

Milwards Primary School and Nursery



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Welcome to Milwards Primary School and Nursery

As we all know, the experiences a child has during the first years of their life have such an impact on the kind of person they will develop into and become in the future.

Such a lot of this important time is spent at school so it is crucial that we work in partnership with parents so that we can make a positive difference and create a strong foundation that can be built upon as children continue to develop, flourish and grow.

EYFS

Ages 3 - 5

Reception & Nursery

Acorns Class

KS1

Ages 6 - 7

Cherry & Maple
Classes

KS2

Ages 8 - 11

Birch, Willow, Pine &
Oak Classes

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"Pupils at Milwards Primary School and Nursery are polite, respectful and keen to learn."

"Staff know families well and have built strong relationships within the community."

"All staff have very high expectations of pupils. The well-considered behaviour policy is consistently applied."

"Leaders take many opportunities to provide for pupils' personal development exceptionally well."

The School Grounds

The school lies on Paringdon Road and has beautiful spacious grounds. We have many different trees and plants as well as a developed copse with a variety of plants and shrubs. We have a large field which is used throughout the year especially in the summer months when the whole school can come together at lunch and break times. We have bee hives on site and our own pond which the children use throughout the year.



The Classrooms

The classes all provide a welcoming feel for your child to come to school each day, classroom displays are relevant to the child's class and current learning and classes are equipped with up-to-date technology such as Interactive white boards, computers and iPads. All classes have book corners and a large range of equipment to enable the curriculum to be taught.



We have a large hall for assemblies, PE and lunches to take place. We are lucky to have a sensory room for the children to use, an ICT suite and a library.



‘Everybody is equal, and everybody is accepting,’

We are proud of our rich Curriculum

We believe that all children deserve to be valued as an individual and we are passionate in supporting all children to achieve their full, unique potential.

The curriculum is made up of the skills and knowledge that the children learn while they are in school. Learning for children aged 3 - 5 years is taken from the Early Year curriculum. Learning for children aged 5 to 11's comes from the National Curriculum.

• The core subjects of the National curriculum are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Information Communication Technology (ICT)



WE ALSO TEACH CHILDREN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- Design Technology
- Art
- History
- RE
- Geography
- Music
- Physical education
- Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (RSE)

*We were recently awarded Primary Science Quality Mark (**PSQM**). This has been a process in which all stakeholders have committed to the development of science in our school. As a result the school has seen: further staff and pupil engagement with the subject; a clear and shared set of principals outlining what we believe good science learning looks like at our school; development in teaching and learning approaches supported by a variety of professional development opportunities; and updated learning resources. This has had a positive impact on our school's progress and attainment in this subject.*

PSQM is a nationally recognised quality mark throughout schools in England and Wales.

The EYFS

We believe that the Early Years Foundation Stage is crucial to developing firm foundations to be built upon throughout our school journey and beyond. It is our intent that the children who enter our EYFS develop physically, verbally, emotionally, creatively, intellectually and spiritually whilst embedding a positive attitude to school and learning in order for each child to achieve their full potential.

Our Nursery and Reception classes follow the EYFS curriculum, which has seven main areas of learning.

The Prime Areas:-

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

The Specific Areas:-

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World



We provide a safe, stimulating environment that allows children to discover, be challenged, consolidate and achieve their very best whilst developing their resilience and independence. There is a combination of adult-led, teacher taught whole class, group and individual support.

Throughout all of these areas of learning and at the heart of the EYFS Curriculum are the "Characteristics of Effective Learning". We strive to develop these in order to give the children skills that they will continue to draw upon throughout their development. Our learning environments, both inside and outside are adapted to meet the different and developing needs of our children.

It is a privilege to be part of such an important stage in our children's development and our dedicated staff work tirelessly to deliver the best possible outcomes for our children



TRIPS AND VISITORS

We encourage all classes to take part in educational trips and visits across the year. These are a vital part of our curriculum allowing children to have first hand experiences to compliment their classroom learning.

In Years 5 and 6 we offer two night residential trips which the children thoroughly enjoy. These trips give children independence and help to build their relationships and resilience.

***We do offer support in cases of financial hardship**



Forest Schools

At Milwards, we are proud to use our wonderful school grounds to deliver a Forest School experience to every child which will provide them with skills and memories they will have forever.

Originating in Scandinavia, Forest School is provision that connects children with nature and the outdoors. Through unique experiences in the woodland, Forest School contributes to many aspects of a child's development:

- Their mental health and wellbeing
- Their risk management and problem solving
- Their understanding and respect for flora and fauna
- Their physical ability
- Their confidence and self-esteem
- Their communication and language skills
- Their independence

Throughout their time at Forest School, children will participate in several activities including den building, tree climbing, woodland foraging and

cooking, tool use, crafting, mini beast hunting, fire lighting to horticulture to name a few.

Essentially, Forest School is an outdoor classroom that provides children with a whole new world of learning. The ethos of Forest School allows learners the time and space to develop skills, interests and understanding through practical, 'real life' experiences.



For children to progress in their education, it is vital that they attend school on time every day. Missing just five minutes of education at the start of each school day adds up to 15 hours lost learning time over the whole year. This is the equivalent of three school days.

As a school we carefully monitor all attendance and lateness, and work alongside educational welfare officers to address absence issues.

In the event of lateness or absence, please note the following procedures:

Lateness

Our classroom doors are closed every day at **8:50am**. If you arrive later than this you must bring your child to the **main office** for them to be signed in.

Absence

All absences must be reported either **in person** to the main office or by **phone** (01279 435850) on the first day of absence. The school will determine whether an absence is authorised or unauthorised. Absences for holidays, shopping, birthday treats, and non-urgent medical and dental appointments will not be authorised.

Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2

8.40 - 3.15

Gates open at 8.40 - 8.45

Nursery

8.45 - 11.45 12.15 - 3.15

Lunches

Our lunches are freshly prepared on site each day. We have a menu for you and your child to choose from and book. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a hot two course meal free of charge.

Children in Years 3,4,5,6 and nursery can purchase a school meal for £2.20 a day.

Alternatively you can send your child into school with a packed lunch if you so wish.



School Uniform

Every child at Milwards is required to wear a school uniform.

Nursery

- Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- White t shirt
- Blue jumper or cardigan
- Blue summer Dress



Years R - 6

- Grey trousers/skirt or pinafore
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Blue jumper/ cardigan/ Fleece



PE

Whole School

- Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- White t shirt
- Blue jumper
- Trainers



Wrap around Care

At Milwards we offer a breakfast club from 7.30am every day and an after school club that runs until 5.45pm every day.

Breakfast Club **£3.00**

After school Club **£3.00 until 4pm or £9.00 until 5.45**

Please enquire at the office for further details about this and how to book.

SAFEGUARDING

Whilst your child is at our school, we are responsible for keeping them safe from harm and abuse. At Milwards we have created a safe learning environment that strives to identify pupils who are suffering or at risk of harm and take suitable action. All staff and volunteers are trained in child protection.

All staff know pupils well and understand their responsibility to keep pupils safe. OFSTED 2021

Health and Safety

The health, safety and security of our children is vital to providing a well balanced education.

- Fully trained first aiders and paediatric first aiders
- Fully trained child protection officers
- Fully trained safer recruitment senior leaders
- DBS checks for all staff, governors and regular visitors
- DBS checks and sign in for all contractors
- Security fencing around school site
- Secure access to the school car park and building
- First day contact procedure for absent children
- Regular and annual checks of electrical equipment, fire alarms etc

As a school we adopt Essex County council related safeguarding policies.

Policies

The school uses many different documents and policies.

These can be viewed on our website.

<https://www.milwards.essex.sch.uk/>

- Behaviour Management
- Anti-Bullying
- Equality
- Child Protection
- SEND
- Equal opportunities
- Health and safety



**We hope you found this prospectus
useful.**

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at: admin@milwards.essex.sch.uk**

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