



MILLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 24th October 2025

Dear Millbrook Families,

As we reach the end of our first autumn half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful and busy start to the school year.

It has certainly been a time of new beginnings — new routines, new year groups, and higher expectations. Our children have risen to these challenges brilliantly, showing great resilience, enthusiasm, and commitment to learning.

Throughout the half term, we have celebrated many achievements that reflect our school's intent - that all children will be successful learners through their efforts every day in every lesson. Our pupils have been recognised with WOW Certificates, Stars of the Week, TTRS Awards, PE Sports Stars, and Headteacher's Awards. These moments of success are proudly shared on Class Dojo and our Instagram page — do take a look and celebrate these achievements with your children.

Beyond the classroom, our children have shown themselves to be caring and responsible citizens, supporting our local foodbank to help those in need. In our school growing area, with the wonderful support of our allotment volunteer Mo, pupils have nurtured beans, potatoes, beetroot, tomatoes, and sweetcorn. Thank you to all families who purchased our produce — we hope you enjoyed the truly home-grown (and very organic!) vegetables.

One of our whole-school focus this year is reading. We began the term celebrating Roald Dahl Day, inspiring children to read for both learning and enjoyment. We ask that families continue to support reading at home every day — even if you're busy, encourage your child to read aloud while you're cooking, tidying, or feeding the baby! Please remember to bring book bags with reading books and orange reading records to school daily.

We are also committed to supporting children who may find it difficult to focus in class. Our nurture groups provide smaller group opportunities for pupils to develop confidence, communication, and readiness to return to their class learning. At Millbrook, we believe talking is key — we encourage children to express themselves calmly, respectfully, and confidently. Over the holidays, please continue these important conversations at home — talk, play, explore, and help your child build their language and curiosity about the world.

Violin lessons in Year 2 and Year 5 have already struck a beautiful chord! Our specialist violin teacher has been thoroughly impressed by how quickly the children have picked up this intricate instrument. It's been fantastic to hear such lovely sounds filling the classrooms so early on — a testament to their enthusiasm and focus. We can't wait to see how their skills continue to grow over the coming weeks!

Our School Leadership Team has now been established. School Captains have begun leading celebration assemblies, and our newly elected School Parliament has held its first meeting. I look forward to sharing their ideas and actions in the next newsletter.

Finally, a huge well done to the Millbrook Football Team, who played their first home match against Dewhurst St Mary's. Although the final score was 2–3, the team played with great skill, teamwork, and spirit. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to many more matches ahead. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to cheer them on — you were fantastic fans!

Thank you once again for your continued support this term. I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Mrs Pereira Barker
Head of School

VIOLIN LESSONS



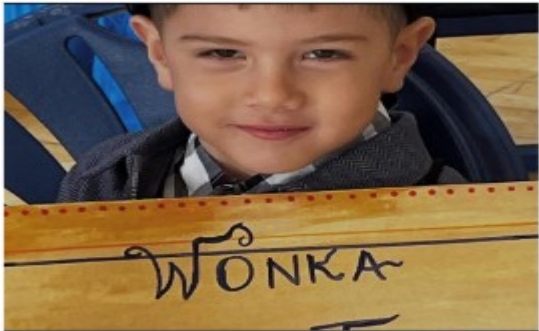
SECRET GARDEN PRODUCTION



FOOTBALL MATCH



ROALD DAHL DAY



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Parent/ Carer dates for 2025-2026

Please note that all dates and times may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control and additional activities/trips may be added throughout the year.

HALF TERM Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025				
NOVEMBER				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Monday 3 rd November 2025		Whole School	Children return to school	No
Friday 7 th November 2025	9am	Y6	Year 6 Height and Weight	No
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th November 2025		Whole School	Anti-Bulling week	No
Monday 10 th November 2025		Whole School	Odd sock Day - children to wear mismatched socks to express their individuality and stand against bullying and discrimination	No
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	3.30pm		Parent Consultations - Slots will be available to book via your class teacher.	Yes
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	3.30pm		Parent Consultations - Slots will be available to book via your class teacher.	Yes
Thursday 20 th November 2025	2.45pm – 3.15pm	Year 6	Year 6 Class Assembly	Yes
Friday 21 st November 2025	All Day	Whole School	Non-Uniform Donation Day – Xmas Fayre Hampers	No
Wednesday 26 th November 2025		Year 6	Year 6 Health Questionnaire	No
DECEMBER				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
TBC		Whole School	Church Visit	Yes
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	3.45pm	Bookable session	CHEXS Winter Crafts for parents and children	Yes
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	3pm – 5pm	Whole School	Christmas Fair	Yes

Wednesday 10 th December 2025	10am	Select Children Only	Christmas Carole at Haileybury Turnford	No
Thursday 11 th December 2025	2.30pm – 3.15pm	EYFS & KS1	Christmas performance to parents	Yes
Friday 12 th December 2025	9.30am – 10.15am	EYFS & KS1	Christmas performance to parents	Yes
Monday 15 th December 2025		Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day	No
Monday 15 th December 2025		Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day	No
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	9am – 9.30am	Whole School	Santa Dash	No
Tuesday 16 th December 2025		Whole School	Charity Donation Day. Please bring in an item to be donated to a local care home and Broxbourne Food Bank	No
Thursday 18 th December 2025	8.40am – 1.15pm	Whole School	Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm	No
Friday 19 th December 2025		Whole School	Occasional Day – School closed	No

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Monday 5 th January 2025	8.40am – 3.20pm		Children return to school	

