

Millbrook Matters 25-26

Date: 10/07/26 Edition: Summer II

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*Bring...
Courage*

Dear Families,

Wow, what a scorcher of a week it has been, but I am delighted to say we have all survived the heat! ☀️

After a long absence, we have been absolutely thrilled to welcome back Mrs Sutton Smith to Millbrook. She will hopefully be making her way back to full capacity soon, bringing her wonderful phonics knowledge and incredible attention to detail right back where it belongs. Welcome back, Mrs Sutton Smith!

It has been a big week for transitions. Our Year 6 cohort joined an online forum with the Cornwall Mental Health Support Team, which was packed with brilliant tips on coping with the move to secondary school. This was perfectly timed, as they spent a wonderful day at TCC on Wednesday. I must admit, I felt a bit like a parent myself on Thursday morning; when I asked them how it went, the most common reply was, "Can't remember!" 😊

The rest of the school also got a taste of the future on Tuesday when everyone switched into their new classes. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to bond with their new cohorts and meet some of the adults they'll be working with. Don't worry, we will still start September with our usual 'Learning to Learn Week' to cement those team bonds! really

The gorgeous weather has allowed for some magical outdoor play. Our trees have become the hub of imagination, with little "shops" popping up in the branches – I was even offered a leaf taco, which was a wonderful surprise! 🌮 It's also been lovely to see a mixed age range playing football together. Because of the size differences, we usually keep these games to class groups, but the thoughtfulness and respect shown by the older children towards the younger ones has been an absolute delight to watch. ⚽️

Finally, as I write this, our Summer Fayre hasn't quite kicked off yet, but I want to say a massive thank you in advance to our incredible PTA for the immense effort they put into these events. I just know it's going to be a roaring success! 🎉

We are endlessly grateful for the warmth and wonderful support you show our school community every single week.

Have a fantastic, sun-soaked weekend, everyone!

Best wishes, Mrs James and team



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Spring Class	Awards	Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Alice for her exciting adventure story.	Rosa for writing some fantastic rhetorical questions!	Mireia for your excellent reading comprehension focus and details in your answers.
Sully for writing sentences independently	Mathematician	Bear for having a great attitude towards his maths tests.	Charlie for his positive attitude and superb effort in his maths assessments!	Holly for fantastic dedication and a wonderful attitude to learning in maths this week.
	Valued Contribution	Lucas for being such a positive role model in the class.	Georgie for always bringing a positive attitude and lighting up Autumn Class with joy!	Maxwell for being an excellent role model to the younger children on transition day this week.

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	All of our Friday Club Friends! We are so proud of you for coming in and making so many new friends before September!	All the wizard of Oz children who are working hard to learn their lines for the summer KS2 production.	Rozenn and Sky for creating some wonderful props for The Wizard of Oz production.

Bring It! Award

All the year 6 children who helped with the summer fayre!



Class Attendance Award

Winter Class
with 94.1%

In the news this week



What makes something popular?



Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months. Videos showing people squeezing, collecting, and opening the toys have helped them spread quickly online. As more people have bought these types of toys, Trading Standards officers have been called in to carry out safety checks on some of the products being sold in shops and online.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What was your favourite toy when you were younger? How did you first hear about it?
- Do you believe toys become popular because they are fun, because friends have them, or for another reason?
- If you could invent a new toy, what would it be like, and how would you make it popular?

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 - KS1 Sports competition - selected students
Tuesday - KS2 Sports competition - selected students

Wednesday - Wizard of Oz performances 1.30 & 6pm
Thursday - Year 1/2 Bear Hunt

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

91.6% attendance

We are striving for
97% attendance

Spring:

86%

Summer:

88.3%

Autumn:

92.6%

Winter:

94.1%





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It's nearly time! Performances are at 1.30pm (for grandparents and extended family) and 6pm! Please come along and join us on the yellow brick road!

MILLBROOK
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Millbrook School
are proud to
present
**The Wizard of
Oz!**

15th July 2026

Performances at 1.30pm and
6pm - no ticket required!

BASED ON
THE CLASSIC
NOVEL BY
L. FRANK BAUM

THE
**WIZARD
OF OZ**

A MUSICAL ADAPTATION BY
TOM KIRKHAM



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THANK YOU

TO OUR AMAZING

PTA TEAM!

To our dedicated PTA, thank you for your time,
passion and hard work.

We will be sad to see you go

- ♥ YOU PLAN - Organising events and bringing our community together.
- ♥ YOU FUNDRAISE - Raising vital funds that make a real difference.
- ♥ YOU SUPPORT - Our school, our children and our families.
- ♥ YOU CREATE MEMORIES - From fairs and discos to raffles and more.
- ♥ YOU GIVE YOUR TIME - Behind the scenes and at the heart of it all.
- ♥ YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN - Through teamwork, energy and endless ideas.
- ♥ YOU CARE - About our school and everyone in it.

We appreciate everything you do!

If you want to be a part of the next team
please ask at reception

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Message from the PTA

THANK YOU!

To all the lovely families of Millbrook school, 

As this is the last year for many of the current PTA,

WE JUST WANTED TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU!

Your support over the years has been truly amazing – together we've created so many special memories and raised vital funds that have made such a big difference.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE:

- School Discos
- Christmas Film Nights
- Christmas Fair
- Pancake Day Races
- Tough Mudder
- Easter Bunny Bingo
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Slip 'n' Slide
- Summer Fair
- Ice Cream/Donut Sales

Because of you, we have been able to provide valuable resources and year round treats for all the children of Millbrook school. The funds have paid for:



IPADS



Play equipment



Cooking equipment



Year 6 leavers hoodies



Forest school equipment



Stage lighting



School trips



Adrenalin Quarry trips and leavers trips

and much more!



Unfortunately, many members of the PTA are in their last year of being parents at Millbrook school, and so we are really in need of more helpers who can continue to organise the fun events and help with the much needed fund raising.



As we have run these events for many years now, we have easy to follow plans ready to hand on to the next team, if they want them!



YOU HAVE MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE!

Even if it's just helping at one event a year, or just behind the scenes, it would really make all the difference!



If you are able to help
PLEASE text
07969 254896.

THANK YOU!



Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school community!





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Millbrook School End of Year Dates for your Diary!

Friday 10th July - Summer Fair 3.15-5pm

Monday 13th July - KS1 Sports Competition -
selected students

Monday 13th July - Year 5 Pilgrim Boats Art
Workshop - St German's Priory

Tuesday 14th July - KS2 Sports Competition -
selected students

Wednesday 15th July - Wizard of Oz
performances 1.30pm and 6pm

Thursday 16th July - Year 1/2 Bear Hunt

Thursday 16th July - Spring Class Alpines Trip -
details TBC

Tuesday 21st July - whole school water fight AM

Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Service -
1.30pm - All Welcome

Tuesday 21st July - Last Day of Term

NOTICE

WE REGRET TO
ADVISE THAT
DUE TO STAFF
COMMITMENTS
ON MONDAY 20TH
AND TUESDAY
21ST JULY, WE
ARE UNABLE TO
OFFER AFTER
SCHOOL CLUB.

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY
INCONVENIENCE CAUSED

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Last day of term!



On Tuesday 21st July, it is the last day of term. Children are invited to wear mufti clothes to school for the day. They will complete some activities before break, followed by the traditional, last day of school water fight! Please ensure your child brings a towel and has a full change of clothes to wear after the water fight, including shoes!

In the afternoon, they will watch the year 6 leavers service, before we break for the summer!



Please could all children bring a strong, plastic bag into school on Monday and Tuesday in the last week of term to enable them to bring their books home.

Thank you!



Last week of term - year 6!

On Monday 20th July, year 6 are invited to wear an old school t-shirt in for the day, for their friends and teachers to sign!

On Tuesday 21st July it is the last day of term. Year 6 will have a leavers play practice in the morning, followed by the traditional, last day of school water fight after break.

Please ensure year 6 have a smart uniform for the leavers service which begins at 1.30pm - all are welcome to attend!

Wellbeing Corner - Ready for September



With just over a week left, the excitement of "transition" is building! Our pupils have had special transition days, meeting new teachers and exploring their new classrooms for September. This helps them feel ready and comfortable with upcoming changes.

Moving to a new class or school is a big step, and it's perfectly normal for children to feel a mix of excitement and a little nervousness. At Millbrook School, we're creating positive experiences to support them.

Parents, you can help at home by:

- Talking About It: Encourage your child to share their thoughts and feelings about their new class and teacher.
- Focusing on the Fun: Discuss the exciting new things they'll learn and new friends they might make.
- Offering Reassurance: Let them know it's okay to feel a bit unsure, and that everyone at school is here to support them.

September will be an exciting new adventure!

Jenny Lentell - Joint Mental Health Lead



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 5.30pm Monday - Friday. All sessions must be booked in advance on MCAS.

For emergency, last minute bookings please email:

Breakfast club

J.Rickard@stbarnabasmats.com

After School club

j.lentell@stbarnabasmats.com

Or call the school office before 2pm



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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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

13/07/26	KS1 Sports Competition
13/07/26	Yr 5 Pilgrim Boats Art Workshop
14/07/26	KS2 Sports Competition
15/07/26	Wizard of Oz performances 1.30pm & 6pm
16/07/26	Year 1/2 Bear Hunt
16/07/26	Reception Class trip - details tbc
21/07/26	Whole School Water fight
21/07/26	Year 6 Leavers Service - 1.30pm
21/07/26	Last Day of Term
22/07/26	INSET DAY
23/07/26	INSET DAY
03/09/26	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

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.



MCAS - Announcements



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Miss Treasure: mtreasure@stbarnabasmats.com

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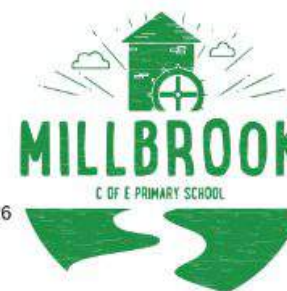
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October 2025						
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November 2025						
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Autumn Term

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						
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