

Millbrook Matters 25-26

Date: 17/10/25 Edition: Autumn 6

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Bring...
friendship

Dear Families,

Wow! What a week of productivity it's been at Millbrook! The whole school has been buzzing with energy, learning and creativity – it's hard to believe we're only a week away from half term!

Our intrepid Year 6 learners have completed their first round of mock SATs this week, and we've seen some wonderful results which bode really well for the summer. They approached the week with focus and maturity, and we're all incredibly proud of their effort and determination. While Year 6 were busy with their tests, Year 5 enjoyed some focused time on maths problem solving and a deep dive into grammar. It was such a treat to work with them in a smaller group setting and really see their confidence and independence shine.

Over in Autumn Class, our Year 3 and 4 pupils have been taking their science learning outdoors! They've been exploring light sources and shadows, making clever observations and even tracing chalk outlines on the playground – which looked a little alarming at first glance but were all in the name of science!

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been busy baking and enjoying a delightful Victorian-style high tea. A Victoria Sponge Sandwich was the order of the day and it looked (and tasted) amazing. Cooking is such a valuable life skill and our mini bakers did a fantastic job creating and sharing their treats.

Meanwhile, our youngest learners in Spring Class have been getting hands-on with sensory play, exploring textures, patterns and early mark making. It's been wonderful to see them developing their curiosity and independence through such joyful learning experiences.

It has been another brilliant week full of energy, enthusiasm and smiles across the school. With just one week to go before half term, I continue to be amazed by how much our children achieve and how proud they make us every single 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	Dorothy for her instructions in Curious Quest.	Mali for working hard on her letter formation and joins in handwriting.	Poppy for her outstanding results in her mock SATs tests.
Samuel for fantastic phonics results..	Mathematician	Theo for his fact family knowledge in maths	Pippa for her determination to master column addition and subtraction.	Vivian for working so hard on problem solving in maths this week
	Valued Contribution	Myshie and Harriet for their amazing homework	Isabel for her determination to achieve and willingness to share her knowledge to help others.	Mireia For your wonderfully proactive attitude to English this week

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Sully, for playing so well with everyone.	Alice for embracing our day at the beach and trying the seaweed pancakes!	Tallulah for her fantastic family tree for her homework

Bring It! Award

To all the wonderful song birds who joined the choir this week!



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In the news this week



This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

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.

KS1 Sports Competition - Selected Students - Monday
KS2 Sports Competition - Selected Students - Tuesday
School Disco - Reception and KS1 - 5-6pm Thursday
School Disco - KS2 - 6.15- 7.30pm - Thursday
Last day of term - Friday

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

91.3% 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.



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DISCO NIGHT

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

5.00PM - 6.00PM RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

6.15PM - 7.30PM YEAR 3,4,5 & 6

£2 PER CHILD

CASH OR CARD PAYMENTS ON THE DOOR

INCLUDES SNACKS AND DRINKS

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT AT THE
END OF THE DISCO

It's PARTY TIME! It's time to dust off your dancing shoes as our amazing PTA are holding a school disco next week!

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.

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Connections. When we lend a hand to someone in need, we have the potential to initiate a chain of support. Each small gesture strengthens the bond. Together, we can create a network of resilience.

@blurtitout

Wellbeing Corner

We all have good days and bad days. Sometimes we are the ones who are able to offer support. Other times we are the ones who need the support. It is important to remember that, no matter how small the gesture, it strengthens the chain of support, so that next time, we feel a little more confident in our ability to deal with whatever comes our way.

Remember, you can always reach out to us here at school. We are here for you as well as your children.

Image credit: @blurtitoutorg (IG)

Jenny - Joint Mental Health Lead

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Together 
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The
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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

20/10/25 KSI Sports Competition
21/10/25 KS2 Sports Competition
23/10/25 School Disco
24/10/25 LAST DAY OF TERM
03/11/25 FIRST DAY BACK - AUTUMN 2
06/11/25 Year 2 residential parent meeting - 3.30pm
10/11/25 Autumn Class - Sea in our School trip - details to

follow

11/11/25 Armistice Day
11/12/25 KSI Nativity - 1.30pm
11/12/25 KSI Nativity - 6pm

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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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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Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

June 2026						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
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July 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tues		7	14	21	28	
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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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