

Millbrook Matters 25-26

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Bring...
Creativity

Dear Families,

What a thoughtful week it has been at Millbrook! This week we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week, and the children have spent time learning about what bullying really means, how to spot it and, most importantly, how to report it. It has been wonderful to see the children showing such empathy and understanding as we talked about kindness, respect and the importance of standing up for one another. We began this with Odd Socks Day, which was a fantastic and colourful way to celebrate how wonderfully unique we all are. Everywhere I looked there were bright, mismatched socks (and even a pair of odd boots!)— a reminder that our differences make us special.

I also had the honour of joining some of our School Council members at the annual Millbrook Remembrance Day Ceremony at the war memorial. The children read a poem, offered a prayer and laid a wreath on behalf of our school. They showed such respect and maturity, and I couldn't have been prouder of how they represented us.

Thinking about others and noticing when something needs to be done has really been a theme this week. A few of our Year 5 School Council members spotted that the play equipment shed was in a bit of a pickle and volunteered their playtime to help sort it out! They've already created a plan of action and are designing posters and visuals to help everyone to keep things shipshape. What fantastic initiative — it's moments like these that remind me our future is in safe hands with these thoughtful and proactive young people leading the way.

Finally, we ended the week in true Millbrook style — with slippers, pyjamas and nightcaps at the ready for our Children in Need Pyjama Day! The fun was contagious, and it was all for such an important cause. A big thank you to everyone who donated and joined in the spirit of the day.

Wishing you all a restful and cosy weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs James and team



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Theo for his fairy tale writing- he is using his phonics to write some creatives sentences.	Alex for using a variety of language techniques to write an engaging opener to his story..	Elana for reading over 16 books since start of term and scoring an average of 93% on the Ar quizzes
Sully, Esme, Harry, Samuel and Eli for amazing teamwork and playing so well together.	Mathematician	Myshie for solving column addition sums.	Marshall for his understanding of comparison measurements.	Joules working hard to understand and solve fraction problems
	Valued Contribution	Alice for always participating in class and beginning her love of learning.	For Autumn Class for demonstrating the values of the school while on a school trip. We are so proud of you.	Leo, Lily and. Christopher for representing the school at the Remembrance Service, and reading your prayer and reading so eloquently

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Mali for supporting and caring for others.	Ayva - For being positive even during challenging times. You are an inspiration to us all.	Nyla for her fashion homework! Betty for her fact file on Alexander Bell.

Bring It! Award

Dorothy for buying a poppy for remembrance day with her money from the tooth fairy.



Bring It! Award

Holly, Christopher and Vivian for spotting a problem in our school and taking the initiative to solve it independently

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In the news this week



The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- > What do you know about climate change?
- > If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

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.

Year 2 - Residential Wednesday - Thursday

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance last week was:

97.4% 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

N - Notice small things
O - Offer kindness
V - Value quiet time
E - Enjoy each day
M - Make time to rest
B - Breathe deeply
E - Embrace change
R - Relax and let go

November can often feel like the calm before the 'Christmas' storm. Why not take this opportunity to take a step back before the festive season really kicks in and embrace the calm. Enjoy the quiet moments and remember to reach out if you are having any difficulties.

Image credit: @poetsglobe (IG)

Jenny Lentell - Joint mental health lead



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Children in Need PJ Day!



Thank you
for your
donations - we
raised a
fantastic
£83.74 for
Children in
Need!





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@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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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




5YR ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
11AM - 4PM

**Millbrook Football Club
The Edgcumbe Arms, Cremyll**

Locally Made Crafts, Art, Gifts & Treats
Independent, Small Local Businesses,
Variety of Live Music at all venues
FREE Entry & Parking Available

Vintage Bus Shuttle Available
Route Inc: Millbrook, Cremyll, Kingsand & Cawsand
SHUTTLE RUNNING BETWEEN 10:45 - 15:45

Scan the QR Code to access the Timetable and Route Map.

Donations are warmly welcome for bus travel on the day.
Buses are kindly organised & running throughout the day by Laurence Mayhew & the fabulous team who organise the annual Rame Beer Bus event.
Donations will support Laurence in running these vintage buses.



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- Vintage Bus Timetable -

Cremyll, Edgumbe Arms	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45		13:45	14:15	14:45	15:15	15:45
Cawsand, Triangle	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	/	13:55	14:25	14:55	15:25	15:55
Kingsand, Surgery	10:57	11:27	11:57	12:27	12:57	B	13:57	14:27	14:57	15:27	15:57
Millbrook, Quay	11:01	11:31	12:01	12:31	13:01	R	14:01	14:31	15:01	15:31	16:01
Millbrook, Football Club	11:04	11:34	12:04	12:34	13:04	E	14:04	14:34	15:04	15:34	16:04
Millbrook, Quay	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	13:06	A	14:06	14:36	15:06	15:36	16:06
Cremyll, Edgumbe Arms	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	13:13	K	14:13	14:43	15:13	15:43	16:13
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- Vintage Bus Route -

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Map Key

Christmas Market Locations
- Millbrook Football Club
- Edgumbe Arms, Cremyll

Main Bus Stops
- Millbrook, Quay
- Kingsand, Surgery
- Cawsand, Triangle



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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

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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Mr Stainfield: nstainfield@stbarnabasmats.com

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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	
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	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

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	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

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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