

Upcoming Events

February

Monday 23rd February
Wednesday 25th February

School opens
Y5 Quarry Bank Mill Trip
Parent Partnership meeting, 2pm

March

Wk. Beg. 2nd March
Thursday 5th March
Monday 9th March
Monday 16th March
Monday 23rd March
Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March
Friday 27th March

Parents' Consultations
World Book Day
Robinwood parents' meeting, 2:30pm
Y1 & Y2 Blackpool Zoo Trip
Non-uniform day and Eid Celebrations
KS2 Awards Assembly
EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
School closes

April

Monday 13th April

School opens to children
Robinwood residential

Personal Development

Personal development at Mersey Vale plays a vital role in shaping our children's confidence, character and values. In the early years of education, pupils learn more than reading, writing and mathematics; they begin to understand themselves and how to relate to others. Through teamwork, problem-solving, creative activities and reflection, children build resilience, empathy and independence.

At Mersey Vale, we encourage positive behaviour, respect and responsibility; helping our pupils develop strong social and emotional skills. Alongside our broad and balanced curriculum, we plan purposeful enrichment experiences such as Young Voices, educational visits and our residential as well as promoting school responsibilities such as being a play leader, member of school parliament, an eco-committee member and a digital leader – learning from each other.

We firmly believe that these foundations support academic success and lifelong wellbeing. When children feel valued and capable, they are more motivated to learn, form healthy relationships and grow into responsible, confident members of society where the sky is the limit!

For more information about our wider curriculum, please visit the [curriculum](#) area of our school website.

Attendance Matters



Attendance at primary school continues to be a statutory requirement and there are very few instances that result in an authorised absence. An *Educational Penalty Notice* may be issued for unauthorised leave of absence, including holidays, taken during term time. For more information please read see this [link](#). If you are finding it difficult to ensure that your child attends school regularly, please speak to our Learning Mentor, Mrs Cropper, as soon as possible so that she can support you.

SEND Provision at Mersey Vale



As an inclusive school, we seek to ensure that all pupils regardless of need are able to access an ambitious, broad, creative and personalised curriculum. To find out more about Special Educational needs, how we identify need and provide appropriate provision for all our children, please take a look at the SEND section of our website, by following the link:

<https://www.merseyvale.stockport.sch.uk/page/send/78069>

Parents' Consultations



We will be holding our Spring Term parents' meetings during the week beginning 2nd March with teachers being available during different times of the week. Like in the Autumn Term, these meetings will take place at school. The purpose of the meeting is to share information in relation to how children have progressed so far this year and we will also share updated learning targets with you. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend.

School Year 2026/ 2027

For your information, below are the school term dates for next year when all children are expected to be in school. We do not authorise holidays during term time so please do not arrange any during these dates.

Autumn 1 Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn 2 Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026
Spring 1 Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027
Spring 2 Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027
Summer 1 Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027
Summer 2 Monday 14th June – Wednesday 28th July 2027

The 5 in-service training (INSET) days when school will be closed to pupils to allow staff training will be shared with you at the end of this term once ratified by our Governing Board.

Team around the School (TAS)

Many families benefit from getting help from external agencies in the early stages of a problem/concern arising. Team around the School (TAS) is a partnership between schools, Stockport Family and other agencies. These agencies work together with families to offer early help and support. As a parent/carers, you know your child better than anyone else, services within the TAS want to develop relationships with families to ensure that professionals and parents/carers are working together.

At Mersey Vale, our Team around the School consists of:

- Heather Newton - our Inclusion Coordinator
- Becci Cunningham – our Family Help Coordinator
- Victoria Hudson – our School Nurse
- Catherine Whitehead – Headteacher
- Claire Varetto – Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo.
- Amanda Cropper – Learning Mentor

If you ever feel like you would like some help or advice, please let us know so that we are able to support you, no matter what the problem is. We always seek consent from parents/carers with regard to discussion and information sharing before discussing concerns that have been raised or potential support available for families. Where concerns are raised regarding attendance, referrals to the Education Welfare Officer are considered by the TAS.

FOMV Update

I am pleased to be able to share with you that the FOMV group met during Spring Term 1 and we have put together a calendar of events for the duration of the school year. They will be continuing to raise funds towards a playground refurbishment which is planned to begin as soon as all our building works have finished. There will shortly be a special newsletter coming to you from our FOMV team with lots more information.

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

