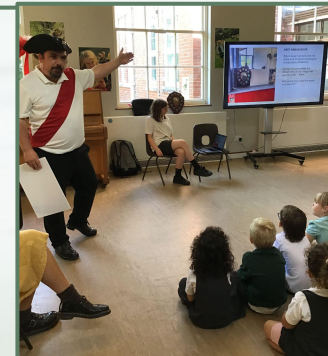
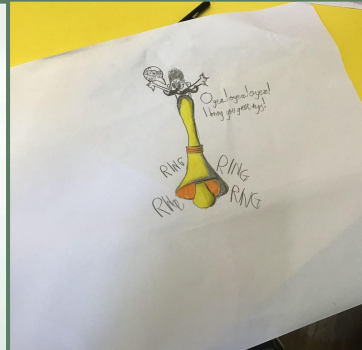


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Bring...
Courage

Dear Families,

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome Chris, our Town Crier in to school to deliver an assembly about his recent award at Dartmouth for the best 'home cry'. He discussed the tradition with the children, shared the beautiful words of his 'home cry' and has asked our pupils to create posters for display in the Village Hall to go alongside his shield. The children worked together on fantastic posters, with our older children displaying excellent skills in supporting their younger peers. Rudi - our Junior Town Crier - has the responsibility of ensuring that every child's posters are displayed, ensuring that this is **#communitynotcompetition**.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mr Powers, our Trust CEO and Mrs Hetherington, our Area Hub Lead in to school. They were really impressed by the children's manners, and by our inviting classroom environments. We are proud of our school, and want to continue to see it go from strength to strength, so if you know of any families who are interested in a reception place for their child in September 2027, or if you know of a family seeking a place for their children in any other year groups, we would be delighted to welcome them along to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 6th October from 1.30-3pm.

If you have any questions, concerns, or require any support, then please get in touch. I am always happy to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gouge and Team Millbrook



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Reception	Awards	Spring/Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Katie for using some great adjectives in her writing.	Finn for writing an imaginative and exciting story called "The Rider"	Orijin for completing five AR quizzes this week with a combined score of 96%
Rory for fantastic learning all week.	Mathematician	Sully for some outstanding maths work with place value.	Bear for his knowledge of number lines up to 1000!	Max for his work on column subtraction and the presentation of his work
	Valued Contribution	Delilah for being so helpful with the reception children.	Olivia for her fantastic homework about Ancient Egypt!	Isabel for her amazing Bring It homework this week

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Louie for always being a kind and thoughtful member of Winter Class	Noah for trying some different foods in our feast!	Isaac P for weaving a wonderful, colourful, exceptionally neat piece of artwork!

Bring It! Award

Lacey for her excellent attitude to learning!



Class Attendance Award

Autumn and Winter Classes both with 95.9%

New Award for 26-27 *Oracy Champion of the Week*

Oracy in primary schools is about helping children learn to articulate, listen, explain, question, discuss and present their ideas clearly. It is not just about confident public speaking.

Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life.

This week our Oracy Champion was: Georgie

For thoughtful contributions in Collective Worship



In the news this week



The Bayeux Tapestry is a nearly 1,000-year-old very long piece of cloth covered with pictures sewn in colourful thread that tells the story of a very famous event called the Norman Conquest of England. The almost 70-metre-long piece of art has travelled from its usual home in France, to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Which stories are important to your family and how have these stories been passed from one person to another?
- > Do we have any photographs or objects that tell part of our family's story?
- > What do you think we can learn from different types of stories? E.g., written, photos or ones we retell.

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.

EYFS Open afternoon for prospective parents for 26/27 intake - Tuesday 6th - 1.30-3pm

Winter Class WW2 Workshop - Thursday AM

PE on Thursday - please could all children have their PE kit in school on Thursday

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

93.5% attendance

We are striving for
97% attendance

Spring/Summer:

93%

Autumn:

95.9%

Winter:

95.9%



Wraparound Care Update

Miss Barrow is committed to ensuring that the children have exciting and engaging activities to participate in during after school club. These are the activities on offer next week for children attending the club.

After School Club is available until 5.30pm each day, with 2 session prices available:

3.15pm - 4.30pm - £4.50

3.15pm - 5.30pm - £6.15

Children eligible for Pupil Premium will receive a 50% discount.

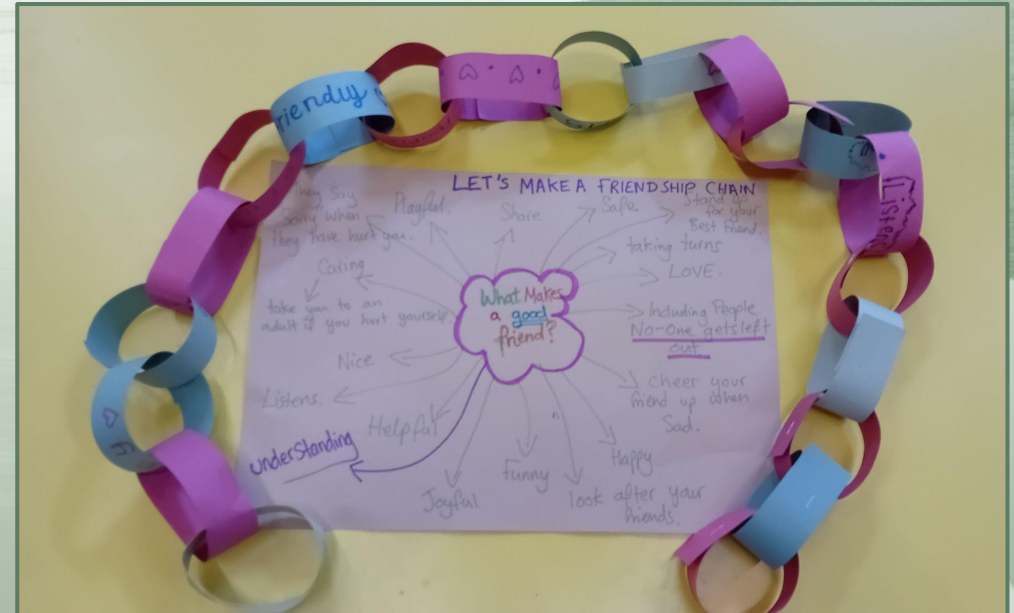
Bookings must be made via MCAS 24 hours ahead of the session or call the school office for an emergency, on the day, booking.

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Wraparound Care in pictures...



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Oscar Wilde's

'The Selfish Giant'

Is coming to St Germans Priory on Sunday 11th October 4.00pm

Children and families from the St Barnabas MAT can book tickets with a 20% discount using the code **STBARNABAS**

The show is especially suitable for children aged 3+

Step into the magical world of the Giant's garden.
It's full of music, beauty, bird song and stories!

But the Giant is cross. He returns to find children playing happily in his beautiful orchard. Every day after school, they laugh and play games under the blossom trees. So he puts up a big wall to put a stop to all the fun. Then winter seizes the garden in its icy fingers...

Will summer ever come back?

Through storytelling, interactive games, live music, and puppetry, Riding Lights Theatre Company brings you *The Selfish Giant* - an inspirational tale of love and generosity, perfect for those 3+ and their families

Please use the QR code to take you to the booking page.



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Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2027**

Do you have a
child born **between
1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2027 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2027**.



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 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2026**

**Transfer to
secondary
school**

September 2027

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



School Council News...



School Council FUNDRAISING EVENT

Bring Your Teddy to School Day

and Wear PJs!

Bring your favourite teddy and come to school in your pyjamas!

Friday 16th October

£1 Donation of £1

Help us raise funds for a new picnic bench!

Scholastic Book Club...



BOOK Club!

2026

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Please go to

<https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2NMLLXNH>

to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by October 30th, 2026.

SCHOLASTIC

Please use the link to access the bookclub platform

[Link to Book Club](https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2NMLLXNH)

PTA News...





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
sbarrow@stbarnabasmats.com

After School club
jlentell@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 Miss Barrow to come.

Attendance Guidance

At Millbrook, we promote good attendance to enable pupils to take full advantage of the educational opportunities we offer. We ask parents to ensure that children arrive at school in good time for registration each day at **8.45am**.

Medical Appointments

If possible, please advise the office beforehand if children have to attend a medical appointment during school hours. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please follow the link for guidance from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Leave of Absence during Term Time

Regular school attendance is essential to enable your child/children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them. Interruptions in school attendance means that your child misses out on a wide range of learning and other opportunities. If you require any further support in ensuring your child attends regularly, do not hesitate to contact us.





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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

06/10/2026 prospective	Open afternoon 1.30 -3pm for Families
08/10/2026 dress	Winter Class WW2 workshop - fancy
12/10/2026 students,	KS1 Sports Competition - selected details to follow
13/10/2026 students,	KS2 Sports Competition - selected details to follow
14/10/2026	Harvest Festival - 2.15pm
15/10/2026	Spooky Harvest Disco
16/10/2026	School Council Pyjama and Teddy Day
16/10/2026	Last day of term
19 - 23/10/2026	INSET DAYS
26 - 30/10/2026	HALF TERM
02/11/2026	First day of Autumn 2
03/11/2026	Year 3/4 Archery Adventure

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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MORE DATES TO FOLLOW

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Term Dates for September 2026 - July 2027

September 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thur	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 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		

November 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tues		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thur		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thur	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

January 2027						
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	

February 2027						
Mon	1	8	15	22		
Tues	2	9	16	23		
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		

March 2027						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
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Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2027						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
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May 2027						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
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Thur		6	13	20	27	
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June 2027						
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July 2027						
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August 2027						
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Thur		5	12	19	26	
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Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Autumn Term

3 September - 18 December 2026

Half Term - 19th - 30th October 2026 (including inset days)

Christmas Holidays - 21 December 2026 - 1st January 2027

Spring Term

4 January - 25th March 2027

Half Term 15th - 19th February 2027

Easter Holiday 26th March to 9th April 2027

Summer Term

12th April - 23rd July 2027

Half Term 31st May - 4th June 2027

Summer Holidays from 24th July 2026

School Holidays/ Weekends

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026
New Years Day	1 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

Inset Days

19-23rd October 2026

