



March/ April 2026

Welcome back to what I'm sure will be a busy, fun-filled summer term. I am very pleased to report that the children have returned excited to reignite their learning, and as I write this, I am looking out of my window to see a lot of happy children - because the fields are finally dry enough to play on!

The final week of the spring term was an important one for St Meryl, as we welcomed Ofsted for an inspection. I want to thank you for the positive comments and support you shared during this process. Your feedback means a great deal to us and helps show the strong partnership between home and school. The three inspectors were very complimenting about our children and the parents that spoke to them on the playground - THANK YOU!

Further details and the outcome of the inspection will be shared with you when the official report is sent to us.

We look forward to continuing to work together to make this a successful and enjoyable term for every child.

Staffing



We would like to officially welcome two new members of staff to St Meryl.

Mrs Widdowson started her Midday Supervisory Assistant role late last term. It is great to have you as part of the lunch team, Mrs Widdowson.

Mrs Viridi has begun this week as a PPA teacher, covering Year 4 on Wednesdays (full day) and Thursday afternoons. We are glad to have you as part of the team.

Champions!



An amazing team performance from our Year 4 and 5 football team this week, running out as tournament winners at Bushey Manor School. The scores were: 1-1, 2-0 and 2-1.

Congratulations to all players - you represented the school so well, showing sportsmanship and teamwork throughout.

Braving the cold conditions near the end of the Spring Term, Year 5 took part in their cycle training. All those who took part performed extremely well and earned their certificates and badges.



A huge congratulations to these winners of the Year 5 and 6 KEX Challenge. The challenge this year was to build rockets. Great job, girls!

House Points Monthly Update:

Green: 103

Yellow: 193

Red: 170

Blue: 228

Rocking Into Easter

The end of term finished on a real high as our talented Rocksteady musicians took to the stage for their Spring concert. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing all the skills they have been developing in their sessions. It was a proud moment seeing them working together as bands, supporting one another and clearly enjoying themselves. The audience was treated to a range of lively performances - even a performance of Ghostbusters! Well done to all involved for such an entertaining and memorable event.



This month's Stay & Play theme was Reading, to link to our book week celebrations. Thank you to all parents who came and helped promote our love of books.

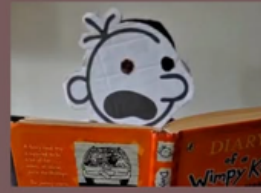
Star Readers

We continue to be delighted to see how many pupils are now reading regularly at home! It's clear that the children below are making strong progress across all areas because of their commitment to reading. Well done — you are all amazing!

Reception	Yusuf, Isla, Celine, Lois, Joaquin, Beau, Leander, Hudson, Ayla, Evie, Myilah, Hasri, Jack and Mattias
Year 1	Sophie, Rocco, Eva, Irina, Cora, Jake, James, Aarohi, Vivaan, Felicity, Amber, Anokhi, Melissa, Beau, Fredrick, Reva, Kashi, Allex and Hershitha
Year 2	Linus, Ryan, Alina, Emma, Alexander, Harry, Amanda, Leticia, Anaaya, Henry, Lacey, Beau and Ruby-Rose
Year 3	Agnes, Ariana, Arjun, Diya, Drew, Harry, Henry C, Liam, Ralphie, Rayan, Timeea, Veera and William
Year 4	Aaron, Caleb, Chloe, Emily K, Iqra, Lucy, Megan and Taylor
Year 5	Amelie, Amelia P, Arthur, Oliver, Rose, Sidharth, Siya, Teo and Tilly
Year 6	Victoria, Diana, Tommy, Aarya, Erinne, Lewis Me, Lucas, Edward, Bleu, Lewis Mc, Phoebe M, Nathan, Gabriel and Ariella



Who are our masked readers?

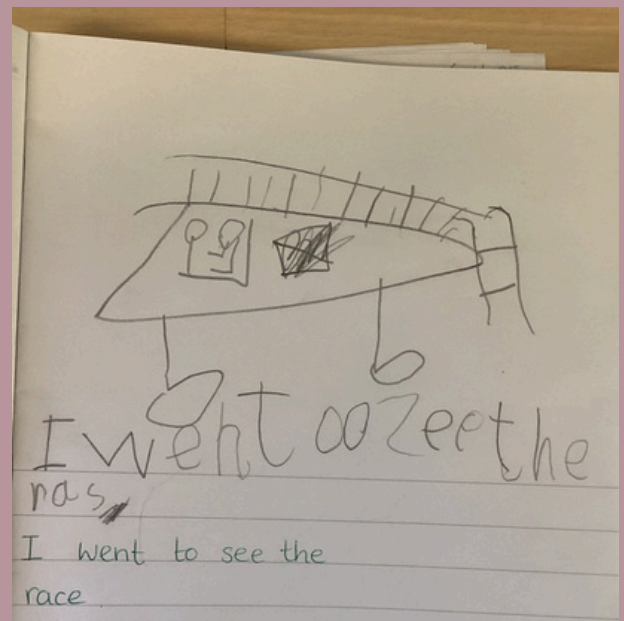


The Masked Reader was yet again a great success.

This year, the teachers all went to great lengths to disguise themselves and their voices while they read.

However, it has to be mentioned that the children were still very accurate with their predictions!

Writers' Corner



Reception class have been putting a lot of effort into their writing over the last term, and it has been amazing to see the progress that they have all made. Many children began the year without being able to form letters, so well done for being so resilient! Above is a piece of free writing by George, who wrote about a special event in the holidays.

Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop



In the final week of term, Year 2 pupils took part in an exciting and engaging Great Fire of London workshop that brought their history learning vividly to life. The children enjoyed hands-on activities that helped them understand what London was like in 1666 and how the fire started and spread. Through storytelling, role-play and handling artefacts, pupils deepened their knowledge of this important historical event while developing their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. The workshop was both informative and memorable, providing a fantastic end to the term and enriching the pupils' understanding of the Great Fire of London. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help on the day.



Artist of the Month – Spring Edition

Artist of the Month comes with a difference in April. Mr Walker set the challenge for pupils to go away in the Easter holidays and create something that represents Easter. There have been a number of different entries and a number of different media. Here are a few examples:



Attendance

Below are the March attendance figures. I am pleased to see the percentages rising. A big well done to Year 1! Your excellent attendance all month has earned you the monthly trophy.

Nursery	93.3%
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	96.5%
Whole School	95.9%

Please note that all absence requests must be completed using the correct 'Application for Leave of Absence' form which is available from the school office. Please also remember that most absence requests are likely to be unauthorised due to the requirements set out by the DfE.

Regular attendance helps children build confidence, stay connected to their learning, and make the most of every opportunity school has to offer.



A fantastic performance again from the cheerleading team last month. Everyone liked it so much that we asked for an encore! Thank you again to Mrs Nicholas and to Ellie.



Some of the garden harvest during Golden Time last week - a mixture of purple brocolli, coriander and parsley.



Red Nose Day was celebrated in March. We raised £302.16! Thank you to the school council for organising the fundraising.

Dazzling Dens in D.T.

Year 5 created dens in their Design and Technology lessons this week. From Siya: "These Dens required the same skills as the frame structures we learnt in DT, such as making it stable, using triangulation and making sure we secured it properly.

Some Reception pupils came to Year 5 to test the dens on how stable they were. It was obvious that they would break, but Reception certainly liked them!"



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who their peers have chosen as Stars of the Week.

Reception	Helena, Rosie G, Jack and Rosie P
Year 1	Shine, Agasthya, Vivaan and Rocco
★ Year 2	Sophia, Leticia, Emma and Nitya
Year 3	Liam, Whole Class, Veera, Edward and Saalik
Year 4	Aaron, Zohaib, Arthur and Emily K
★ Year 5	Whole Class, Rokas and Teo
Year 6	Frankie, Thrishithaa and Phoebe B



Parent Survey

Below is a summary of the Spring parent surveys. Thank you to all who complete them while waiting for your child's class assembly to begin. For the Ofsted parent view summary, please find this [here](#).



St Meryl School Parental Survey, Spring 2026

1. My child is happy at this school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
67%	31%	2%	0%	0%

2. My child feels safe at this school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
73%	24%	2%	0%	0%

3. My child makes good progress at this school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
57%	35%	4%	0%	4%

4. My child is well looked after at this school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
65%	28%	2%	0%	4%

5. My child is well taught at this school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
61%	35%	0%	0%	4%

6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
45%	36%	9%	5%	5%

7. The school makes sure that children are well behaved.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
55%	43%	0%	0%	2%

8. The school deals effectively with any bullying.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
52%	26%	4%	0	17%

9. The school is well led and managed.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
64%	29%	2%	2%	2%

10. The school responds well to any concerns that I raise.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
60%	33%	0%	2%	5%

11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
55%	38%	7%	0%	0%

12. Would you recommend the school to other parents?

Yes	No
99%	1%

Dates for Your Diary

Wed 22nd April - Swimming Lessons begin for Years 3 and 4

Thurs 23rd April - St George's Day - wear a rose/ red and white

Wed 29th April - Class Photos

Mon 4th May - Bank holiday

Tues 5th May - Stay and Play - Science focus

Thurs 7th May - Y4 Class Assembly

Mon 11th May - Thurs 14th May - Y6 SATs Week begins

Wed 13th May - Reception Class Assembly

Wed 13th - Fri 15th May - Y5 to Tolmers

Thurs 14th May - Book Fair begins, Nursery Rhyme time (11:30am)

Mon 18th May - Arts Week begins

Thurs 21st May - Y5 Class Assembly

Fri 22nd May - Break the Rules Day

Mon 25th - Fri 29th May - Half Term Break

Mon 1st June - INSET Day

Tues 2nd June - Eid-al-Adha - wear traditional clothes

Tues 9th June - Stay and Play - Art

Week commencing Mon 15th June - PTA Fathers Day Sale

Thurs 18th June - Nursery Class Assembly, Nursery Rhyme Time (11.30am)

Fri 19th June - Y4 to Harry Potter Studios

Thurs 25th June - Year 2 Class Assembly

Fri 26th June - Sports Day

Sat 27th June - Summer Fair

Mon 29th June - Fri 3rd July - Y6 to Gilwell Park

Wed 1st July - Y3 Class Assembly

Tues 7th July - Y4 to St Albans Cathedral, Y6 to Crucial Crew (Vicarage Road)

Wed 8th July - Y3 To Henry Moore House

Thurs 9th July, Mon 13th July - Transition Mornings

Tues 14th July - St Meryl's Got Talent

Thurs 16th July - Y1 Class Assembly

Tues 21st July - Y6 Leavers' Productions (pm and evening - more details to follow)

Wed 22nd July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly



St Meryl School Takes Over



Cassiobury junior parkrun!

19th April 2026!

Meet at the Bandstand at 8:50 AM



Our Vision

At our school, we will provide a safe and stimulating learning environment which challenges all learners and promotes outstanding achievement.

We encourage all members of our learning family to be open, honest and accepting of others.

We seek to instil a thirst for and love of life-long learning in everyone who is a part of this family.

Everyone at our school works as a team; supporting, encouraging and caring for all who join us on their learning journey.



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