

Millbrook Matters 25-26

Date: 12/12/25 Edition: Autumn 13

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*Bring...
Creativity*

Dear Families,

What a magical week it has been here at Millbrook School. The children of Spring and Summer Class performed their nativity and once again amazed us all. It always surprises me how brave our youngest learners are to stand up in front of an audience and perform so beautifully. Their lines were clear and the songs were lovely and this special story brought the true meaning of Christmas to life. I am not ashamed to admit that it brought a little tear to my eye. A huge thank you goes to the team who worked so hard to make this happen.

We also celebrated Christingle in All Saint's Church and as always it was a truly magical moment when all the candles were lit and the space filled with the sound of children singing. We spent a lovely day creating our Christingles and sharing this celebration together. Our younger children were helped by the older ones and it really brought the spirit of love and kindness to life.

As we head into the final stretch before Christmas, I want to thank you all for your continued support, kindness, and good humour during this wonderfully busy season. Your children bring so much joy into our school every single day, and it is a privilege to share these magical moments with them.

Wishing you all a restful weekend filled with cosy moments, twinkly lights, and maybe even a mince pie or two. We can't wait to see everyone back on Monday for our final festive week of the term! 🌟🌟

Best wishes,

Mrs James and team



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Delilah for her amazing SPaG knowledge.	Georgie for her creative and imaginative diary entry!	Sam for his outstanding results in this week's spelling test.
Harry for working so hard on his writing and letter formation at home and at school!	Mathematician	Lucas for his reasoning knowledge in maths.	Harry for his understanding of x10 and x100!	Jesse for his high level of mathematical knowledge, when solving fractions
	Valued Contribution	Olivia for her positive attitude towards learning.	Georgina, Barney, Georgie and Pippa for learning to ride a bike!!	James for his superb neatness and presentation of his work in all subjects.

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	KS1 children who took part in the dodgeball tournament- you worked as a team to compete in the games- well done!	Holly, Rudi and Vivian did an assembly on pollution to the whole school.	All the children who took part in the nativity- you are all super stars!

Bring It! Award

Autumn Class for their amazing effort, determination and courage on their Mountain Biking day with Outdoor Dave and Adventure James!



Class Attendance Award

Summer Class with 92.9%

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In the news

this week

How might challenges help us grow?



An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during, and after)?
- What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most – something physical, emotional, or trying something new?
- Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

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 - KS2 Netball competition - selected students

Tuesday - Caterlink Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday - Christmas Craft Day

Friday - Last day of term

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

85.6% attendance

We are striving for
97% attendance

Spring:

76.7%

Summer:

92.9%

Autumn:

87.7%

Winter:

80.6%



School Council News



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



£1 donation to
be collected by
your school
council



**Tuesday 16th
December**



**BAG 2
SCHOOL**



Having a sort out for
the New Year? Bring
your unwanted items to
school on Wednesday
28th January.



Accepted items clothes,
paired shoes, hats,
scarves, household linen,
duvet covers, towels,
curtains and handbags
**Arranged by your
school council**

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Last week of term

Next week is a busy one so here are some of the finer details:

Monday – KS2 Netball Inter-MAT competition – selected students from Winter Class

Tuesday – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day – children are invited to wear Christmas mufti and a Christmas jumper, in return for a donation to Save the Children

Wednesday – Christmas Craft Day – please can children wear old mufti clothes that they are happy to get a little messy from a day of craft activities

Friday – Class parties and visit from Father Christmas – children are invited to wear Christmas Party Mufti



Wellbeing Corner

We are well and truly in the middle of the festive season now and it can be quite overwhelming!

Christmas can often feel full of pressure for everything to go smoothly, for everything to be 'just right'. It builds for such a long time that sometimes it feels all consuming. So please take some time for a cup of Christmas positivi-tea - even if you are not feeling festive, or if everything feels all too much, you will get through it and your mental health matters. Be kind to yourselves and remember to reach out if you are finding things tricky.

Image credit: @mynames_ellen (IG)

Jenny Lentell - Joint mental health lead





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.

Community Page



Another wonderful festive competition being held by our Parish Council!

Millbrook Christmas display competition

Decorate the outside of your properties with a Christmas themed display

Judging will take place on 16th December between 5 and 6:30pm

**Prizes will be awarded for two categories;
Residential
Commercial (businesses)**

**Deadline for registration
15th December 2025**

**Please email name, address and telephone number to
enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk**

Head your email 'Christmas Display Competition'

Community Page



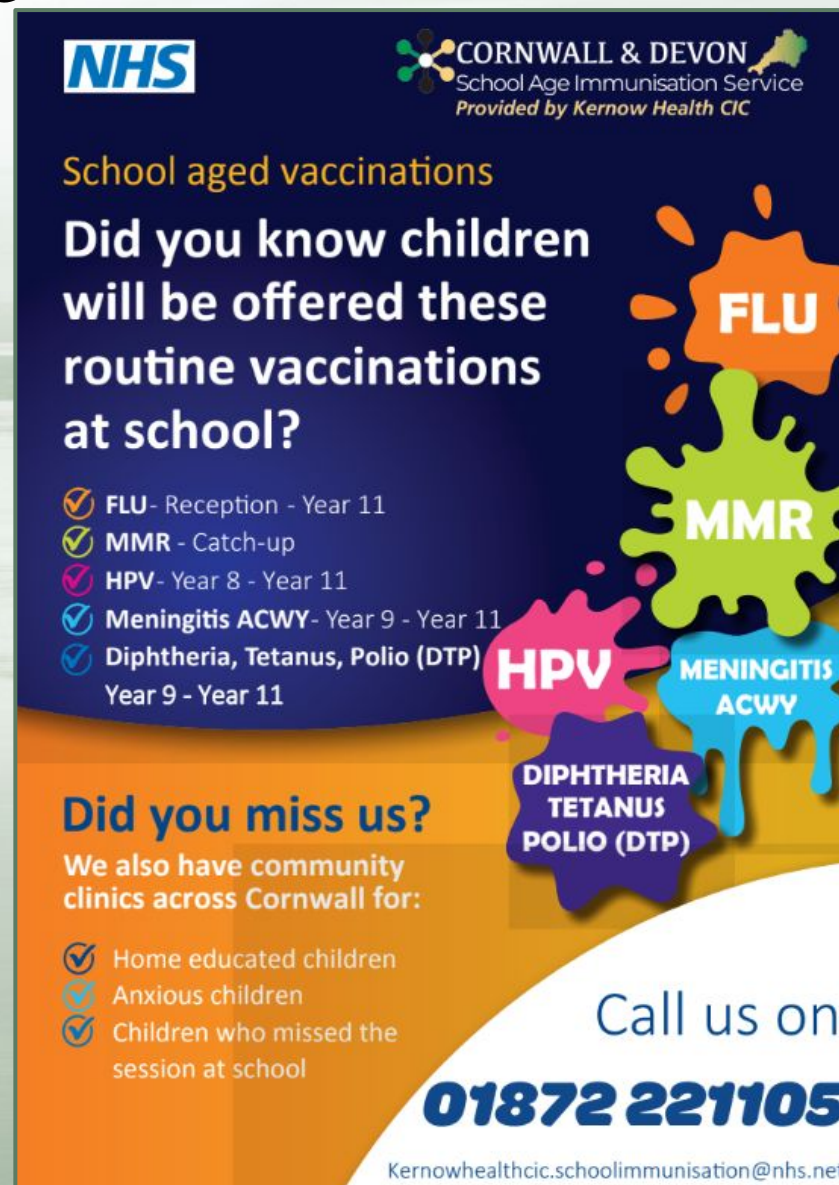
Treasure's
TOY
DRIVE!

New Toys & Gifts cards needed!

"Help Treasure Bear Make Christmas Brighter!"

Toy drop off @ Community Treasure Chest CIC
or come meet Treasure bear @ Morrisons
Liskeard on Monday 15th Dec!

Community Treasure Chest - Unit 2, Barras Place, Liskeard PL14 6AY



NHS **CORNWALL & DEVON**
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

Did you miss us?
We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on
01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net



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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

15/12/25	KS2 Netball Competition
16/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
16/12/25	Christmas Dinner Day
17/12/25	Festive Biscuit making with Emma Shaw-Bishop
17/12/25	Christmas Craft Day
19/12/25	Last day of term!
05/01/25	First day of Spring Term!
19/01/25	Year 3/4 Coast Path Adventure Day - details to follow
28/01/25	Bag2School Collection - Details to follow

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



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Mr Stainfield: nstainfield@stbarnabasmats.com

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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	
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June 2026						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thur		4	11	18	25	
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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	
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Sun	5	12	19	26		

August 2026						
Mon	31	3	10	17	24	
Tues		4	11	18	25	
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