

Mere Brow CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Welcome back to the new academic year – we are looking forward to a whole new year with our amazing school community.

Values: PERSEVERANCE and RESPECT

Meet the Teacher Dates:

We are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' and Information Evening on the following dates at 3:20pm:

Tuesday 8th September – Hedgehogs (Mrs Taylor and Mrs McCreavy)

Wednesday 9th September – Squirrels (Mrs Helliwell)

Thursday 10th September - Foxes (Mrs Houghton)

Teachers will give more information about class structures, curriculum, expectations and a chance to introduce themselves. Don't worry if you can't make it – we will make presentations available on the website.

We will be offering **Parents' Evening** with individual time slots for children on **3rd December**.

As always, if you wish to speak to a member of staff regarding your child, please call in and we can make an appointment.

Allergies and Asthma

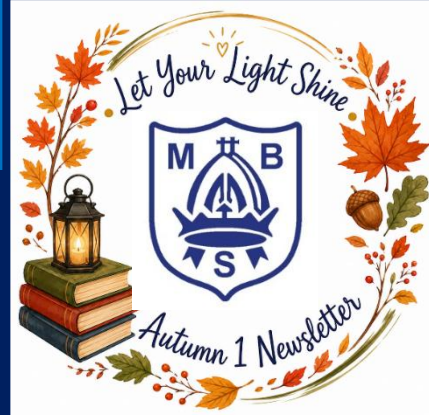
You may be aware of a new law called 'Benedict's Law' – schools are required to follow "Allergy Guidance in School". We will be sending out a new form to ensure we have the most up to date information regarding allergies and asthma. If your child does have an inhaler – please can you check expiry dates and ensure they bring into school – you will also be invited in to complete an individual health plan.

We will also be educating our children not to share food in school – it's the one time we are encouraging not sharing!

Please label lunchboxes and support us with educating children not to share or swap food.

Fiddle Toys

Fiddle toys should not be brought into school from home. This is to reduce health and safety risks and to avoid difficulties around ownership, sharing and distraction. Where a child has an identified sensory or regulation need, this will be supported through their individual plan. **Blue Tack or putty will be available in school** where appropriate to help children meet these needs.



Rose Queen Coffee Evening

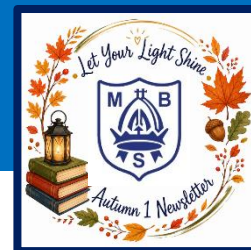
We are preparing a couple of songs to sing at Tarleton Bowling Club on **Friday 25th September – 6pm**. There is a small entry fee and there are stalls to enjoy.

Please support this event if you can by attending, as each year the Rose Queen Committee donate a significant amount to our school.

Lunch Costs

Please be aware there has been a slight raise in lunch costs – these are now **£3 a day**.

Children get a choice of three options and are given a main and choice of pudding, drink and salad.



Attendance Expectations:

We expect children to have attendance of **95% or above** wherever possible. We understand that children do become unwell and may need to be absent from school. If attendance falls below **90%**, parents/carers will receive a letter each term to highlight this and offer support where needed. Unauthorised absences are monitored closely, and **5 or more days of unauthorised absence may result in a fine**. Holidays during term time will not normally be authorised unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

After School Clubs:

Daily after school club till 17:15

Please continue to ring up to book in children for our daily after school club with a time of pick up – this helps us with staffing and ratios 😊

As PE has changed to a morning slot, meaning classes get longer lessons – the PE after school club will no longer be on offer. We are in discussions with staff and children to review our enrichment offer for clubs – we will give more information soon with a new offer.

Friday – Forest School

Children will need spare kit in a bag – please pack leggings / trackie bottoms, socks, outdoor shoes (e.g. wellies), t-shirt, hoodie and a waterproof as we have now entered September. These will need to go home weekly so to keep cloakrooms clear.

PE

Wednesday morning is PE day – please can children come PE ready – PE kit, jewellery out and long hair tied back.

Residential – Year 5 and 6

We are looking forward to our residential trip with Foxes this term! Please see the calendar below for when we have scheduled a meeting to give more detailed information and to fill in any necessary forms.

First Aid

In School we have many staff who are level 3 paediatric trained first aiders – Mrs Helliwell also has specific outdoor first aid training with her being our forest school lead.

Should children require first aid – this will be administered and we will contact you via text.

Please look out for a wristband as this will signal a head injury – this will include time and date on the band – we are also going to introduce another wristband if children have used inhalers.

Upcoming Events



Week commencing 7 th September				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Hedgehogs Meet the Teacher 3:20pm	Squirrels Meet the Teacher 3:20pm	Foxes Meet the Teacher 3:20pm	Worship 9am – parents welcome
Week commencing 14 th September				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	4-5:15pm Composite Relays – TBC	Children's University Assembly – 9:15am – parents welcome	3:15pm – Residential Meeting – Foxes (Children and Parents) in Fox Class	Worship 9am – parents welcome
Week commencing 21 st September				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				Worship 9am – parents welcome 6pm – Rose Queen Coffee Evening
Week commencing 28 th September				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Individual School Photos – online permissions needed	Individual School Photos – online permissions needed			Worship 9am – parents welcome
Week commencing 5 th October				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				Worship 9am – parents welcome
Week commencing 12 th October				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			4pm Governors Meeting	Worship 9am – parents welcome
Week commencing 19 th October				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		Y5/6 - RESIDENTIAL	Y5/6 – RESIDENTIAL Nasal Flu	Y5/6 – RESIDENTIAL No Worship Finish at 3:15pm

**HALF TERM – 26th October – 3rd November – REOPEN WEDNESDAY
4th NOVEMBER**