

Millbrook Matters 25-26

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Bring...
Creativity

Dear Families,

What a lovely week it has been at Millbrook School. It was wonderful to see so many families at our parents' evening - thank you for coming in and taking the time to talk with us about your children's progress and successes.

Over the next two weeks, we will be holding assessment weeks across the Trust. These are not tests to worry about, instead they are opportunities for the children to become the teachers and show us what they have learned.

I have really enjoyed spending time looking at our children's writing books this week and seeing so much creativity happening right across the school. In Summer Class the children have been using Curious Quests to explore *The Wizard of Oz*. They have been searching for exciting verbs to replace the word walk and the results have been fantastic. I've spotted tiptoed, wandered and marched.

Autumn Class have been deep in storytelling mode using our Talk for Writing scheme. They have been creating their own versions of *The Creakers* by Tom Fletcher with a particular focus on writing and punctuating dialogue correctly. Some of their character conversations have been both hilarious and very impressive.

In Winter Class the children have been hard at work writing their meeting tales. They have been including parentheses and subordinate clauses in their work. If you aren't sure what those terms mean just ask your child they will be happy to teach you all about them.

Another busy and brilliant week at Millbrook and we are so proud of the effort enthusiasm and creativity we see every day. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs James and team



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Myshie for her beautifully presented work in Curious Quest.	Khloe for using a range of language techniques in her resolution.	Lacey for the great story she wrote this week
Harry, for trying so hard with his letter formation.	Mathematician	Nyla for her growing confidence in using column subtraction.	Lola for her ability to apply her knowledge of the 3 times tables to reasoning questions.	Mireia for her work on understanding adding and subtracting fractions
	Valued Contribution	Olivia for knowing all her lines for the nativity.	Creativity Rubus for his beautiful woodwork	All the children of a winter class who took part in swimming lessons this week, you made us proud.

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Esme, for showing kindness to everyone in class.	Our school choir - for their amazing performance at the Christmas lights switch on at the Tanyard! Well done!	Holly - for her amazing Big Bang homework assignment.

Bring It! Award

Ace who cut off his incredible hair and donated it to charity



Class Attendance Award

Autumn Class
for 96.3% attendance.
Well done!

In the news this week



What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts – do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box.
- One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?

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.

Monday - Christmas Tree collection - pm - selected students

Thursday - Spring and Summer Class

Winter Forest School Adventure

Thursday - Christmas Fair - 3.15pm onwards

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

93% attendance

We are striving for

97% attendance

Spring:

85%

Summer:

90.5%

Autumn:

96.3%

Winter:

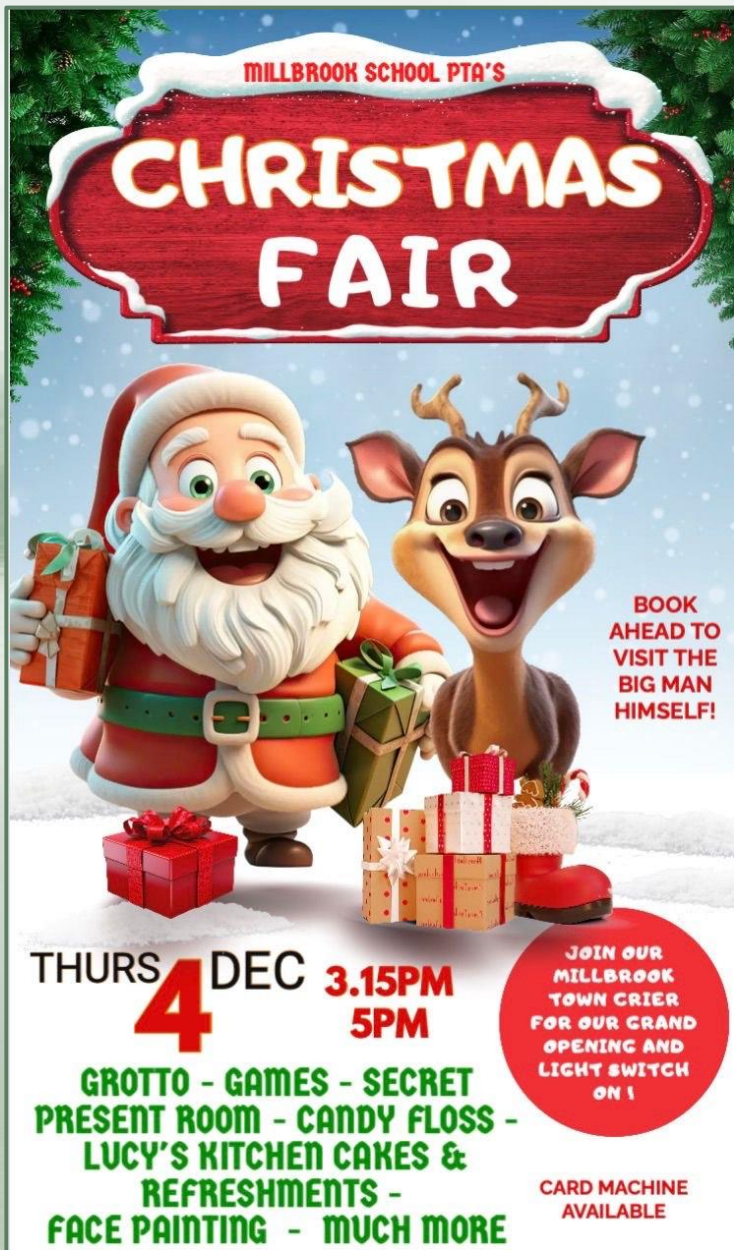
91.2%



PTA NEWS!

To book a slot to visit Santa's Grotto, please use this form:

<https://forms.gle/TKePSNAdZfoxzP3Q8>



MILLBROOK SCHOOL PTA'S

CHRISTMAS FAIR

BOOK AHEAD TO VISIT THE BIG MAN HIMSELF!

THURS 4 DEC 3.15PM - 5PM

GROTTO - GAMES - SECRET PRESENT ROOM - CANDY FLOSS - LUCY'S KITCHEN CAKES & REFRESHMENTS - FACE PAINTING - MUCH MORE

JOIN OUR MILLBROOK TOWN CRIER FOR OUR GRAND OPENING AND LIGHT SWITCH ON!

CARD MACHINE AVAILABLE

Wellbeing Corner

With December just a few days away, the festive season will soon be upon us. Christmas can be a stressful time for everyone, so it is important to take some time for yourself and your wellbeing. Step back, breathe and enjoy the festive season and all it brings, where you can.

As always, if you have any concerns or are finding things difficult, please do reach out to us.

Image credit: @worrywellbeing (IG)

Jenny Lentell - Joint mental health

lead

December intentions



remember to
be grateful



enjoy nice
foods & warm
drinks



spend time
with friends &
family



make time for
self-care & rest



be kind to
myself & others

@worrywellbeing



The ECO warriors and school council are looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Here are some simple yet impactful actions we can all take:

- 🚶 Walk or scoot to school
- 🍷 Reduce plastic and wrappers in packed lunches
- 🔌 Turn off or unplug appliances when not in use
- ♻️ Embrace the 5 R's: Reduce, Recycle, Reuse, Repair, Re-make
- 💧 Save water by opting for showers instead of baths
- 🌳 Plant more trees to help our planet thrive



Have you used either the battery or printer cartridge recycling boxes, remember Recycle4Charity will pay us for them



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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Finding things difficult?



Rame Community Fund

may be able to help if you or your family
are suffering hardship or are in financial difficulty
paying for food, electricity or household items

Contact us at

www.ramecommunityfund.org.uk

[or scan the QR code](#)

for an online application form.

or pick up a paper application pack from

The Rame Centre or Village Hall, Millbrook

The Village Store, Kingsand

We will deal with your request as quickly as possible
and in strictest confidence.

Large or more expensive items will also be considered
in exceptional circumstances.

Rame Community Fund is a Registered Charity No. 1146903





MILLBROOK
CHRISTMAS
Market
- 2025 -

5YR ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY **30** NOVEMBER

11AM - 4PM

Millbrook Football Club
The Edgumbe Arms, Cremyll

Locally Made Crafts, Art, Gifts & Treats
Independent, Small Local Businesses,
Variety of Live Music at all venues
FREE Entry & Parking Available

Vintage Bus Shuttle Available
Route Inc: Millbrook, Cremyll, Kingsand & Cawsand
SHUTTLE RUNNING BETWEEN 10:45 - 15:45

Scan the QR Code to access the Timetable and Route Map.

Donations are warmly welcome for bus travel on the day.
Buses are kindly organised & running throughout the day by Laurence Mayhew
& the fabulous team who organise the annual Rame Beer Bus event.
Donations will support Laurence in running these vintage buses.



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- Vintage Bus Timetable -

Cremyll, Edgumbe Arms	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45		13:45	14:15	14:45	15:15	15:45
Cawsand, Triangle	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	/	13:55	14:25	14:55	15:25	15:55
Kingsand, Surgery	10:57	11:27	11:57	12:27	12:57	B	13:57	14:27	14:57	15:27	15:57
Millbrook, Quay	11:01	11:31	12:01	12:31	13:01	R	14:01	14:31	15:01	15:31	16:01
Millbrook, Football Club	11:04	11:34	12:04	12:34	13:04	E	14:04	14:34	15:04	15:34	16:04
Millbrook, Quay	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	13:06	A	14:06	14:36	15:06	15:36	16:06
Cremyll, Edgumbe Arms	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	13:13	K	14:13	14:43	15:13	15:43	16:13

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- Vintage Bus Route -

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Map Key

 **Christmas Market Locations**
- Millbrook Football Club
- Edgumbe Arms, Cremyll

 **Main Bus Stops**
- Millbrook, Quay
- Kingsand, Surgery
- Cawsand, Triangle

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Dear Families

Please be aware that there will be a hold up (large lorry delivering Millbrook School Outdoor classroom cabin) on Blindwell Hill, outside the Community Garden entrance delivery date: Monday 01 December from 11 am

We really hope this won't inconvenience you.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
Please ring 07900994231 if there is any problem.





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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

4/12/25	Spring and Summer Class Winter Forest School Day
4/12/25	Christmas Fair - 3.15pm onwards
08/12/25	KS1 Dodgeball Competition - details to follow
10/12/25	Autumn Class Mountain Bike Development Day
11/12/25	KS1 Nativity - 1.30pm
11/12/25	KS1 Nativity - 6pm
12/12/25	Christingle Service - 2pm
15/12/25	KS2 Netball Competition - details to follow
16/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
16/12/25	Christmas Dinner Day
17/12/25	Festive Biscuit making with Emma Shaw-Bishop
19/12/25	Last day of term!

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



MCAS - Announcements



@MillbrookSchool



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Mr Stainfield: nstainfield@stbarnabasmats.com

Miss Treasure: mtreasure@stbarnabasmats.com

Mrs Edgell: bedgell@stbarnabasmats.com

Mrs Belton: rbelton@stbarnabasmats.com

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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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