

Millbrook Matters 25-26

Date: 12/09/25 Edition: Autumn 1

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Welcome Back!



Dear Families,

First of all, I want to say a huge thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome at Millbrook. It has been wonderful to start meeting so many of you this week and to begin getting to know your children. In just a few short days, I can already see how special Millbrook is and how much care and pride there is in our school community. I feel very proud to now be a part of it 🌈.

This week has been our Learning to Learn Week 🖋️, which is such a brilliant way to ease back into school life after the summer. The children have been busy recapping the rules and values that guide us here at Millbrook, making sure everyone feels clear, confident and ready for the year ahead. It has also been a lovely chance for pupils to reconnect with friends they may not have seen over the holidays, and to begin building those all-important classroom communities 🏡.

From thoughtful discussions about kindness and respect 💕, to team-building activities that reminded us of the power of working together, it's been fantastic to see such positive energy filling the classrooms again. The children have shown resilience, curiosity and such a willingness to support one another as we get started on our learning journey for the year.

I'm really looking forward to the weeks ahead and to sharing all the exciting learning and adventures we will have together. Thank you once again for such a warm welcome - I feel very lucky to be here at Millbrook with your wonderful children 🌟.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs James and team



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Penelope for being an amazing reader!	Will for recognising all grammar elements in the dictation.	Leo - For the thoughtful development of your character description.
Harry - for such enormous strides in settling in to Spring Class this week.	Mathematician	Dylan for using his mathematical facts in class.	Mali for answering the Mega Challenge independently	Maxwell for your amazing TTRS heat map this week, next challenge 13 times tables
	Valued Contribution	Penny T for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class.	Thomas for his support of the new Year 3's .	Valentina - For your reflective and mindfully written prayer.

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Alice for showing friendship to her classmates even when she is out of school.	Our amazing new Spring Class children for being so brave during their first week of school.	Arthur - For your fantastic and creatively thought out mini Skillywidden story map.

Bring It! Award

To all the children who auditioned at MAD lab - you showed amazing confidence and courage!



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In the news this week



Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Reminders for next week:

Please book any breakfast or after school wraparound sessions before the end of the previous school day and any lunches to ensure that your child gets the food choice that they would like.

KS2 children are on Learning to Learn camp on Monday/Tuesday - please ensure they bring a packed lunch from home for Monday and ensure that you order any school meals for the children for Tuesday as there will not be time for them to book in class when they return.

Friday 19th September - Talk like a Pirate Day - YARRRR!

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

94.4% attendance

We are striving for

97% attendance

Attendance at school is so important - if you are having any difficulties with your child's attendance, please let us know so that we can support where possible.

Wraparound Care

Wrap around provision is now available from 7:45 am until 6:00pm Monday - Friday. All sessions must be booked in advance on MCAS.

Please email
Breakfast club
J.Rickard@stbarnabasmats.com

After School club
hmorgan@stbarnabasmats.com



Breakfast Club

7:45 until 8:45

We serve cereal, crumpets, toast, fruit juice, yoghurt and fresh fruit

All for £3.00 a session
(Pupil premium are entitled to a 50% discount)

It's a lovely social setting we all sit and eat breakfast together.

Afterwards the children can colour, play board games, use the chrome books, play table tennis or just sit and chat to their friends.

So if your child struggles with mornings, come along to breakfast club, it's a great start to the day.

Reminders:

- ★ Please book wraparound the week before for the coming week - this enables us to staff it accordingly keeping in ratio
- ★ Emergency bookings and cancellations in exceptional circumstances only need to be communicated with the office.
- ★ All children are to be collected from the front office door- ring the doorbell and wait for Mrs Rickard or Ms Morgan to come.

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Individual and Family Photos!

On Wednesday next week, Class Photography will be coming in to take individual and family photos. If you have a child, who is not of school age, who you would like to have a family photo with their sibling, please arrive at school at 8.45am, as these photos will be taken before the school day starts.

Thank you.



Wellbeing Corner



Welcome to the first wellbeing corner of this academic year! After the first week back at school, I think it is safe to say, we are all feeling a bit tired, yet we are all guilty of feeling that we can't rest, because there is too much else to do. We must keep reminding ourselves that rest IS important! You cannot pour from an empty cup. So why not take some time to rest and recharge this weekend, before we start another exciting week next week!

Welcome Back!

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Jenny - Joint Mental Health Lead



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IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES FROM AUGUST 2024

The Department for Education (DfE) has said a fine must be considered if a child misses five days of school for unauthorised absence.

Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.





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Dates for your diary

Please note - these dates are subject to change

15/09/25 KS2 Learning to Learn Camp
17/09/25 Individual and family photos
19/09/25 Talk like a Pirate Day
22/09/25 Bikeability level 2 year 6 - TBC
23/09/25 Bikeability level 2 year 6 - TBC
24/09/25 Year 5/6 Outdoor Dave Trip - details to follow
26/09/25 National Teaching Assistants Day
26/09/25 Nethercott Farm orientation day
29/09/25 Bikeability Learn2Ride - TBC
30/09/25 Bikeability Learn2Ride - TBC
02/10/25 Census Day!

MORE DATES TO FOLLOW!

Keep in touch...

Communication is a two-way process, which we value and work hard on. Our first and primary communication is this newsletter, which is published every Friday. Please read it to keep up to date.



Text Reminders



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Mr Stainfield: nstainfield@stbarnabasmats.com

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Mrs Edgell: bedgell@stbarnabasmats.com

Mrs Belton: rbelton@stbarnabasmats.com

#BRINGIT





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YEAR 5 AND 6 OPEN ... EVENING 6pm

Thursday 2nd October

**Visit us to find out more
about what we offer at TCC!**

- On show:
- Meet the teachers
- See the classrooms and laboratories
- Library
- Sports and recreational facilities

**There is no need to book. For further details
please contact us using the details below:**

- enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk
- 01752 812511

**We are thrilled to
welcome our new
students for the
upcoming year.**



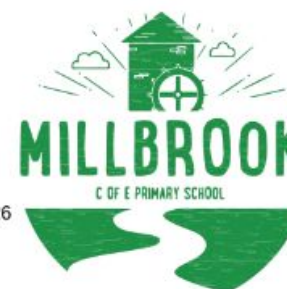


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Millbrook C of E Primary School

Term Dates for September 2025 - July 2026



September 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thur		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

October 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tues		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

November 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Autumn Term

3 September - 19 December 2025
Half Term - 27 - 31st October 2025
Christmas Holidays - 22 December 2025- 2 January 2026

Spring Term

5 January - 2nd April 2026
Half Term 16th - 20th February 2026
Easter Holiday 3rd April - 17th April 2026

Summer Term

20th April - 23rd July 2026
Half Term 25th - 29th May 2026
Summer Holidays from 24th July 2026

School Holidays/ Weekends

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day 25 December 2025
Boxing Day 26 December 2025
New Years Day 1 January 2026
Good Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday 6 April 2026
May Bank Holiday 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday 25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday 31 August 2026

Inset Days

3,4,5th September
5th June
22nd & 23rd July

December 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	31
Thur		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

January 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tues		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thur	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

February 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	
Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22		

March 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

April 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tues		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

May 2026						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tues		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thur		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

June 2026						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thur		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

July 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tues		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

August 2026						
Mon	31	3	10	17	24	
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
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