



MILLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4th April 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 21st April 2025

Bank Holiday - School closed to all staff and pupils.

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Children return for the summer term

Tuesday 29th April 2025

3.30pm Year 6 Isle of Wight Parent meeting

Monday 5th May 2025

Bank Holiday - School closed to all staff and pupils.

Thursday 8th May 2025

Year 2 Class Assembly

Week of 12th May 2025

Year 6 SATS week

Friday 23rd May 2025

Last day of Summer term One. School finishes at the normal time of 3.20pm

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Half Term - School closed to all pupils

Monday 2nd June 2025

Children return for Summer term two.

Reoccurring Book Bonanza events

Our book bonanza take place each week. This is a great opportunity for parents/ carers and their children to share in the joy of reading.

Monday - Year 1

Tuesday - Year 3

Wednesday - Year 2

Thursday - Year 4

Friday - Reception

Dear Millbrook Families,

As we embrace the vibrant spring term, we are excited to share the numerous learning opportunities and celebrations that are taking place at our school. This time of year symbolises rebirth and growth, and we are thrilled to acknowledge the diverse celebrations within our community, including Eid for some of our families and the upcoming Easter festivities for others.

We want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and commitment of all our pupils. Their dedication to learning, alongside the tireless efforts of our teachers, has not gone unnoticed. Local authority leaders have commended our school community for its unwavering commitment to continuous improvement, and we are proud of the progress we are making together.

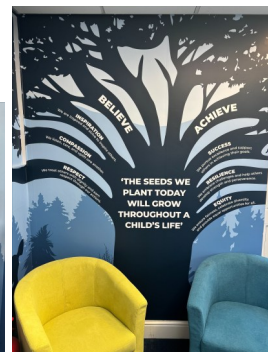
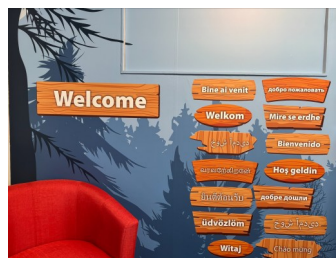
You may have noticed our newly redecorated foyer, which beautifully showcases our school values and our commitment to fostering the growth of all our learners. This is just one of the many changes we are implementing to create a safe and welcoming environment for all Millbrookians.

We are continuously exploring ways to enhance our school environment, ensuring it is not only safe but also visually appealing and conducive to learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making Millbrook Primary School a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

Warm regards,

Jespy Pereira Barker
Head of School



As we approach the upcoming statutory testing period, we want to ensure that all our pupils are well-prepared and supported at home. Below are important details regarding the tests and how you can help your child succeed.

Year Six SATs Week: May

What You Can Do: We encourage Year Six parents to support their children by setting aside a specific time each day for practice. A commitment of 30 minutes daily focused on reading, mathematics, and grammar will greatly benefit your child. Consistent practice will help reinforce their learning and build confidence.

Year Four Times Table Check

Practice Makes Perfect: Please ensure that your Year Four child is logging into Times Table Rock Stars daily. A practice session of 15 minutes each day will help them improve their multiplication skills and prepare for the upcoming check.

Year One Phonics Screening & Year Two phonics recheck

Daily Reading: It is essential for all Year One and Year Two pupils to read daily. We recommend that each child spends **10 minutes each day** practising their reading skills. This will not only help them with their phonics screening but also foster a love for reading.

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all our pupils, we are making some changes to how we celebrate birthdays at school. We want to create a positive experience for every child while being mindful of allergies and health considerations.

Parents can I ask you to consider birthday celebrations

1. **Nut-Free School Policy:**

- To protect our pupils with allergies, we maintain a strict nut-free policy. As such, we kindly ask that no food items, including birthday treats, are brought into school.
 - **Alternative Ways to Celebrate:**
 - We encourage families to think creatively about how to celebrate their child's birthday without the need for sweet treats or goody bags. Here are some suggestions:
 - **Classroom Activities:** Consider organising a fun activity or game that the class can enjoy together.
 - **Story Time:** Share a favourite book or story with the class in honour of your child's birthday.
 - **Donation to the Classroom:** Instead of treats, families can donate a book or educational resource to the classroom in celebration.
 - **Special Recognition:** We can acknowledge your child's birthday in our school assembly, where they can be celebrated by their peers.
- Inclusivity for All Families:**
- We understand that not all families may be able to provide goody bags or treats, and we want to ensure that no child feels left out or pressured. Our goal is to foster a sense of community and inclusivity where every child feels valued.

We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy school environment. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us.

School Uniform

'Where do we belong?

We belong to Millbrook - we are Millbrookians'

The above quote is from children who stated the uniform shows the school they belong to and proudly so.

As we continue to foster a sense of pride and belonging at Millbrook Primary School, we would like to remind you of the importance of our school uniform. Our pupils have expressed their thoughts on wearing uniform, stating that it makes them feel good and represents our school identity. They believe that wearing the uniform shows who we are and helps our school to be recognised in the community. By following the school's dress code, we not only promote a cohesive school culture but also instil a sense of responsibility and respect among our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children adhere to the uniform policy.

Driving to school

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have really listened and acted on not driving into Gews Corner. It has been truly wonderful to see such quiet road in the morning and afternoon. As we strive to ensure the safety of all our pupils, I ask for your continued cooperation when driving and parking around Millbrook Primary School helping to maintain a safe environment for our children as they arrive and depart from school. Remember to always supervise your child when crossing the road and encourage them to use designated crossings. Together, we can create a safer school community for everyone. Thank you for your support!