 3 day and 2 nights. It was a great trip, packed full of fun, laughter and teamwork. Lots of children took the heights and challenges in their stride, but for some they really pushed themselves to achieve something new. We are really proud of all the children!

**Lynsey Eversden, Assistant Headteacher & Year 6 Teacher**



### A Walk in London – Year 3 Assembly

Year 3 performed confidently in front of their parents and the entire school during their class assembly. It began with a fun bus tour around London, where the children acted as tour guides, pointing out famous landmarks. From the Square, they shared interesting facts and showed just how much they've learnt. There was even a surprise visit from a very serious royal guard! The children performed a Big Ben rap and recited a poem to show how dangerous volcanoes can be. A ukulele performance of "Shotgun" added to the snapshot of what Year 3 have been learning. We now know what a persuasive leaflet is, so don't forget to stop by the school office and have a go at drawing Big Ben!

**Monika Brown, Y3 Class Teacher**



### French

Bonjour! Pupils have had a busy year in French lessons. The main focus is on practising speaking through games, songs and role plays. However, pupils are also introduced to written French. Some Year 1 pupils can write simple words from memory. Fantastique! This year, classes have also been learning some German. Fantastisch! Here is a snapshot of some topics we have explored:

**Year 1:** Numbers, animals, colours

**Year 2:** La Chenille qui fait des Troues (The Hungry Caterpillar); fruits, vegetables, minibeasts, numbers in German.

**Year 3:** Writing special messages (Tu es formidable! You're amazing!), sports, transport.

**Year 4:** Food, eating (!), French pâtisserie (pastries), UEFA Women's Euro 2025: countries, languages in Europe

**Year 5:** The weather, rooms in a house, introducing yourself in German



**Year 6:** Leisure activities, household tasks, café phrases

**Madame Douglas, French Teacher**



### Year 3 and 4 at the Polka Theatre: A Magical Experience!

In June, the children in Years 3 and 4 had the exciting opportunity to attend a performance of *The Boy with Wings* at the Polka Theatre. The children were absolutely captivated by the performance, but Year 4 had an extra special connection to the show. Back in December, they got to be part of the research and development stage of the production, which meant they had a behind the scenes look at how it all came together. It was amazing for them to see the final version in all its glory, and they absolutely loved every moment of it! A truly unforgettable experience for all.

**Mrs Laker, Year 4 Teacher**



### Merton Class – a fantastic year!

In Merton Class we have had a fantastic year! The children have learnt lots and have enjoyed visiting space, the jungle and finally becoming pirates searching for their treasure!

We completed our year with a wonderful Pirate assembly where all the children were confident to speak in front of the whole school and their parents. It was a very proud moment! Well done Merton Class and we all know that you will have another fantastic year in Year 1.

**Miss Morrell, Merton Class Teacher**



### Girls Football Celebration Festival

On Wednesday 16 July, 23 girls from years 3 to 6 attended the Girls Football Celebration Festival at Tooting and Mitcham FC. All the girls had a great day participating in a variety of events focusing on football skills development. In the afternoon, they played against small teams from other schools. We were delighted with their sportsmanship throughout the day. Merton School Sport Partnership also recognised us by awarding the girls the RESPECT award - the first time for our school to achieve this at a sports event. BRAVO!

**Mrs. Hartman, M Shah and Mrs. Chan**



### Lights, Camera, Year 6! A Blockbuster Goodbye to Our Wonderful Year 6s

As we bring this school year to a close, it's time to roll out the red carpet and celebrate the amazing journey of our incredible Year 6 class! What a year it's been — full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

First, we must shine a spotlight on their fantastic SATs results. The dedication, resilience, and sheer determination shown by each and every one of them was nothing short of inspiring. They worked so hard, supported each other, and made us

all incredibly proud — what a way to finish their time in primary school!

The end of year production was another show-stopper! With confidence, humour, and heart, they lit up the stage. Every line delivered and every song sung was a testament to their teamwork and growing confidence. It was a true ensemble performance that left audiences smiling (and maybe even a little emotional!).

And of course, who could forget Prom Night? Our Hollywood Oscar-themed evening was packed with glitz, glamour, and golden memories. Each child received their very own award, celebrating their unique and beautiful personalities. There were smiles, cheers, and even a few happy tears — a perfect send-off for such a special group.

To our Year 6 leavers: we are so proud of everything you've achieved. You've grown into thoughtful, confident, and kind individuals who are more than ready to take on the next exciting chapter at secondary school. We will miss you, but we know you'll continue to shine brightly wherever you go. With all our love and best wishes!

**Miss Dougan, Assistant Headteacher and Year 6 Teacher**

### **Friends of Merton Abbey**

What a truly wonderful end to the school year! We have had a calendar full of events that have brought together our wonderful school community. The banquet that was put on to celebrate Eid was just amazing and a joy to have the chance to all celebrate. Following on from this was our Cultural day. This is one of our favourite days as we get to see all the beautiful outfits from across the globe and of course finish by experiencing the amazing cuisines.

We were delighted to recently host Bill, a former Merton Abbey pupil from 1937 who joined us for a morning to share his stories and wander around his old stomping ground. It was just fascinating to hear what life was like here all those years ago, including his evacuation at the start of WW2.

The highlight of this term was undoubtedly the Summer Fair. Despite the torrential rain and thunderstorm, we did not let the weather dampen our spirits! It was a fantastic day brimming with fun and games, and thanks to everyone's incredible support, we raised an impressive £3,200. We have lots of exciting plans for this money and we look forward to sharing them with you.

We want to sign off this year by saying a huge thank you to every single person who has supported us this year. Whether by volunteering, donating, giving us suggestions or simply by turning up to support us on the day. We really couldn't do it without you. And to all the local businesses who have so generously donated so various events across the year. We can't wait to see you all again in September for another fun packed year!

**Izzy Helmore, Friends of Merton Abbey**



### **Talking Tales**

In September, Years 1 and 2 embarked on a new two-year project to promote oracy in the classroom in collaboration with Polka Theatre. The project is

called Talking Tales. The children have enjoyed different workshops, which have helped them become more confident with their oracy skills, including conversation, role-play, and a recent Year 1 puppet workshop for presentation. The children absolutely loved these workshops and became fully engaged in all the activities. We have been impressed by the positive impact it has had on their learning.

**Clare Whitehead, Year 1 Teacher**



### **Summer Reading Challenge 2025**

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, which will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries across the UK, and it's free for children to take part. Throughout the summer, children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities at their local library and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together. Visit [www.summerreadingchallenge.org](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org) to find out more!

**Term dates****Summer Term 2025**

Last day: Tuesday 22 July 2025

**Autumn Term 2025**

First day: Monday 1 September 2025

Last day: Friday 19 December 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October to  
Friday 31 October 2025

INSET days:

Monday 1 September 2025

Friday 24 October 2025

**Spring Term 2026**

First day: Monday 5 January 2026

Last day: Friday 27 March 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February to  
Friday 20 February 2026

INSET day:

Monday 5 January 2026

**Summer Term 2026**

First day: Monday 13 April 2026

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday  
29 May 2026

INSET days:

Monday 13 April 2026

Monday 20 July 2026