Year Four Coffee Morning

Thursday 10th September 2026

Meet the team

Teachers: Mrs Freychet-Stevenson & Miss Fullalove

Additional adults:

Miss Hayley

Miss Claire

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 21st September 2026

On days where it is heavy rain at pick up we will dismiss from the classrooms below ours. This means, Doves will dismiss from Hummingbirds and Swallows will dismiss from Chaffinches.

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 Monday and Wednesday. 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 area '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 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.

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 will take home their book band books weekly. It is your child’s responsibility to tell an adult when they have finished their book.

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.

Multiplication Check

In the Summer term of year 4, children complete a multiplication check.

This is where they are asked to demonstrate their times tables knowledge.

This is a government requirement and so it is important all children readily know their times tables by the end of year four. We will be teaching the children their times tables and will be providing regular practise opportunities. However, we also recommend they spend some time at home practising, whether this is on times tables rockstars, singing along with a song or chanting it out loud.

Swimming

- Start on the 1st February 2027
- 1 hour sessions every day for 2 weeks.
- Children need swimming kit, goggles (optional) and swimming cap.
- Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and part of their PE programme this year.
- We ask for a small contribution towards the cost of the coach to Morden Leisure Centre.

Key dates

INSET days:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Friday 4th December 2026

Monday 22nd February 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

Please check the school website for term dates.

Year 4 Key Dates:

Thursday 15th October - Morden Hall Park

More Autumn Trips TBC

Residential Trip for Year Four 2027

Thank you to those who have signed up for our trip to Stubbington next summer (2027)

Further details will follow with payment due dates by the end of September.

A parents meeting will be held in the Spring term with more details.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/stubbingtonstudycentre

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 Wellbeing Service	Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletters	Resources for parents/carers	Resources for children and young people

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ZSL
LONDON ZOO
THE CITY
BT TOWER
OLD BAILEY
RECENTS PARK
SCIENCE MUSEUM
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
GREEN PARK
ST JAMES'S PARK
CHOCY DO DA
JOSEPH HOOD'S VALUES TREE
WORKING HARD
GOOD CONCENTRATION
ALWAYS BEING POLITE
TRYING YOUR BEST IN YOUR WORK
BEING KIND
ACHIEVING WELL
GOOD MANNERS
GOOD BODY LANGUAGE
GREAT LISTENING
NEVER GIVING UP
ALWAYS SMILING
HELPING OTHERS
TAKING TURNS
BEING A GOOD FRIEND
GOOD BEHAVIOUR
READ WINNIE THE POOH
YOUR GREATNESS IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE, BUT WHAT YOU GIVE.
STORIES

Questions