

Millbrook Matters 25-26

Date: 24/10/25 Edition: Autumn 7

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*Bring...
friendship*



*Bring...
Sporting
success!*



*Bring...
Half term!*

Dear Families,

Well done everyone for making it to the end of our first half term of the school year! What a busy and brilliant seven weeks it has been, and what a wonderful way to finish.

This week we came together for a whole-school Internet Safety Assembly, reminding everyone about the importance of staying safe online and being respectful even when we're not face to face. We also talked about the importance of only communicating online with people we know in real life. It's worth remembering that while children love to be part of the online world, many platforms actually require users to be 13 or older before setting up an account – something we'll keep reinforcing as part of helping our pupils to be smart, kind and safe digital citizens. 💻✨

Our incredible KS2 football team also did us proud at the East Cornwall Hub Games this week! They played fantastically and just missed out on first place. Personally, I think we were robbed (I may have mentioned before that I'm just a little competitive!) but what really mattered were the wonderful comments we received about the team's sportsmanship and politeness – qualities worth far more than any gold medal. ⚽🏆

To round off the week, the school disco was an absolute hit! A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising, setting up and running the event, and to the staff who stayed on after a long day to support too. I really love how our community comes together at events like this – the children had a fantastic time. There were definite signs of a newly formed boy band on the horizon and plenty of K-Pop hits to keep the dance floor packed! 🎵🕺

As we head into half term, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you for making both myself and Mrs Lentell feel so welcome at Millbrook. It truly is a special place and it's been a joy getting to know the children and families who make it shine. Have a wonderful, safe and restful half term you've all earned it!

Best wishes,

Mrs James and team



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Halley for her amazing instruction writing.	Louis for his entertaining information text..	Zennor for her amazing double page spread for science on grouping animals. have a look it's on the science display.
Jack for having a great week at school.	Mathematician	Penny T for her determination in maths.	Barney for his determination and perseverance learning the column method.	Tallulah for her work on squared and cubed numbers in maths this week.
	Valued Contribution	Penelope K and Delilah for moving into Blue group in phonics!	Charlie for his growing confidence in his own ability and having the courage to volunteer to answer questions.	Rudi for most improved player at netball club this week.

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Isaac being an attuned and supportive friend..	Harry for becoming more confident within the class and sharing his ideas.	Holly for her amazing extra homework, she made an amazing sword which is on display in the class.

Bring It! Award

The KS2 Football team for playing so well at the football match. and bringing home the silver medal.



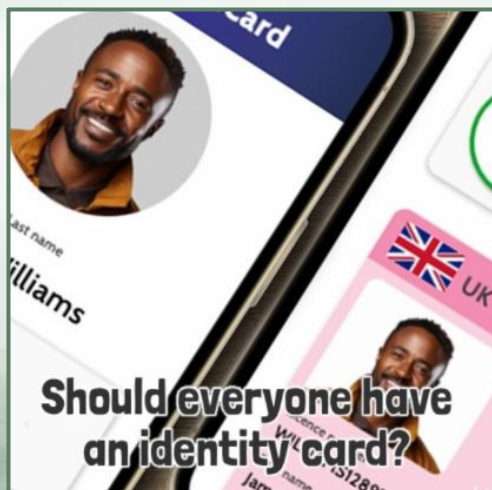
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In the news

this week



The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- > Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- > What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response with someone at home.

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.

Thursday 6th November

Year 2 Residential Information meeting

3.30pm in Summer Class

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

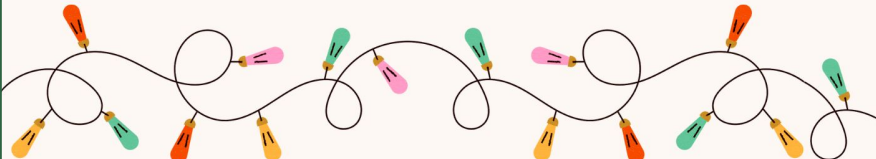
94.5% attendance

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.





Christmas IN MILLBROOK

**HOW MANY UNIQUE TREE DECORATIONS
CAN WE HAVE ON THE VILLAGE
CHRISTMAS TREE THIS YEAR?**

We would like each child to design and create a **one-of-a-kind** festive decoration that can be hung on the Tanyard Christmas tree.

When creating your design, please ensure you follow these guidelines.....

- To use **recycled or repurposed materials**
- Suitable for being **outdoors**
- To be as **creative** as you can & think of something unique
- Make sure your **name & age is clearly visible** ready for judging

*Please can **all creations be handed into school / preschool** so that the Parish Council Events Group can arrange collection/delivery with them for the event.*

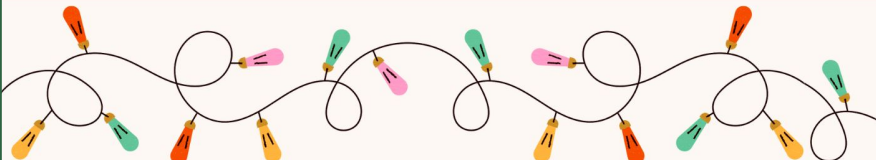
FOR THE GROWN-UP'S

Entries will be judged at the Light Switch On event in Millbrook on THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Prizes will be given to the winning creations in each age range;

- Preschool (under 4yrs)
- Infant (5-8yrs)
- Junior (9-11yrs)

Please make sure your creation has your name & age clearly shown otherwise it won't be able to be judged.



🎄 Millbrook Christmas Tree Decoration Competition! 🎄
Parents, get ready to unleash your child's creativity!

We're inviting every child to design and create a one-of-a-kind, unique festive decoration to be hung on the Tanyard Village Christmas Tree this year.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase their artistic skills and help make our village tree extra special!

☀️ Key Guidelines

Use recycled or repurposed materials.

The decoration must be suitable for being outdoors.

Be as creative and unique as possible!

Crucially: Make sure your name & age is clearly visible on the creation for judging!



How to Enter

All decorations must be handed into school/preschool so the Parish Council Events Group can arrange collection.



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Let's see how many amazing unique decorations we can get on the tree this year! Happy creating! 🎨✨

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New
menu for
after
half term!

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE						
3/11/25 24/11/25 15/12/25 19/1/26 9/2/26 9/3/26 30/3/26	Option One	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Plant Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Syrup Sponge	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Chocolate Shortbread
WEEK TWO						
10/11/25 1/12/25 5/1/26 26/1/26 23/2/26 16/3/26	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegan Cottage pie	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Melting Moment Biscuit	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE						
17/11/25 8/12/25 12/1/26 2/2/26 2/3/26 23/3/26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chefs Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Corflake Tart	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Protein  Wholemeal  Vegan  Chef's Special				
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt		ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.				

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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Cornwall Council Parent Survey - Childcare Provision

In Cornwall we want to know about your childcare needs, what choices you have and what provision you are choosing.

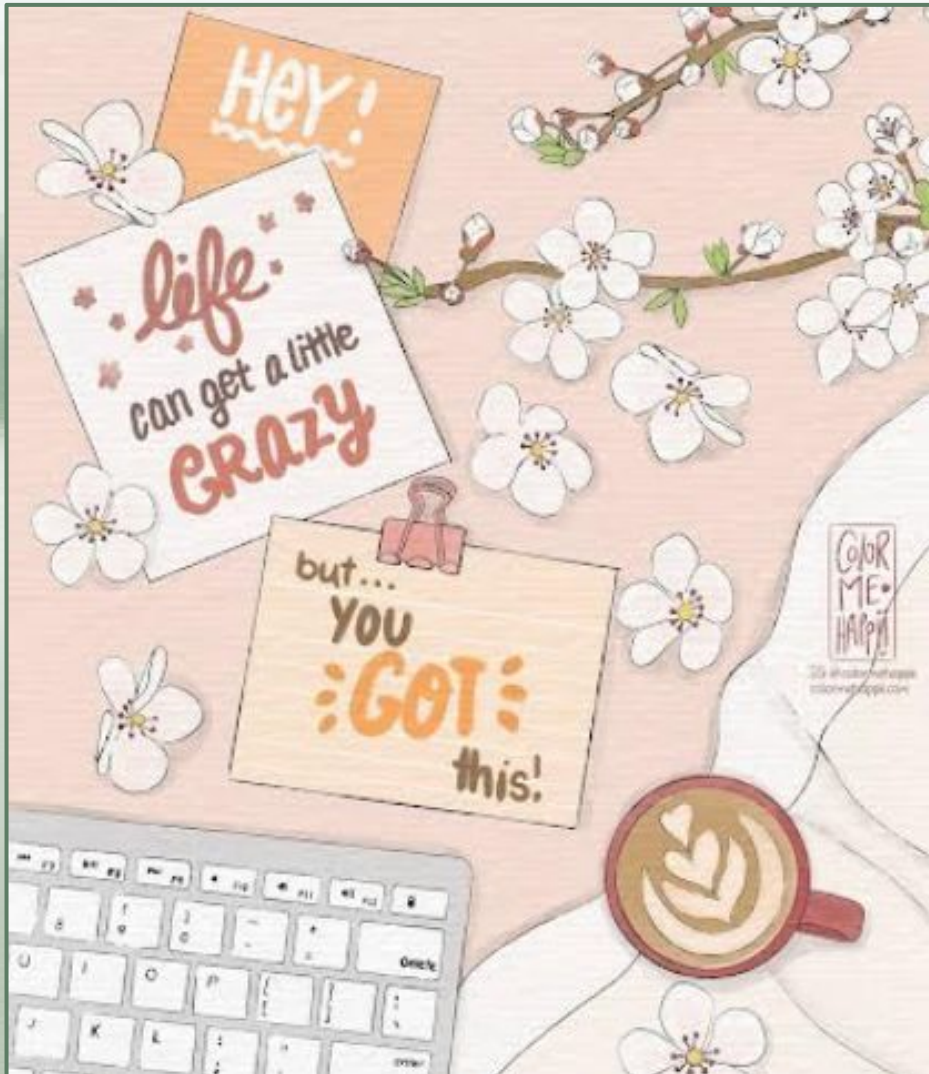
We want to understand whether or not you are able to find the childcare that you need for your children, so that we can identify what the biggest childcare provision issues are (and where), and work to try to address these issues.

We also want to hear your thoughts about the quality of the childcare you are choosing. Please complete the survey below by **19 December 2025**. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/parent-survey>



Wellbeing Corner



As we head into half term and the summer break feels like a distant memory, it is fair to say that 'life can get a little crazy'

Whether it is the school runs, the after school clubs or the half term activities that are causing the craziness, here is a gentle reminder that 'you've got this!'

Wishing you all a wonderful half term.

Remember to take some time for yourselves and enjoy some family time if you can. As always, please do reach out if you are finding things tough.

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Jenny - Joint Mental Health Lead

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The application window for year 6 transfer to secondary school applications is 31st October - if you haven't yet applied for a place, you can do so here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admission>

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Together 
for Families

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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www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Community Page

The Peninsula Trust Presents
 Haunted Histories

**Come along to The Old Ship
for a night of spooky tales based here on The
Rame Peninsula!**

Storytelling taking place 6pm -7pm

**Family Friendly Halloween games & prizes
including prize for best dressed!**

**Open until late for Paranormal Punch and
terrifying tunes.**

Ghastly Grub served until 8pm.

**To Book email
admin@thepeninsulatrust.org.uk or call on
01752 823909**

31st October The Old Ship 5pm - Late Entry £3



Open to all ages. Either book and donate to come along for the Haunted Histories session for spooky stories about the Rame Peninsula, delivered by the amazing Mazed Cornish storytellers, alongside games and prizes, or come along from 7pm for some spooky tunes, food, and drink. Fancy dress encouraged for all! All donations and money raised goes back into our community projects, such as local crisis support, keeping the Post Office open in the Rame Centre, delivering outdoor education, and supporting those managing food and energy insecurity. Spook you soon!

Community Page



MENINGITIS CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER • 11 - 3PM
Kingsand Community Hall

- Visit Father Christmas
- Decorate your own Bauble and Gingerbread Man
- Make (create) some Magical Reindeer food
- 'New' or 'As New' Gifts & Stocking fillers to buy at affordable Prices
- Bacon Baps for Adults & Children
- Raffle & Bottle Tombola & much more!
- See you there for fun at the fayre

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

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.



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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

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
11/11/25	Armistice Day
19/11/25	Year 2 residential
10/12/25	Autumn Class Mountain Bike Development Day - details to follow
4/12/25	Christmas Fair - 3.15pm onwards
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



@MillbrookSchool



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Mr Stainfield: nstainfield@stbarnabasmats.com

Miss Treasure: mtreasure@stbarnabasmats.com

Mrs Edgell: bedgell@stbarnabasmats.com

Mrs Belton: rbelton@stbarnabasmats.com

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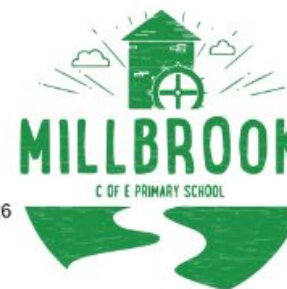
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Millbrook C of E Primary School

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	
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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	
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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	
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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	
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	
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