



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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Millbrook Messenger

Children should be
in school every day
and on time.

Welcome

We hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer. It is lovely to see everyone again and to welcome all our new children and parents. We look forward to a successful year.

On the last page of this 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.



Staff News

Many of you will have noticed that Mrs Burrows-Darley has not been around school this week. Unfortunately, she has to have major surgery next week and will then need to recover at home for the next 6-8 weeks. We hope to see her returning, and back to full fitness, for the beginning of Term 2.

Mrs Thompson is currently working on how we might still be able to offer alternative pastoral support for some children during this time.

New Class Meet and Greet Sessions

We have arranged the following dates for parents/carers to come and meet their child's new class teacher.

Monday 15th September @ 3.30pm — Robins, Eagles and Woodpeckers
(This will be followed by a Year 6 PGL Residential Information Evening in Robins Class)

Tuesday 16th September @ 3.30pm — Hedgehogs, Bears and Foxes

Wednesday 17th September @ 3.30pm — Turtles, Octopus, Starfish

Swimming in KS2

'Pools for School' will be setting up the swimming pool in the playground from Thursday 25th September and children in KS2 will swim from Thursday 2nd October. More information to follow.



Secondary School Open Evenings

Children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to look around local secondary schools this term, look out for the information that we are sending out.

Reminder — Applications for a secondary School place for September 2026 must be completed before the deadline on 31st October 2025. See link below.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/424/secondary_school_places_and_admissions

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th September —Yr 5 & 6—Meet your class teacher 3.30pm

Followed by a Year 6 PGL Residential Information Meeting in Robins classroom

Tuesday 16th September —Yr 3 & 4— Meet your class teacher 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th September —Yr 1 & 2—Meet your class teacher 3.30pm.

Monday 22nd September— visiting theatre production of 'A Little Princess'

Thursday 2nd—Tuesday 21st October—KS2 swimming lessons

Wednesday 15th October —School photographs

Monday 20th October—Harvest Service at Freshbrook Church at 9.15am

Monday 17th November—Nasal Flu vaccinations



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.

Staying Safe

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.

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).

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Home/School Agreement 2025/2026

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.