

# Millbrook Matters 25-26

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*Bring...  
Creativity*

Dear Families,

What a wonderful final week it has been at Millbrook School. It has been loud, sparkly, and just a little bit crazy, but that is exactly what the last week of the Autumn term should be like.

We all thoroughly enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by Jacqui, and those plates were cleared with impressive speed. A huge thank you to Jacqui for such a fantastic meal. Christmas jumpers were out in force, and they brought plenty of festive cheer to the day.

Wednesday saw craft day take over the school, and it was a true celebration of all things Christmassy. Glitter, glue, and creativity filled every corner, with giant snowflakes, sparkling cards, and even some delicious cookies being made. It was a fabulous day, and the children threw themselves into it with joy and enthusiasm.

And of course, today was party day. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who provided such a wonderful spread of party food, and a very special thank you to Santa for taking time out of his incredibly busy schedule to deliver some early gifts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our amazing team. From those you may not always see, like Liz and Kaitlin from our cleaning team, to Jenny, who keeps the office running so smoothly, and of course our teachers and support staff, who are never without a smile or another ingenious idea to make learning irresistible. Millbrook truly is a team effort.

I am sure the whole staff team will join me in wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas, and peace and joy in 2026. Have a wonderful break, and we look forward to seeing you all again in two weeks time.

Best wishes, Mrs James and team



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| Spring Class                                                                                                                                                                 | Awards              | Summer Class                                                                        | Autumn Class                                                                       | Winter Class                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WOW Award                                                                                                                                                                    | English Award       | Theo for his great attitude towards his phonics and reading.                        | Thomas - For an outstanding term across the English curriculum                     | Anoushka - For an excellent result on your writing assessment - we can't wait to see what you write next. |
| Samuel, Sully, Esme, Harry and Eli - For your hard work, determination, friendship, creativity and giggles during your first term of school! You have done so well - hooray! | Mathematician       | Oliver for sharing his calendar and time knowledge.                                 | Teddy - For a superb result in your maths assessment - the hard work has paid off! | Ayva - For a super result in your maths assessment, you have made great progress this term!               |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Valued Contribution | Halley for bringing her wonderful energy, enthusiasm and smiles to school everyday. | Georgie - For bringing a positive vibe into the school every single day!           | Leo - For your thoughtful questions and answers in RE. You are a wonderful thinker!                       |

## School Value Award...

| School Values Award | Friendship                                         | Courage                                                                                  | Creativity                                                                                                 |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | Myshie for always being a kind friend to everyone. | Naya - For bringing your courageous approach to new learning and tackling it with gusto! | Frankie - For your enthusiasm and focus during our recent DT lessons. It has been a pleasure to teach you. |

## Bring It! Award

The year 5 / 6 netball team who showed great determination and resistance in the recent netball competition.



## Class Attendance Award

Spring Class  
with 90%

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## In the news

## this week



What does kindness look like?

This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign.
- Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel?
- Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why?
- What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?

### Reminders for next term:

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.

First day back - Monday 5th January

### Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

**85.2% attendance**

We are striving for

**97% attendance**

|         |       |         |                                                                                             |
|---------|-------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spring: | 90%   | Summer: | 72.4%                                                                                       |
| Autumn: | 88.3% | Winter: | 89.7%  |

## Important Safeguarding Information

We have been made aware that the children's book series 'According to Humphrey' (as seen here), have several books that contain a link to a website which has been compromised and now takes people to highly inappropriate and unsafe content.

What this means for you:

- Please check if you have any of these books in your home
- remove the books/the page with the weblink in, we understand the problematic links can be found on the back cover and may be also included on a page inside.
- be extra-vigilant with all children's books that contain links and ensure that they are checked by an adult.

Thank you for your support.



## School Council News



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

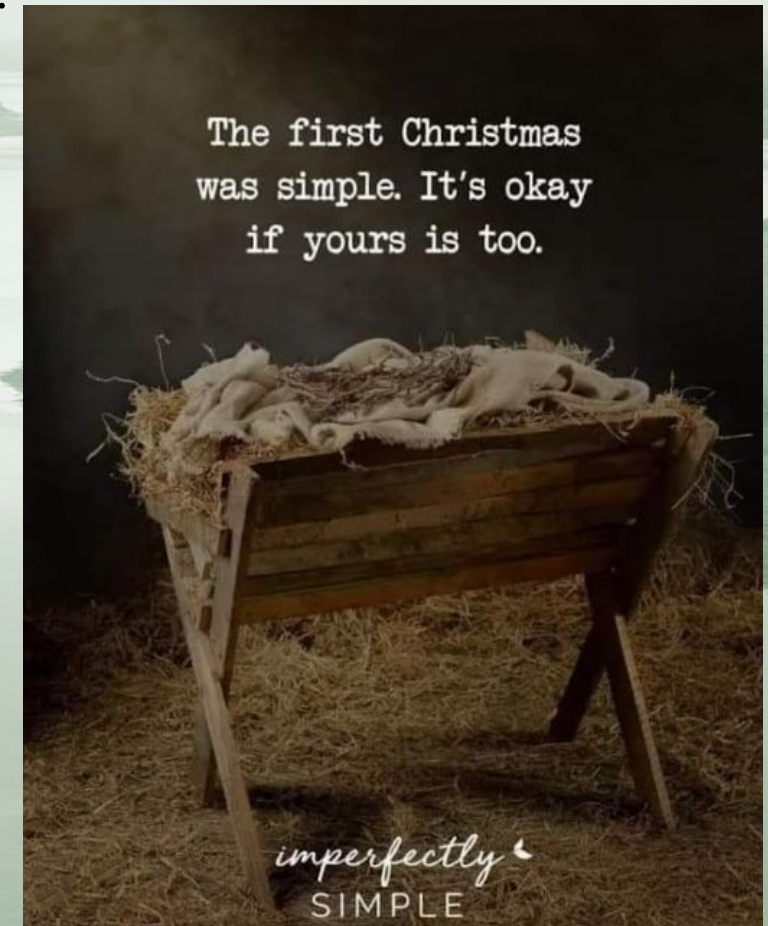


## Wellbeing Corner

The Christmas period can be a difficult time for many families. The festive period brings with it unrealistic expectations. So here is a gentle reminder for those who are struggling:

- ★ You don't need matching pj's to be happy
- ★ You don't need the perfect picture with Santa
- ★ You don't need lots of Christmas trips to be happy
- ★ You don't need perfect ornament placement to be happy
- ★ You don't need lots of presents under the tree
- ★ This is YOUR Christmas. Nobody else's. Do it your way and don't let anyone else influence the way you celebrate.

Image credit: Unknown





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@stbarnabasmat.com](mailto:J.Rickard@stbarnabasmat.com)

After School club  
[hmorgan@stbarnabasmat.com](mailto:hmorgan@stbarnabasmat.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

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](http://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



### 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

**FLU**

**MMR**

**HPV**

**MENINGITIS ACWY**

**DIPHTHERIA  
TETANUS  
POLIO (DTP)**

### 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](mailto:Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net)

## Community Page

Christmas activities are now live for bookings!  
Time2Move are proud to be offering a wide range of activities across the county for children and families. The programme is open to all children, with fully funded places available for those receiving benefits related free school meals.

This Christmas, they are also running family experiences - these will be set up as "family experiences" on Playwaze.

[T2M Holiday Programme](#)

You can access further details using this link:

[What you need to know](#)

You can access your Free School Meal code here: [Free School Meal code](#)



### CHRISTMAS 2025

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd Jan

Scan here to book!



[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)  
[Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)

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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

|          |                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 05/01/25 | First day of Spring Term!         |
| 19/01/25 | Year 3/4 Coast Path Adventure Day |
| 28/01/25 | Bag2School Collection             |

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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# #BRINGIT





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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 |  |
| Fri         |    | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |  |
| Sat         | 1  | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |  |
| Sun         | 2  | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |  |