



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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September 2026

Millbrook Messenger

Children should be
in school every day
and on time.

Welcome

Now we have been back for a few weeks it has been lovely to see everyone again and to welcome all our new children and parents and to see how well everyone has settled back into school life. We look forward to a successful year.

On the page 3 of this newsletter is a copy of the **Home/School agreement** which outlines how we can all work together to ensure that every child is successful and making the most of every opportunity. Please take a few minutes to reread it and talk to your child about it.

The White Horse Federation

As you are aware we have been preparing to join The White Horse Federation since the start of the year and from 1st November we will officially be part of the Trust. Any changes to our procedures, as a result of joining a new trust, will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Secondary School Application

Reminder — Applications for a secondary School place for September 2027 must be completed before the deadline on 31st October 2026. See link below.

[Secondary school admissions for September 2027 | Secondary school places and admissions | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st October — Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Monday 19th October — Harvest Service at Freshbrook Church at 9.15am

Staff Training Day — Wednesday 21st October

October Half Term Holiday — Thursday 22nd — Friday 30th October

Children return to school — Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November — School photographs

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November — Parents Evenings

Staying Safe



If you need to drive
your child to school:

For the safety of your
child, their friends, and
the local community we
ask that you park safely,
legally and considerately
around schools.

Please may we remind all parents/carers that only blue badge holders are allowed to park in the school grounds. Parking is available next door in Freshbrook Centre or in the church carpark.

Please be aware of the **No Parking/waiting zones** on Gainsborough Way which includes in front of our emergency gates.

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Class Assemblies 2026-2027

Class Assemblies will take place from January, please make a note of the date for your child's class. Parents are invited to come along and watch at 9am.

20 th January	Yr 5/6 Robin Class - Miss Webb
27 th January	Yr 3/4 Bears Class - Mrs Salter
3 rd February	Yr 5/6 Woodpecker Class - Mrs Gurupatham
10 th February	Yr 3/4 Fox Class - Mr Adams
10 th March	Yr 2 Orca Class - Mr Patterson
17 th March	Yr 3/4 Hedgehogs - Miss Tilling
24 th March	Yr 5/6 Sparrow Class - Miss Steele
28 th April	Yr 1 Starfish Class - Mrs Russell/Ms Moulding
5 th May	Yr 1/2 Turtle Class - Mrs Pringle
Week Beg 10 th May SATs week	
19 th May	FS 2 Bumblebee & Ladybird Classes - Mrs Mills, Mrs Raynsford

Millbrook Safeguarding Team



If you have a concern about a **child** it is your responsibility to share the information promptly. Either call **Contact Swindon** on **01793 464646**, email contactchildrenandfamilies@swindon.gov.uk or speak to one of our Safeguarding team who will support you in doing this.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at Millbrook is the Head teacher, **Karen Shawyer** and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Helen Redhead** (Deputy Head) **Hannah Thompson** (SENCo), **Sarah Tilling** (Senior Leader) and **Kim Sylvester** (SEN Unit Leader).

Millbrook Primary School

Home/School Agreement 2026/20267

By accepting a place at Millbrook Primary School you agree to support the aims and values of our school. This home-school agreement is a statement explaining them, the school's responsibilities towards pupils, the responsibilities of the pupils' parents, and those of the pupils themselves.

The school will provide:

- ♦ A safe, well ordered and caring environment where learning can take place
- ♦ A place where each child is respected, inspired and valued as an individual
- ♦ An environment where every child can achieve excellence and fulfil their potential
- ♦ A broad, balanced and creative curriculum for all pupils
- ♦ Work matched to the need of each child to both engage and challenge
- ♦ Regular communication with parents/carers about progress and performance, both formally and informally
- ♦ Activities to be completed at home that are appropriate to the age and ability of the child
- ♦ An ethos where everyone is valued and all forms of discrimination and bullying are not tolerated

The parents/carers will:

- ♦ Support the school and their child in 'Achieving Excellence, Fulfilling Potential'
- ♦ Support the school ethos and behaviour policy, including the 'Purple Promises'
- ♦ Ensure their child attends school every day and that any unavoidable absences are authorised in advance
- ♦ Ensure their child arrives at school on time and in good health
- ♦ Notify school every day of any absence (by 9.00 am that day)
- ♦ Ensure their child attends school (and that any unavoidable absences are authorised in advance)
- ♦ Support their child's learning at home
- ♦ Participate in discussions concerning behaviour, attitudes to learning, progress and attainment
- ♦ Ensure correct school uniform is worn at all times, including PE kit uniform
- ♦ Collect their child from school at the correct times
- ♦ Give careful consideration to the content children see online and ensure children are not allowed to access non-age appropriate social media

Children will:

Endeavour to 'Achieve Excellence and Fulfil their Potential' in everything they do and strive to keep the Purple Promises both in and out of school

- * I promise to be kind
- * I promise to listen and learn
- * I promise to show respect
- * I promise to fulfil my potential

- ♦ Demonstrate resilience and treat people with kindness
- ♦ Always act in ways which bring credit to themselves, their family and Millbrook School
- ♦ Not bring valuable items into school as the school cannot be responsible for them
- ♦ Complete learning activities at home and wear appropriate uniform
- ♦ Have a positive 'Can do' attitude towards their learning.

Our Harvest Assembly will take place at 9.15am on Monday 19th October 2026 at Freshbrook Church and parents are welcome to attend. After the assembly parents are invited to stay and enjoy some refreshments kindly provided by the church. We will be collecting donations for the Swindon Food Collective (Food Bank) again this year, please see below for items that they are currently short of, however all non-perishable items will be gratefully received. We realise that things are very challenging for many of our families currently so please only donate if you are able to.

Please bring any donations on Monday 19th October.



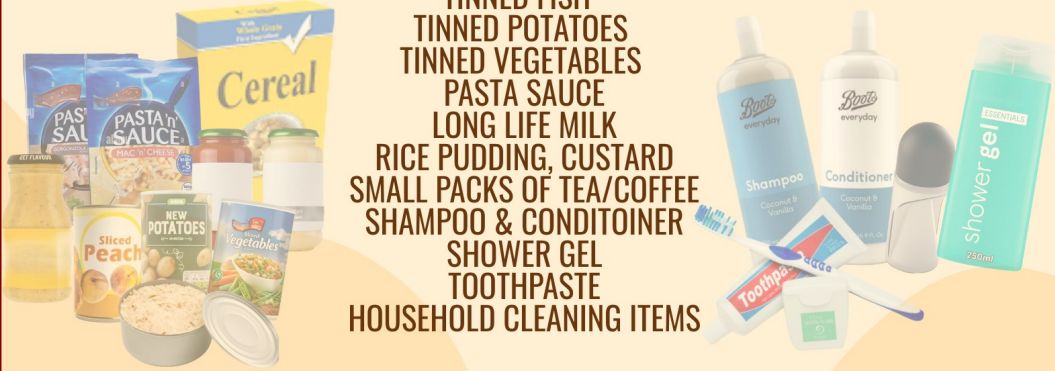
Please support Swindon Food
Bank this
HARVEST

During 2025, Swindon Food Collective provided over 90,000 meals to our local community. Demand continues to rise, each year, so if you are able to, please donate any of the following items this harvest season.

Thank you.
From Swindon, For Swindon.

WHAT WE NEED MOST:

TINNED MEALS (CURRY, MEATBALLS ETC)
TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED VEGETABLES
PASTA SAUCE
LONG LIFE MILK
RICE PUDDING, CUSTARD
SMALL PACKS OF TEA/COFFEE
SHAMPOO & CONDITONER
SHOWER GEL
TOOTHPASTE
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL: HARVEST@SWINDONFOODCOLLECTIVE.ORG