



**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.

Attached to 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.

We are very pleased that we have been awarded the **Music Mark** by Swindon Music Service, in recognition of the all the work in music we do with the children at Millbrook.

Last year we had weekly music lessons in each class, weekly singing assemblies, several choirs who performed at events, offered individual and small group lessons in singing, guitar and piano, had ukelele lessons in Upper KS2 and put on two amazing performances!



**MUSIC
MARK
SCHOOL**

2024 - 2025

What's On In Swindon!

Heritage Open days

The railway village in the town centre has lots of events on this Saturday 7th September between 11 and 4; some of which include family games and activities which are all free. As part of our history curriculum at Millbrook, we focus on the local area so this would be a good opportunity to enhance their learning. It is also an opportunity to complete the heritage story trail which is around one mile long -

Children's Heritage Story Trail (<https://heritageopendays.org.uk>)

It is based on the book by Hannah Dosanjh's which we have in school called 'A Railway Town Called Swindon'.

Freshbrook Community BBQ—Saturday 14th September

Freshbrook Church

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
**COMMUNITY
BBQ**

FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY,
SEPT 14
12PM - 3PM**
AT FRESHBROOK CHURCH

freshbrook.org/bbq

What's on?
BBQ, Cream Tea, Candy Floss. Plus Free: Ice Cream, Bouncy Castle, Facepainting, Live Music and Childrens Crafts

All profits will be donated towards installing a Changing Places Toilet in our building.

Join Us for our Freshbrook Community BBQ!

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd September— visiting theatre production of Oliver Twist

Monday 23rd September —Yr 3 & 4 —Meet your class teacher 3.30pm

Tuesday 24th September —Yr 1 & 2—Meet your class teacher 3.30pm

Wednesday 25th September —Yr 5 & 6—Meet your class teacher 3.30pm. Followed by a Year 6 Information Meeting in Robins classroom

Tuesday 1st October —School photographs

Thursday 3rd October — Family Magic Show 6pm

Wednesday 16th October—Nasal Flu vaccinations

Monday 21st October—Harvest Service at Freshbrook Church at 9.15am

Wednesday 23rd October—House cross country competition

Staying Safe

online—WhatsApp



The minimum age for using WhatsApp is 13 years.

We have already had reports of issues with children using it this week and none of the children at Millbrook are old enough to access it legally.

Please **do not** let your child access apps designed for older children and adults.

On the school playground

Please do not allow your child to play on the adventure playground or the monkey bars either before or after school.



During the school day children have an opportunity to use the equipment when they are supervised at all times by school staff.

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 contactswindon@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 Sawyer** and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Hannah Thompson** (SENCo), **Sarah Tilling** (Senior Leader) and **Kim Sylvester** (SEN Unit Leader).

Millbrook Primary School

Home/School Agreement 2024/2025

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
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.