



Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see the children settling so well into the rhythm of school 😊. Despite the disappointment of the wind postponing our camp plan 🏕️ (which we will definitely do at some point this year) we have not let that dampen our spirits.

Spring Class have been enjoying using talk buttons 🗣️ to help them access the classroom provisions and follow instructions. This has been such a wonderful way to begin to build independence and the children have taken to it brilliantly.

Our other three classes have been delving into place value in maths and in such a short time all of our class teachers have noticed fantastic progress being made 📈. It has been great to see children rising to the challenge and growing in confidence with their number work.

We also launched Spelling Shed 🐝 this week, our brand new online spelling platform. The feedback from the children has been spectacular. They are already enjoying exploring the games which help them learn and recognise spelling patterns in an exciting and engaging way.

The whole school enjoyed another PE session with Mr Barker, our Trust PE Lead ⚽ and they certainly did not let a little drizzle stop their fun. I was so impressed with the enthusiasm and active participation on show. I look forward to seeing Millbrook continue to shine at Trust sports events in the future 🏆 (have I mentioned that I might be just a little competitive?!).

Thank you as always for your support 🙏. I hope you all have 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	Isaac for his enthusiasm to writing in curious Quest.	Fraya - for fantastic boxing up!	Sky - For your vivid descriptive language in English.
Esme for working really hard in phonics.	Mathematician	Delilah for her counting skills.	Eva - for her determination to learn her times tables which has shown in her increasing scores!	Christopher and Max - for excelling at rounding numbers this week!
	Valued Contribution	Olivia for always contributing in class discussions.	Isaac - for always supporting and helping others in the classroom and at play time.	Sam - for not giving up in PE and being one of the first to hit three hoops!

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Samuel playing so well with his friends.	For all our brave Winter Class election day candidates for reading their manifestos in front of the class.	For our amazing families who created such swashbuckling outfits for Talk like a Pirate Day!

Bring It! Award

Poppy - For her incredible dance performances at Disney with her dance troop!



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In the news this week



In a recent survey, 600 parents and 400 children, aged six and seven, were asked to name the everyday things around them that they find incredible or awe-inspiring. The list included things like sunflowers, diggers and puddles. The survey took place as part of eye care company, Specsavers', 'Wonder' campaign, which hopes to raise awareness of the importance of eye health.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the Seven Wonders of the World. Are they familiar with them? Would you like to visit any of them? If so, which ones and why?
- Can you make a list of what you and others at home consider to be wonders of the world, or wonders of your world?

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.

Tuesday - Autumn Class - Sea in our School workshop (in School) - AM

Wednesday - Winter Class trip with Outdoor Dave

Friday - Nethercott Orientation Day - selected students

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

96.1% 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:

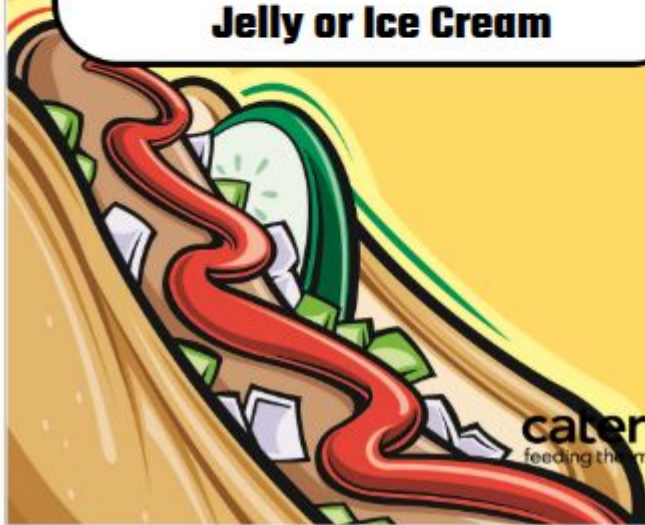
- ★ Please book wraparound the week before for the coming week - this enables us to staff it accordingly keeping in ratio
- ★ Emergency bookings and cancellations in exceptional circumstances only need to be communicated with the office.
- ★ All children are to be collected from the front office door-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

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HOT DOG DAY

2nd October
Butchers Pork Sausage
or Vegan Sausage with a
choice of toppings served with
Chips
Jelly or Ice Cream



caterlink
feeding the imagination

Census Day!

Thursday 2nd October is our
Autumn Census Day.

On this day, Caterlink are
providing a special menu for
the children! Please ensure that
you log in to MCAS to book
your child's meal.

Thank you!



Wellbeing Corner

Sometimes, our thoughts and worries sweep us away like a storm. But remember, all storms pass. The winds will drop, and everything will settle once again.

@blurtitout

Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in our thoughts and get pulled into a cycle of unhelpful thinking. Sometimes it feels endless and our worries can be overwhelming. It is helpful to remember that, like a storm, this will eventually pass and our thoughts will settle down again.

Remember to reach out if you find yourself caught up in a storm of worry. There is always a safe haven here, and a friendly ear to listen. Do not face the storm alone.

Image Credit: @blurtitout (IG)
Website: <https://www.blurtitout.org/>

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

23/09/25 Autumn Class 'Sea in our School' workshop
24/09/25 Year 5/6 Outdoor Dave Trip
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!
08/10/25 Flu Vaccination Clinic
16/10/25 Summer Class Outdoor Dave Trip - 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



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#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	
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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	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
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July 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
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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	
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