

Millbrook Matters 26-27

Date: 09/10/26 Edition: Autumn 5

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Bring...
Courage

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we only have one week of this half-term left! Next week promises to be another busy one, with our Harvest Celebration on Wednesday at 2.15pm in the school hall - everyone welcome! Next Tuesday, we also are looking forward to welcoming our SIAMS inspector, David, to school. He has shared this message with us:

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England. I will be inspecting your child's school on 13th October 2026.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. As part of my evidence-gathering I will speak with a range of people, and it is likely that I will speak with some of you as part of those discussions.

Following the inspection, I will write a report. Once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be approximately three weeks after the inspection. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school. The report will be published on the school's website, as well as on the SIAMS website, and I would encourage you to read it. I look forward to spending time with the school community.

If you would like to be part of the parent group that speaks with our inspector about how we are flourishing as a school, our visions and our values, please let me know. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gouge and Team Millbrook



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Reception	Awards	Spring/Summer Class	Autumn Class	Winter Class
WOW Award	English Award	Eli for independent writing .	Lola for some super work on speech marks this week!!	Holly for her work on synonyms in writing this week
Paisley for enthusiasm for learning.	Mathematician	Arabella for working really hard with her Maths work	Marella for her fantastic column addition knowledge!!	Teddy for mastering multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000,
	Valued Contribution	Elijah for contributing so well to class discussion.	Theo and Myshie for moving on to the Shared Reading Scheme!! We are so proud of you!!	Rubus for his enthusiasm during the history workshop

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Fletcher for being a good friend to everyone.	Dylan for having the courage to stand up in assembly and read his School Council statement! Well Done!!	Eva, Rosa, Seren. Evelyn and Isabel for their excellent model of an Anderson shelter

Bring It! Award

A huge shout out to the School Council for their brilliant assembly



Class Attendance Award

Winter Class with 95.6%

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: Dylan

For his courage in reading aloud to everyone in our School Council assembly.



MILLBROOK SCHOOL'S VISION

BRING IT!



OUR VALUES ARE:

1. BRING COURAGE

to persevere and
take responsibility
for our actions



2. BRING CREATIVITY

to our learning and
to solve problems



3. BRING FRIENDSHIP

to our community



NOAH'S ARK: OUR SCHOOL BIBLE STORY

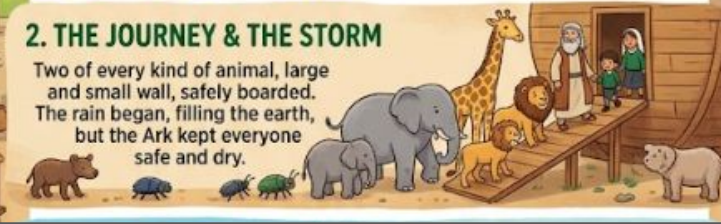


1. GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS & A BIG BUILD

A fresh start was needed. Noah, a good man, was told by God to build a massive wooden Ark. He worked hard to follow the plan!

2. THE JOURNEY & THE STORM

Two of every kind of animal, large and small, safely boarded. The rain began, filling the earth, but the Ark kept everyone safe and dry.



3. A NEW BEGINNING & THE PROMISE

After many days, the rain stopped and the land dried. God painted a rainbow in the sky – a beautiful promise of hope and never to flood the earth again!

LINKING TO OUR THREE VALUES:

1. CREATIVITY



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BUILT SOLUTION FROM SCRATCH:
Noah's unique Ark design.

RAINBOW OF HOPE:
God's artistic promise.

- Thinking outside the box on tough tasks.
- Using imagination to solve problems.

2. COURAGE



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STOOD OUT: Doing right when others laughed.

FACED THE UNKNOWN:
Brave journey through the storm.

- Bravery to do what's right.
- Trying new things despite fear.

3. FRIENDSHIP



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TEAMWORK ON THE ARK:
Living peacefully in close quarters.

EVERYONE INCLUDED:
A safe space for every creature.

- **COVENANT OF PARTNERSHIP:** God's faithful friendship to creation.
- Living peacefully with differences.
- Building an inclusive community.

A warm welcome to our Harvest Celebration



We would appreciate your donations of food items that we will be collecting and donating to our local food bank.

Please can you send your child to school with these on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

Suggestions include: tinned foods, pasta, teabags, biscuits etc.

We are thankful for any, and all, donations!

In the news this week



The government has announced plans to make food served in schools across England healthier from September 2027. Under the proposed rules, schools would serve more fruit, vegetables and fibre-rich foods, while deep-fried foods and foods containing lots of fat, sugar or salt would be restricted. Schools would still offer familiar meals, but they would use healthier ingredients and cooking methods.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Who usually decides what your family eats at home? Do you take turns? Does everyone help choose meals?
- > What are some of the things you think are important to consider when choosing what we eat?
- > If you could suggest one new school meal, what would it be?

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

Thursday - School Discos - pm

Friday - PJ and Teddy Day - Donation £1

Friday - First Cross Country League Race

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

92.5% attendance

We are striving for

97% attendance

Spring/Summer:

92%

Autumn:

92.8%

Winter:

95.6%

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.

Wraparound Care Update



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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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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](#)

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



#Bring Friendship

#Bring Courage

#Bring Creativity



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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

12/10/2026	KSI Sports Competition - selected students
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
23/10/2026	Year 3/4 Residential instalment due
26 - 30/10/2026	HALF TERM
30/10/2026	Year 5/6 Residential instalment due
02/11/2026	First day of Autumn 2
03/11/2026	Year 3/4 Archery Adventure
03/11/2026	Reception & Yr 6 Heights and Weights

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.



MCAS - Announcements



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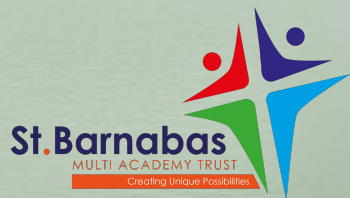
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Mrs Belton: rbelton@stbarnabasmat.com



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Millbrook C of E Primary School

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	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
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	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
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	
Thur	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2027						
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		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

May 2027						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
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	

June 2027						
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		

July 2027						
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		

August 2027						
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	

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

