

Millbrook Matters 26-27

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Bring...
Courage

Dear Families,

WELCOME back to school, and a warm welcome to our new reception children and their families who have just joined us. The reception children came into school so happily and confidently on Thursday, and have quickly settled in to life here at Millbrook School!

ATTENDANCE

It is so important to Team Millbrook that your child is in school every day, on time, when they are well enough to do so. Consistent school attendance is the foundation for your child's academic and social success. Every day your child misses school is a lost opportunity for learning, and can quickly create preventable learning gaps. Beyond academics, regular attendance helps your child to build strong friendships, develop essential life habits like accountability, and stay connected to our school community. If you require any support, or wish to discuss your child's attendance with us, please get in touch. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child arrives on time and ready to learn every single day!

HOMEWORK and 'BRING IT' ACTIVITIES

Please ensure you listen to your child read as regularly as possible, and sign their reading diary. Your children also have weekly spellings to learn, can practise their times tables on TTRS and maths homework set on Magma Maths. They also have a 'Bring It' grid stuck inside their reading diaries with lots of fun activities to complete. We love to see these projects and celebrate them in school by displaying on our homework displays and sharing them in celebration assembly on Fridays.

I am so excited to also be a 'new starter' here, and I am looking forward to getting to know your children - and you - over the next few weeks and beyond. Please don't hesitate to come and say hello, or to send me an email if you have any questions, queries or concerns. I am always more than 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	Penelope for super sentence writing and using a 'wow' word.	Betty for writing some super descriptive sentences in T4W.	Thomas for his incredible summer reading, what an amazing start to this year's reading challenge
Arlo and Paisley for fantastic behaviour and following the class rules.	Mathematician	Sully for great early morning maths.	Winter-Rose for some fantastic number and place value knowledge!	Ayva for her exceptional presentation of her work in maths this week
	Valued Contribution	Katie for settling so well into life at Millbrook school.	Mimi for reading everyday this week which is brilliant!	Kohen for his helpful attitude in class this week. Keep up the great work

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Sam for his kind attitude to everyone at all times.	Marshall for overcoming his fears and making a fantastic start to year 4!	Anna for making some fantastic creations.

Bring It! Award

Our amazing Reception Children - for starting their school journey in such a positive way! We are so proud of you!



Class Attendance Award

Winter Class
with 93.8%

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: Rubus

For his courage in presenting his school council manifesto first, and with such passion.



In the news this week



Between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men. The five-day race began in Lincoln and travelled through Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, before finishing in the Scottish Borders on 6th September. In the men's event, the cyclists cover nearly 900 kilometres, tackling steep hills and challenging conditions along the way. Thousands have been gathering along the route to watch and cheer the riders on.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of a time when something felt difficult, but you kept going?
- > What helped you to persevere?
- > Who encourages you when you face a challenge?
- > When might taking a break or asking for help be the best next step?

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.

Wednesday - Families and Individual Photos
Families to come in from 8.30am to complete all sibling and family photos before the school day begins

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

90.8% attendance

We are striving for
97% attendance

Spring/Summer:

84.1%

Autumn:

92%

Winter:

93.8%

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class
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**WEDNESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER**

Class Photography will be coming in to take individual and family photos on Wednesday 16th September. If you have a child who does not currently attend Millbrook School, but who you would like to have a photo with their siblings, please come to the main entrance for 8.30am.

These photos will be taken before the school day begins.



Wraparound Care Update

As we started the new academic year, we welcomed Miss Barrow to Team Millbrook as our Wraparound Care Leader! 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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Allergies Update 2026 Benedict's Law



In accordance with Benedict's Law and the Children and Families Act 2014, we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for pupils with allergies. We recognise that allergies can be life-threatening and that anaphylaxis is a medical emergency.

Our policy ensures a consistent national framework for allergy safety is applied across our school and can be found on our website.

If your child has an allergy, please ensure that

- You notify the school as a matter of urgency so that your child's record is updated and we can provide you with a copy of the school allergy policy and you can complete an Individual Healthcare Plan for your child which must be stored in school.

The school must be notified of any sort of allergy your child may have, not just a food allergy. This could be an allergy to insect bites and stings, hayfever, or allergies to different types of medication, such as penicillin. Please contact the office as a matter of urgency if your child has an allergy, even if you believe the school is already aware of this, as we can then check our records and make sure they are up to date. Thank you.





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



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.



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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

16/09/2026 Individual and Family Photos
18/09/2026 Talk like a Pirate Day!
24/09/2026 Year 6 Camping
25/09/2026 Residential consents and deposits due
22/10/2026 Year 1 Hearing Screening
23/10/2026 Year 1/2 Woodland Adventure with Outdoor

Dave

01/10/2026 Autumn Census Day
06/10/2026 Open afternoon 1.30 -3pm for prospective

families

12/10/2026 KSI Sports Competition - selected students,

details to follow

13/10/2026 KS2 Sports Competition - selected students,

details to follow

16/10/2026 Last day of term
19 - 23/10/2026 INSET DAYS

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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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

