

Millbrook Matters 26-27

Date: 25/09/26 Edition: Autumn 3

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*Bring...
Courage*

Dear Families,

This Friday, we want to say THANK YOU to our incredible teaching assistants and wider school support staff. We are blessed and so thankful to have such a hard-working, caring staff team. National Teaching Assistants' Day takes place on Friday, September 25, 2026 and the ladies were treated to some beautiful cards from our children who said things like:

Thank you for helping
the school and being
there for me all these
years.

You bring us joy and
fun!

Thank you for helping
me - and being nice of
course!

Thank you for all the
help and kindness if I
have been struggling.

KS1 went on the first Outdoor Dave adventure of this year and enjoyed their time building dens in the woods, toasting marshmallows and having fun with their friends. Please keep your eyes peeled for information about the upcoming adventures for Autumn and Winter Class.

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	Fletcher for working really hard with his handwriting	Halley for her imaginative opener of her story.	Rosa for her innovated story ideas
Aurora for consistent fantastic behaviour.	Mathematician	Eli for his number work on numbers to 10.	Lucus for his place value knowledge.	Christopher for excellent maths work on factors
	Valued Contribution	Fred For super tidying up.	Lola for her super hieroglyphics homework	Rufus for being helpful in class

School Value Award...

School Values Award	Friendship	Courage	Creativity
	Elijah for playing so well with everyone.	Our year 6 campers for their first overnight adventure of the new academic year!	Fraya for an excellent, detailed Egyptian mask

Bring It! Award

Eva for completing lots of Bring it! Homeworks this week



Class Attendance Award

Winter Class
With 98.8%

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: Georgie

For beautiful, clear reading in class during comprehension sessions



Spirituality

As a Trust we define spirituality as something unseen; something feel inside about our purpose and place in life. It is about awe and wonder of the world in which we live, asking questions, drawing inspiration from and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves. We believe spirituality is not the same as having a or faith; a person can be spiritual without having a particular faith. When explaining spirituality to our pupils we talk about: IN, OUT and

UP.

This week in Collective Worship, we met with the other 13 schools in our MAT in online collective worship about 'Bring Friendship'. Our children were asked what a good friend does and were able to share excellent examples about being kind, sharing toys and taking care of each other. This was led by our Trust's new Flouting Lead, Carmella Reece. Ms Reece is looking forward to visiting Millbrook over the coming months to meet our wonderful children and support us with preparing for our SLAMs Inspection.



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In the news this week



Nepal has announced that its wild tiger population has more than tripled, rising from 121 tigers in 2010, to 429 today. Officials say the turnaround is the result of years of protected wildlife corridors and local communities working hand-in-hand with conservationists to protect the big cats. With tiger numbers now increasing, more encounters between tigers and nearby villages are leaving experts asking how people and wildlife can safely share the same land going forward.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think it's fair that wild animals need the same land that people want to use? Why?
- > If you lived near a forest with tigers, would you feel excited, nervous, or both? What would help you feel safe?
- > Is there an animal, plant, or wild space near where you live that you believe deserves more protection? What would or could you do to help it?

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.

Thursday - Autumn Census Day -
Special Caterlink Menu available

Thursday - PE for all classes - please ensure your child has their PE kit in school

Attendance this week!

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

95.9% attendance

We are striving for
97% attendance

Spring/Summer:	Autumn:	Winter:
91%	96%	98.8%



Census Menu 1st October

Build Your Burger Day
Beef or Veggie Burger
with a choice of
toppings served with
Chips
Jelly or Ice Cream



Census Day Menu

On Thursday 1st October it is our
Autumn Census day.

Caterlink have provided us with a special
menu for this occasion.

If you have already made a meal booking
for 1st October, this new special menu
will have cancelled your booking, so
please log back in to MCAS and book a
new meal.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



After School Club

Friendship & Belonging Week

Small activities. Big connections.

Be kind
Be creative
Be you

Kind
Friends
Brighter
Days

Everyone
belongs
here

Friendship Portraits



Draw a picture of someone special to you – a friend, family member or someone who makes you smile.

Be creative!
Everyone is an artist!

Kindness Cards



Make a card for someone who deserves a little kindness. It could be a friend, a family member or anyone who makes a difference.

Kindness makes the world brighter!

Funny Folded Friends



Take turns to draw a person – fold the paper, pass it on and add your part without looking! Unfold at the end to reveal your funny folded friend.

Different ideas. Better together!

Friendship Flags



Design your own flag to show what makes you you! Add your name, favourite colours, interests or anything that means friendship to you.

Celebrate what makes you unique!

Make a Gift for a Friend



Create a special gift for a friend. Choose to make a friendship bookmark or a pocket hug stone. Decorate it with kind words, patterns or a picture.

A little gift can mean a lot!

Friendship looks good on everyone

Same brilliant you. More friends around you!

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

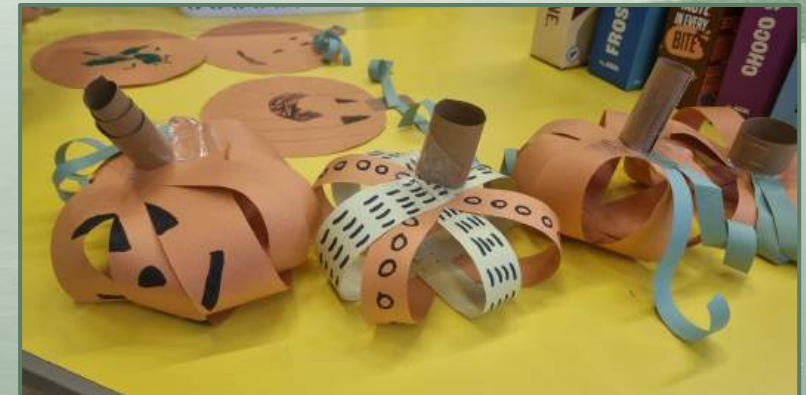
3.15pm - 5.30pm - £6.15

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.

Wraparound Care Update

This week in After School Club the children have been getting creative for a 'spooky pictures' competition - their entries will be sent away and could be published in a book and may win prizes for their after school club. They have also made some pumpkins for harvest! Here are some of their creations!



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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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Community Page

Fresh food. Fresh air. Good company.

Join the Peninsula Trust and Permaculture Kernow for a Community Cookout at Millbrook Community Garden - Saturday 26th Sept, 11am. Help harvest, cook and share a meal together, learn a recipe to take home, and pick up some gardening tips along the way.

There will be some food provided, but you are encouraged to bring a dish to share, or some simple ingredients to cook with.

£5 recommended donation. Fun for all the family!

Millbrook Community Garden - behind the school, just up the hill from the Hounster Hill entrance.

What3words - [///bulky.fame.bids](https://www.what3words.com/#!/bulky.fame.bids)

Book today:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theinsulastrust/2403568>



Community Cookout 11 AM

Sept 26

Millbrook Community Garden
Millbrook School
Bindwell Hill, Millbrook
WHAT3WORDS -
[///bulky.fame.bids](https://www.what3words.com/#!/bulky.fame.bids)

Come and find out about our community garden, get involved in food preparation and have a fun and delicious experience.

Scan me for tickets



Community Page



INSPIRING OPTIMISTIC LEARNERS

YEAR 5 AND 6 OPEN ... EVENING 6pm

Thursday 1st October 2026

Visit us to find out more
about what we can offer at TCC!

On show:

- Meet the teachers
- See the classrooms and laboratories
- Visit our library
- Sports and recreational facilities

There is no need to book. For further details
please contact us using the details below:

- enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk
- 01752 812511

We are thrilled to
welcome our new
students for the
upcoming year



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



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@stbarnabasmat.com

After School club
jlentell@stbarnabasmat.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

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
14/10/2026	Harvest Festival - 2.15pm	
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

