



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

28th September 2026

Harvest

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival in our school hall at 9.15 am on Friday 16th October 2026.

At this time, to celebrate Harvest festival, a collection of non-perishable food items such as tins, dried foods, jars, boxes of cereal, and even toiletries, is to be held in school for the Mere Toddlers Foodbank affiliated to Gillingham Trussell Trust.

Items can be left on a table in the corridor or with your child as they come into school.

Your donations are extremely important when, due to the current economic circumstances, life can be so difficult for families in particular.

We aim, with Gillingham's help to provide emergency parcels of food, and this is where the long-life items come in. We also have two fresh Foodbanks a week where it is possible to pick up bread, bakery items, fruit and vegetables.

Every little item helps us! If each child donated just one item, it would be amazing the difference that would make.

Any concerns or questions, kindly contact Anne Rich: 07413512023



Celebrations

BluePB: Flo and Owen
Blue MF: Tommy and Lottie
Yellow: Tyr and Emi
SilverDR: Bonnie and Finn
SilverMH: Alf and John
GoldPH: Evie and Scarlett
GoldSS: Austin and Henry
Green: Quinn and Alastair
Red: Maddie and Jayden
Purple: Ethie and Dylan.

A huge well done to you all!

Parking

Thank you so much with helping me to keep our children safe in the car park – mornings are much improved!

Playground

We would be really grateful if you could leave the playground as soon as you have dropped off/collected your child so that we can lock the gates.

Thank you!

Clothes Bank

We are fortunate to have a clothes bank on site which raises a small amount of money for the school.

Please do use it and ask your friends to.

Site Works

We are delighted that the pond area will be cleared on Friday – thank you to The Friends for funding this.

The work on our new sensory area starts next Monday (please take care walking around the side of the school) as does the work on the Courts.

Outdoor Learning Dates

22.9.26	Purple
25.9.26 -	SilverMH
2.10.26 -	SilverDR
6.10.26 -	Green
16.10.26 -	BlueMF
23.10.26 -	Yellow and BluePB
13.11.26 -	Red
20.11.26 -	GoldSS
27.11.26 -	GoldPH

The teachers will send an app out with details nearer the time.

Dates for the Next Fortnight

Monday 28 th September -	Newsletter available
Wednesday 30 th September -	Bikeability - Group 2
	KS2 library
	Netball tournament
Thursday 1 st October -	Bikeability - Group 2
Friday 2 nd October -	Outdoor learning – SilverDR
	Pond site clearance
	Green Class swimming
Monday 5 th October -	Work starts on new sensory area and
	Course (MUGA)
Tuesday 6 th October -	Governing body meeting
Wednesday 7 th October -	KS1 library
Thursday 8 th October -	Yellow Class into Mere
Friday 9 th October -	Green Class swimming
Monday 12 th October -	Newsletter available

School Website and Facebook Page

We are very proud of our website and Facebook pages and love sharing all of the different and varied things we have been doing with you and the wider community.

Sadly, some schools have had the photographs of children and staff taken from their websites and altered using artificial intelligence (AI) to make a real person appear to say or do something they never actually did.

This is a serious safeguarding issue and we must protect our children and staff from this.

We want you to be able to continue to look at the lovely photographs of our children but we need to do this safely. Staff will continue to put photographs on the class pages of our website but these will only be accessible if you have a password to log into your child's class page. We will be sending these passwords out just before half term – please do not share them with anyone else. Any photographs on the rest of our website will be examples of work or images when the children cannot be identified.

We will also be having a 'closed' Facebook page to display our photographs. Parents will need to ask to join this page – more details shortly. We will continue to have our current Facebook page to advertise and promote the school.



Parent Interviews

We will be offering parent appointments after school on 2 days – **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October 2026** from 3.30 pm – 6 pm.

These meetings take place in our school hall.

Please enter and exit the school through the main entrance.

Due to the poor behaviour of children waiting with their parents in the past, we ask parents to come without their children.

Mrs Rawlings will be sending an email home shortly with a link to book your appointment.

Please do contact the office if you are having problems with this.

We look forward to seeing you.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

Catriona Williamson