



Merton Abbey Primary School Newsletter February 2025



"WORKING HARD AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER"

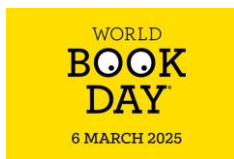
Dear Parents and Carers,

Ramadan Mubarak! Ramadan begins on Friday 28th February and we wish all of our Muslim families well during this special month of self-reflection and devotion, especially those who will be fasting during daylight hours. In school, we have already been discussing the importance of Ramadan. We are making clear signs for every classroom to show that this special month is taking place. On Friday 14th March at 9:00am, parents and families will be welcome to come in and take part in these activities. Additionally, if any of our Muslim parents would like to talk to the class and explain how they mark the special month of Ramadan, then please just speak to your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Interestingly, the Christian period of Lent is occurring at the same time as Ramadan this year. We will be discussing the significance of Lent in school, including through special assemblies. We will be marking the beginning of Lent in the traditional way by holding pancake races in the playground. Please come along for the pancake races at 8:30am on Tuesday 4th March.

I look forward to celebrating our different religious and cultural traditions with all of our families over the coming months.

Michael Bradley, Headteacher



World Book Day

Get ready for a day of literary magic! ✨

On Thursday, 6th March, we'll be celebrating World Book Day and we invite all students to come dressed as their favourite book character! Whether it's a hero, villain, or someone in between, let your imagination run wild!

It's the perfect opportunity for children to showcase their love for reading and creativity. We can't wait to see all the amazing costumes and celebrate the joy of books together! Let the reading adventures begin! 🚀

Aisling Dougan, Assistant Headteacher and Year 6 Teacher



Year 2 Polka Theatre Talking Tales Project

Every half-term, Rachel, a specialist from The Polka Theatre, has been working with Liberty Class.

The *Talking Tales* project encourages children to talk more. This increases their confidence and self-esteem to become better communicators. Being better talkers will also improve their writing! Through a range of fun and interactive activities, she has encouraged children how to have discussions, hold conversations, and most recently, role-play. The Year 2 children have re-enacted stories using their hands, acted out different scenarios in a restaurant, and even become sculptors by moving their partners to replicate scenes from *Leon and Place Between*.

Mark Oglesby, Year 2 Teacher

THANK YOU!

Friends of Merton Abbey Events

Christmas Cheer Event

At the end of the Autumn term, the school joined together to gear up for Christmas and enjoyed an afternoon together at our annual Christmas cheer event. It was filled with smiles, laughter (especially during the teachers vocal performance!) , and fun for all...with a wonderful appearance from someone special in our grotto! Thanks to the support from our wonderful school community we managed to raise £2,174.28! A truly wonderful achievement.



Valentines Disco

For our first event of 2025, love was in the air on the 10th of February as Friends hosted a Valentines Disco. Another fun afternoon with some fabulous dancing (Mr.Bradley included!) and a great conga thanks to Mrs.Eversden!

To keep up to date with our events head over and give us a follow on social media.

@ friends_of_merton_abbey“

Izzy Harvey-Trott



Year 6's FAB Project: A Musical Triumph!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 class for their outstanding efforts in completing the FAB Project – Friday Afternoon Blues – in collaboration with King's College and Merton Music Foundation. Over the course of this exciting project, the children immersed themselves in the world of blues and jazz music, learning to improvise and explore these timeless genres.

Throughout the project, our talented students had the opportunity to learn to play the glockenspiel, and several children showcased their impressive musical skills by performing on instruments they learn outside of school, including the piano, drums, and even the harmonica! It was fantastic to see their passion for music shine through in every session. The culmination of this project took place on Friday, 23rd February, when our Year 6 students visited King's College in Wimbledon for a special performance. They delivered an incredible performance that truly wowed the audience, including a very special guest – the Deputy Mayor of Merton – who was highly impressed with the children's musical talents.

Huge congratulations to Year 6 for your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication throughout the FAB Project. Your commitment not only during the final performance but across the entire journey has been truly inspiring. Well done – we are so proud of all of you!

Aisling Dougan, Assistant Headteacher and Year 2 Teacher



From Ancient Greece to Bollywood!

Year 3's assembly was a wonderful combination of history, drama, and music! Children performed the Trojan Horse myth with confidence, danced to a lively Bollywood routine, and played bamboo tamboo rhythms they had learnt in music lessons. Even Greek gods made an appearance, showing just how fierce and significant they still are in Greek mythology! From singing the ballad to performing a homophones play, the performance was a perfect mix of education and entertainment. Well done, Y3, for sharing your learning and bringing creativity, energy and joy

Monika Brown, Year 3 Teacher



British Science Week – Change and Adapt

Merton Abbey Primary School will be celebrating British Science Week starting on Friday 7th March. The theme this year is 'Change and Adapt'.

The children will enjoy a variety of scientific activities throughout the week, starting with career talks from professionals working in STEM subjects. More information about BSW will follow shortly.

Monika Brown, Year 3 Teacher



First Lego League Explore – Make a note!

Join us for an exciting 12-week First LEGO League Explore programme coming soon to Merton libraries, in partnership with The Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET). It will be for children aged 6-9 years.

This hands-on programme introduces young learners to the world of STEM through teamwork, creativity and problem-solving.

This year's 'Submerged' theme takes children on an underwater adventure and encourages creativity via LEGO-based activities!

Days/Times TBC

Dates for your Calendar:

Pancake races

Tuesday 4th March at 08:30 am

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

Ramadan activities

Friday 14th March at 09:00 am

Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 18th March

Year 1 Class Assembly

Tuesday 25th March

Term dates

Spring Term 2025

INSET day: Monday 6 January 2025

First day: Tuesday 7 January 2025

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Last day: Friday 4 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

INSET day: Tuesday 22 April 2025

First day: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

INSET day: Monday 2 June 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