

Millbrook Matters 25-26

Date: 07/11/25 Edition: Autumn 8

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Bring...
Creativity



Dear Families,

It has been absolutely wonderful to see all the children returning from their half-term break looking rested, refreshed and ready to learn in what is often known as the *craziest term of the year*! We have so many exciting events and activities planned for the coming weeks that I'm not sure our feet will touch the ground!

We kicked things off in style with our Open Day on Wednesday. It was lovely to welcome so many potential new families through our doors and share what makes Millbrook such a special place. If you know anyone who is looking for a school placement for September, please do let them know that we'd be more than happy to arrange a tour. A huge thank you to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who acted as tour guides – they were polite, enthusiastic and brilliant ambassadors for our school. I couldn't have been prouder of them!

Our School Council also met this week for the first time this half term to discuss fundraising ideas and ways to support others. It's inspiring to hear our children thinking about how they can make a difference – both within our own community and beyond. Keep your eyes peeled for their exciting plans coming soon!

Next week promises to be another busy one:

-  Odd Socks Day on Monday will be a fun way to celebrate our individuality and remind everyone that it's great to be ourselves.
-  On Tuesday, we will come together for Remembrance Day to honour and remember those who gave their lives for us.
-  And on Friday, it's time for a Pyjama Party in support of *Children in Need*! Children are invited to wear their pyjamas, nightwear or onesies to school in exchange for a donation to this wonderful charity.

It's shaping up to be a term full of fun, reflection and community spirit – everything that makes Millbrook the special place it is. Wishing you all a restful weekend before the excitement begins.

Best wishes,



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Oliver for improving his handwriting and writing a brilliant creative text.	Rubus for showing amazing progression with his reading.	Zennor for her amazing Cornish Folktale, she completed as part of the Bring It homework
Harry, confidently chatting in class!!	Mathematician	Nyla for her understanding in subtraction.	Lennox for showing resilience and perseverance when answering reasoning questions on money.	Lacey - For your super lightbulb moments in maths this week when learning about $\times$ and $\div$.
	Valued Contribution	Penelope K for having such a passion for learning!	Georgina for consistently being a helpful and supportive member of Autumn Class.	Arthur for his hard work and determination in maths this week and attempting the work set for year 6

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Holly - For always being willing to support her friend's learning.	Oliver and Theo for having courage to ride a bike with Mr Barker and excelling at it- well done boys !	Esme, for always creating amazing things at in our 'making' area..

Bring It! Award

Zennor - For earning a place in the East Cornwall Schools FA Girls Football team and for playing an exceptional game last weekend!



In the news this week

Should fireworks be changed
so we protect animals and
people at the same time?



An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. Loud fireworks can scare pets, wildlife, and some people who find sudden noises upsetting. Supporters of the campaign say we can still celebrate with low-noise fireworks or light shows that keep everyone safe and happy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you celebrate Bonfire Night or an occasion with fireworks?
- Do you enjoy fireworks? Discuss with someone at home.
- The campaign suggests low-noise fireworks and drone shows as alternatives to traditional fireworks. For each, think about the pros and cons.

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.

Monday - Autumn Class - Sea in our School Trip

Please arrive at school at 8.30am

Monday - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday - Remembrance Day

Friday - Children in Need Pyjama Day

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

95.1% 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.



Wellbeing Corner

On Monday we are celebrating what makes us unique and marking the start of Anti Bullying week with an Odd Socks Day!

Children are invited to wear odd socks, alongside their normal school uniform. We can't wait to see what combination they choose!

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood

Jenny Lentell - Joint mental health lead

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

11am
11 November



AHEAD OF REMEMBRANCE DAY,
WE WILL HAVE POPPIES FOR SALE
IN SCHOOL, IN RETURN FOR A
DONATION TO THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION.

THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
TOMORROW UNTIL TUESDAY
MORNING.

- lest we forget -



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BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

WHAT
Pyjama Day!

WHEN & WHERE
Friday 14th November
at School

Donation to Children in
Need - in school or QR code

DONATE ONLINE



Scan the QR code or
head to bbc.co.uk/pudsey
to donate online



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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@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.

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

10/11/25	Autumn Class - Sea in our School trip
11/11/25	Armistice Day
14/11/25	Cross Country League Race 2
19/11/25	Year 2 residential
w/c 24/11/25	Winter Class Swimming
27/11/25	Millbrook Christmas Lights Switch on
28/11/25	Christmas Film Night - details to follow
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



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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

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	
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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
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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	
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June 2026						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tues		2	9	16	23	30
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Thur		4	11	18	25	
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July 2026						
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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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