

Year 5 Coffee Morning

9th September 2025



Meet the team

Teachers:

Mrs Ryan & Miss Nunoo

Additional adults:

Mrs Kim

Mrs Ashleigh

Miss Qureshi

Miss Shelby

Miss Caroline

School Start and Finish times

Drop off is 8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Class registration at 9:00 a.m.

Pick up is at 3:15 p.m.

Clubs: Activity Clubs will be resuming the week beginning 15th September 2025

On days where it is heavy rain at pick up we will dismiss from the classrooms below ours. This means, Skylarks will dismiss from Kingfishers and Woodpeckers will dismiss from Nightingales.



School Day

Uniform: White polo shirt, dark grey trousers/skirt or shorts and school jumper. Grey pinafores and school summer dresses are also acceptable uniform. Summer dresses can be worn from after the Easter holidays until October half term.

PE Kit: House coloured t-shirt, black shorts, trainers; black jogger bottoms for cold weather. Children should arrive in school wearing their PE kit on their PE days which are **(Wednesdays & Thursdays)**. These days may change each term and you will be informed about the new days in the termly newsletter.

Pencil Case: These are not compulsory as all the stationary needs will be provided for all children in school. If you wish to provide a pencil case, and your child is in Key Stage 2, please make sure they are sensible with just the equipment they will need.

Packed Lunch: All primary aged children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal this year. However, if you wish to send your child with a packed lunch then please ensure that you provide healthy options only; such as sandwich, pasta, fruit, cheese, and so on. For safety reasons, please follow guidelines for pre-cutting grapes.

We are a 'Nut Aware' school therefore: **nuts or nut products are not allowed in school (including chocolate spread and sesame seeds)**. The following are also **NOT** allowed: fizzy drinks, glass bottles, chocolate bars or chocolate covered biscuits.

Snack: A piece of fruit or vegetable can be brought in for break time.

Water: All children should bring a water bottle to school to make sure they stay hydrated throughout the day. It is advisable that this is cleaned and refreshed daily.

Homework!

Homework this year is going to be sent out on Google Classroom. Your children should still have access to these from last year. Although we will have a refresher on how to use it. A paper copy is always available on request.

It will be assigned on a Friday and must be turned in by the following Wednesday

Weekly: Maths and English (or another subject) tasks.

Reading: As part of their homework, your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night and a comment about their reading made in their homework diaries. Reading diaries will be checked on Fridays.

TTRS: We also encourage children to spend a bit of time practising their times tables using their school Times Tables Rockstars account.

Projects: Your child will still be receiving optional home learning tasks if they would like to do further learning about this term's topics.

Reading



Reading diaries have now been given out. They need to be in school every day so that we can monitor the children's reading and to pick up any messages from you.

Children have the opportunity to take home books from the class reading corner.

Children will also have fortnightly visits to the school library. Books borrowed from the library must be returned before another can be taken out. Any lost books must be replaced.

Children should be reading to themselves and reading aloud to an adult- even in KS2! If your child is reluctant, try reading aloud to them and then asking them questions about what they have heard.

Helpful websites



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Key dates

Please check the school website for term dates.

INSET days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 26th June

Monday 20th July

Other important dates:

Wednesday 17th September - London Aquarium Trip

Thursday 23rd October - Bookfest

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The school has a dedicated email for Mental Health and Wellbeing. Please use this email to contact Mrs Earl-Spencer or speak to your child's class teacher if you have any worries or queries about your child's mental health and wellbeing.

mentalhealthlead@josephhood.merton.sch.uk

On the school website you can find a tab dedicated to resources and support for both your mental health and your child's. Here you can also find our half-termly newsletters as well as our work with the NHS Wellbeing Service.

**NHS Education
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young people**

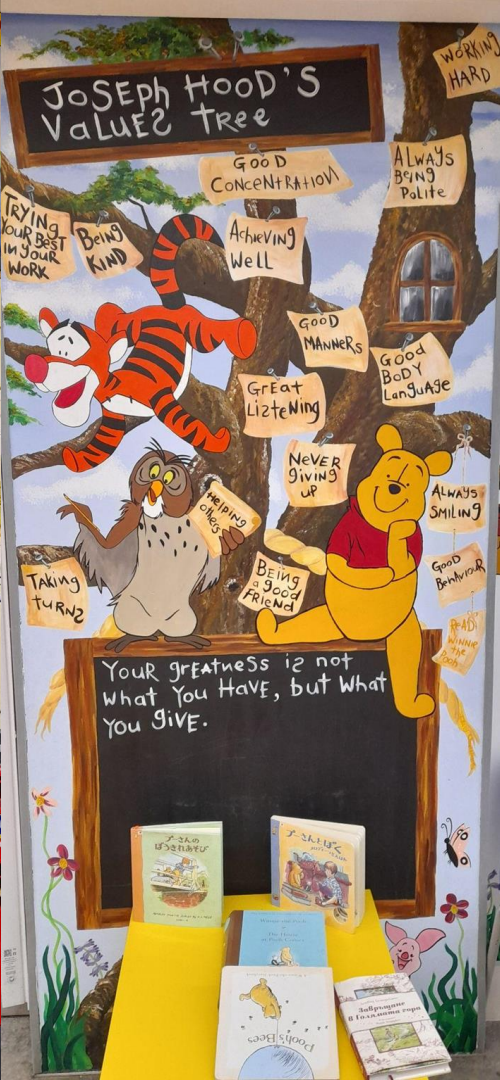
Mobile Phones

In KS2 your children will start to want to have their own phone, if they do not already. While we agree that phones are an excellent way of helping children to keep themselves safe and become more independent, we are seeing a worrying rise with online issues.

Recently, EE, a major telecom provider, recommended that primary-aged children should use 'dumb phones' instead of smartphones.

These basic phones allow for calls and texts but do not have access to the internet, apps, or social media. EE's advice highlights concerns about the impact of excessive screen time, cyberbullying, and exposure to inappropriate content on young children.

As a school, we agree with this idea and would like to recommend this as an option to parents to help tackle these issues.



Questions