

Millbrook Matters 25-26

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Dear Families,

What a heartwarming week it's been here at Millbrook! The children have been busy preparing for our Harvest Festival, and the sound of their beautiful singing has filled the school all week. It has been such a joy to see them practising with such enthusiasm and pride, ready to share their songs and readings with you all.

We'd like to say a huge thank you for the wonderful donations you have made towards the Trussell Trust Foodbank. Your generosity will make such a difference to families in our local community who may need a little extra support right now.

I'm also pleased to share that Millbrook School is now officially affiliated with the Trussell Trust Foodbank, which means that we are able to issue foodbank vouchers directly to families who may benefit from this service. If you ever find yourself in a position where things are a little tight, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school administrator. These moments can happen to any of us, and using a food bank is simply one way of making sure that no one goes without when times are tough. There is no judgment, just care and support from our school community 🧡.

This week also marked the first meeting of our School Council for this academic year 🏠. Our councillors, chosen by their classmates, met to discuss their role in helping to make Millbrook the best it can be. The School Council gives pupils the chance to share their ideas, represent their peers and take part in decisions that shape school life. Having a strong pupil voice is so important because it helps our children learn about democracy, leadership and teamwork. It also reminds them that their opinions matter and that they can make a real difference within our school community. I'm very excited to see the positive impact this year's council will have!

It's been a week full of gratitude, kindness and community spirit - a true reflection of what Harvest is all about. Wishing you all 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	Betty for her writing ability- she is a young writer in the making!	Seren for her insightful answers during Shared Reading.	Orijin for her commitment to her reading by reading every night at home
Esme, for fantastic writing in Drawing club.	Mathematician	Lucas for his fantastic number knowledge.	Rosa for her knowledge of negative numbers and being able to apply it to the challenge questions.	Rudi for being focused in maths this term and mastering column addition and subtraction
	Valued Contribution	Nyla for her creative pieces of work in Shared Reading.	Rosie for her understanding and care of others.	Edie for her amazing homework this term, earning over 100 dojo's

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Evelyn - For being inclusive and welcoming to classmates.	Lacey-Jane for being brave and settling so well into Class Winter	Harry, for super art work painting with conkers!

Bring It! Award

A massive well done to all the cross country runners.



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

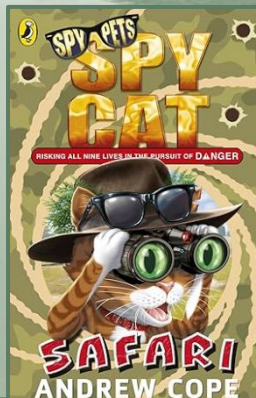
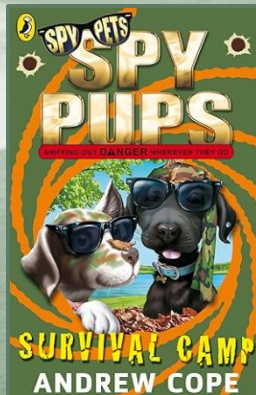
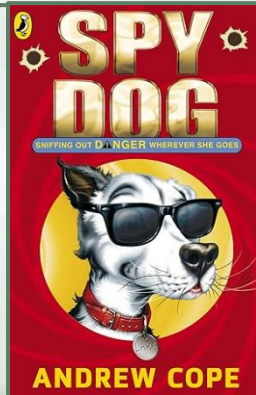
Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves - the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.



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In the news this week



Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- > Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- > Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

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.

Summer Class Beach Adventure Day - 16th October
Don't forget to complete the consent form in the letter to ensure your child doesn't miss out!

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

94.8% 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@stbarnabasmat.com

After School club
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.

Wellbeing Corner

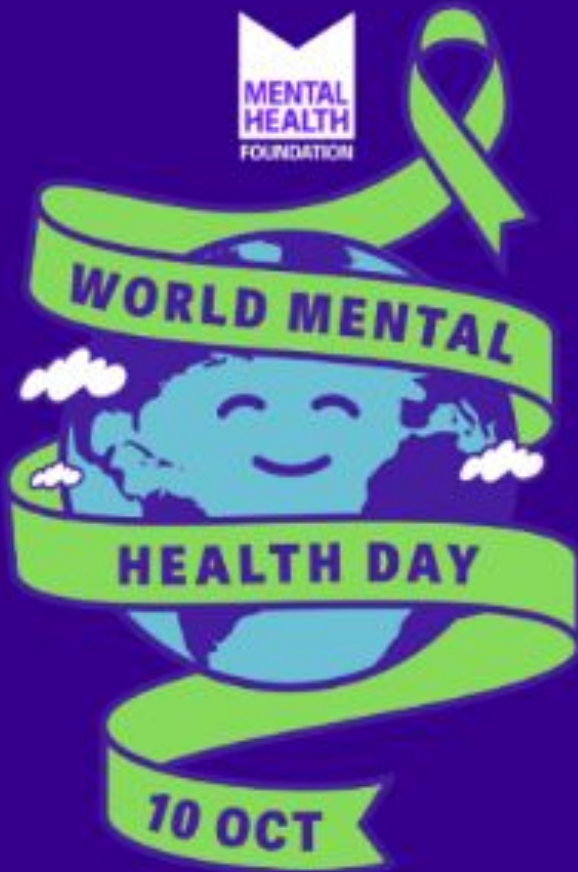
Today is World Mental Health Day - a time to come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. Let's work together to break down the barriers and give our community the opportunity to speak freely and confidently about their mental health. If you are struggling, know someone who is or are worried about your child, here are some helpful sites. Please do reach out.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

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Jenny - Joint Mental Health Lead



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The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2026**

Do you have a
child born **between
1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2026 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2026**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if
your child attends a school's nursery or pre-
school class. If a school is oversubscribed
the fact that a child attends a school's
nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery
or pre-school, does not automatically
guarantee a place at that school. The
school's oversubscription criteria will be
used to allocate places. Visit our website or
contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
for more information and to access the
online application system.



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Together 
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The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2025**

**Transfer to
secondary
school**

September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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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

16/10/25	Summer Class Outdoor Dave Trip
20/10/25	KS1 Sports Competition - Details to follow
21/10/25	KS2 Sports Competition - Details to follow
23/10/25	School Disco - Details to follow
24/10/25	LAST DAY OF TERM
03/11/25	FIRST DAY BACK - AUTUMN 2
11/11/25	Armistice 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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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

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		

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

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	
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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	

Inset Days

3,4,5th September

5th June

22nd & 23rd July

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	
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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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