

Millbrook Matters 26-27

Date: 18/09/26 Edition: Autumn 2

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*Bring...
Courage*

Dear Families,

What a busy start to the term we have had! We are so proud of how well the children have returned to school and we have been able to achieve so much in such a short space of time already! This includes PE lessons with Mr Barker, lots of fantastic reading, maths and writing, Forest School for Spring / Summer Class, weaving in Art for Autumn Class and creating Banksy and WWII inspired artwork in Winter Class.

This year, Winter Class are going to be working on a class project to rejuvenate the garden at the entranceway to school. Mrs Squires has shared some lovely photos of how it looked years ago and so the children have started by exploring the space and designing their dream school garden. To help bring the children's vision to life, we are in the process of applying for a grant (of up to £5000) from the Royal Horticultural Society. If we are fortunate to be granted any money, this will fund the children's ideas for new friendship benches, plants and bug hotels etc. and we shall keep you updated on the progress of this.

We have also recently received a grant from The Jerusalem Trust of almost £500 to be spent on improving our RE resources within school. We are hoping to purchase a large, wooden Noah's Ark alongside other hands-on resources and equipment to enhance our RE lessons.

Thank you all for your support in ensuring that collections went smoothly this week from our new exit points, and for completing this year's collection sheet. Please continue to keep us updated by notifying the office on the day if there is a change in who would normally collect your child. Safeguarding your children remains our number one priority, so thank you again for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch with me. 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	Delilah for her super RE work about Allah.	Oliver for his superb verb knowledge!	Evelyn for terrific use of exciting adjectives in her writing.
Albie for super understanding of his maths work.	Mathematician	Dorothy for her independent Maths work.	Dylan for some fantastic number line estimation!	Louie for excellent work on place value.
	Valued Contribution	Samuel. For helping with the reception children.	Mali for confidently reading aloud during shared reading.	Koby for his amazing work in Science, learning amazing facts about planets.

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Isobel, Evelyn and Khloe for supporting the reception children on the monkey bars at lunchtime.	Halley for being super brave!	Miara for fantastic creations with the wooden blocks.

Bring It! Award

Halley for using her imagination and creating a treasure hunt in breakfast club and making sure everyone was included in the adventure!



Class Attendance Award

Winter Class
With 94.1%

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: Rudi

For her beautiful, clear reading in comprehension sessions.



Upcoming SIAMs Inspection



SIAMS stands for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, which is the official inspection system used to evaluate Church of England and Methodist schools in England.

We are looking forward to welcoming an inspector later this academic year that we can share how we are a flourishing school that enables both pupils and adults to thrive academically, personally, and spiritually.

Children in Winter Class were invited to apply to be Collective Worship Leads, and we are delighted to have a team of 9 children who will help Mrs Gouge and the staff to plan, lead and evaluate our collective worship in school.



We have also been invited to participate in the diocese' 'Speak Up' campaign, which supports eco efforts across the schools in our county.



In the news this week



Do we all have a part to play
in helping those in need?

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. Accommodation will be found to end the need for sleeping rough. There will also be practical support for any health needs, as part of a £442m investment.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to the pledge that no one will be sleeping rough this Christmas.
- > Can you think of some different ways that people can help others in their local communities?
- > Can you share a time when you needed help from others? What help did you need and who helped you?

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.

Tuesday - Year 1 Hearing Screening
Wednesday - Year 1/2 Woodland Adventure with
Outdoor Dave
Thursday - Friday - Year 6 Camp

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

92.9% attendance

We are striving for
97% attendance

Spring/Summer:	Autumn:	Winter:
92.9%	91.5%	94.1%



After School Club ♥

THIS WEEK WE ARE...

Exploring **AUTUMN & NATURE** ♥

Small ideas make big things ♥

Play Create Explore Be You ♥

KIND HANDS
HAPPY HEARTS
BRIGHT MINDS

1. Nature Art
Collect natural treasures and turn them into art. Leaf rubbings, collages and nature creations. ♥

2. Autumn Zines
Create your own mini zine filled with autumn ideas, drawings, stories and favourite things. ♥

3. Paper Pumpkins
Get creative with paper! We'll make colourful pumpkins, decorate them and add our own unique designs. ♥

4. Autumn Scavenger Hunt
Head outside and see what you can discover. Look, explore, collect and tick off our autumn finds together. ♥

5. No-Cook S'mores
A no-cook version of the classic! We'll build our own s'mores using biscuits, chocolate and marshmallows. Delicious and mess-free! ♥

Everyone is welcome ♥

PLAY
CREATE
EXPLORE
BELONG ♥

Come and join us after school! ♥

Good Friends ♥ Creative Minds ♥ Brighter Days ♥

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:

3.15 pm - 4.30pm - £4.50

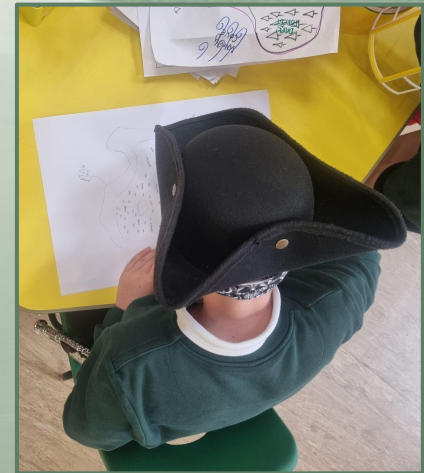
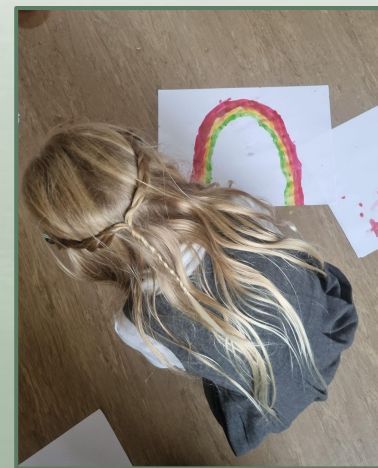
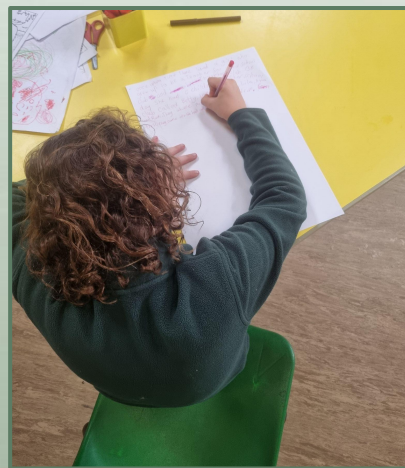
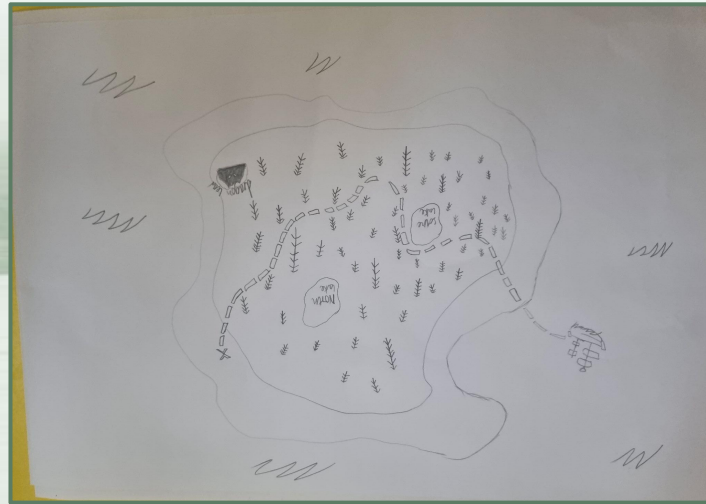
3.15 pm - 5.30pm - £6.15

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.

Wraparound Care Update

Some beautiful creations from breakfast and after school club this week!



Community Page

Finding things difficult?



Rame Community Fund

may be able to help if you or your family
are suffering hardship or are in financial difficulty
paying for food, electricity or household items

Contact us at

www.ramecommunityfund.org.uk

[or scan the QR code](#)

[for an online application form.](#)

[or pick up a paper application pack from](#)

The Rame Centre or Village Hall, Millbrook

The Village Store, Kingsand

We will deal with your request as quickly as possible
and in strictest confidence.

Large or more expensive items will also be considered
in exceptional circumstances.





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

22/10/2026	Year 1 Hearing Screening	
23/10/2026	Year 1/2 Woodland Adventure with Outdoor	
		Dave
24/09/2026	Year 6 Camping	
25/09/2026	Residential consents and deposits due	
01/10/2026	Autumn Census Day	
06/10/2026	Open afternoon 1.30 -3pm for prospective families	
12/10/2026	KS1 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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Mrs Edgell: bedgell@stbarnabasmats.com

Mrs Belton: rbelton@stbarnabasmats.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

