



TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2026



# MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, staff and families for their continued hard work and support. It has been a full and successful term with lots of positive learning taking place across the school, and it has been great to see the children continuing to engage so well in all aspects of school life.

Last Friday saw another successful Reading Cafe event. Thank you to all of you that were able to come into school and support this event by reading with the children as well as buying books and making donations. A big thank you to both Ms. Alcock and Mrs Tucker for successfully organising the event. Watch this space for another potential Reading Cafe in the Summer Term.

A reminder that school will close this Friday, 27th March at 1:30pm. We will reopen on Monday 13th April at the usual time. I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday and hope that you are able to spend some quality time together as families.

As we move into the spring period, it is always helpful to remind children about staying safe when out and about, particularly when using bikes, scooters or spending more time outdoors. We would also encourage families to continue to support good routines at home, including reading regularly and ensuring children are well prepared for the start of the summer term.

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding an outbreak of meningitis in Kent, and we appreciate that this may cause some concern. The Public Health team at Essex County Council have advised that there is no increased risk to individuals in Essex unless they have a direct link to a confirmed case within the Kent outbreak and have been contacted directly by the UK Health Security Agency. It is important to note that simply being in contact with someone who has a link to a case does not increase risk. For further information, updates on the outbreak can be found via the UK Health Security Agency website, and general information about meningitis, including symptoms and what to look out for, is available on the NHS website.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what is always a busy and exciting summer term.

Kind regards,

Mr M Doughty

## Stars of the Week

Little Acorns: Leo W

Big Acorns: Elayda

Cherry: Max

Maple: Liana

Birch: Frankie

Willow: Safiyya

Pine: Freddie

Oak: Hewad

## Head Teachers Award

Billie-Mai

A huge well done to these children.




# VOLUNTEER READERS

## WANTED!

*Come and Share the Joy of Reading!*

 **Make a Difference in Our School**

 Help children build confidence, fluency & a love of reading with 1-on-1 sessions. Just a short session can make a big impact!



### Flexible Times Available

Visit when it works for you, whether it's once a week or more. We'll match you with a time that suits your schedule.



### Full Support Provided

We'll guide you through the process with two references needed & a 1-hour safeguarding video to watch before starting.

**Interested?** Please pop into the school office for forms & info!





# EASTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**30th March - 10th April**

11am - 3pm

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Explore the farm whilst looking out for the easter eggs. Write down where they were found to win a prize.  
**£1.50 per child | Ages 3+**

**30th March  
2nd & 5th April**

11.30am - 2.30pm

**Easter Craft Session (Indoors)** - Create you very own easter artwork, that is all yours to take home with you. Choose from two activities, as well as a freely using the colouring in table.  
**£2 per child | Ages 3+**

**31<sup>st</sup> March  
3rd, 6th & 8th April**

2.30pm - 2.45pm

**Meet the Easter Bunny** - The easter Bunny will be making an appearance at Pets' Corner to meet everyone for a photo, you may even be lucky enough to get a small chocolaty treat.  
**Free Activity | All Ages**

**31<sup>st</sup> March  
3rd, 7th & 9th April**

11.30am - 2pm

**Animal Artefacts** - Get hands-on with fascinating items from the animal world. Explore natural textures and patterns, with the opportunity to take a closer look under a microscope to discover amazing hidden details.  
**Free Activity | All ages**

**1st, 4th, 6th, 8th  
& 10th April**

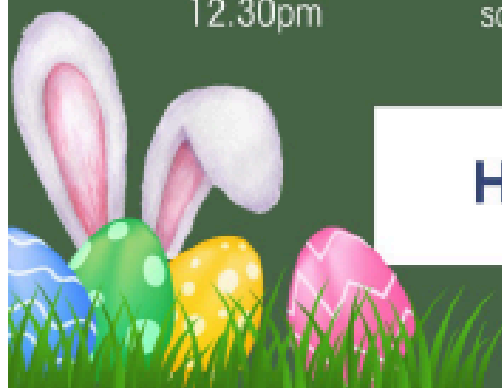
11.30am - 2pm

**World of Eggs** - Explore the amazing variety of eggs from across the world. Discover different sizes, colours and patterns, learn fascinating egg facts, and take on our fun quiz to see if you can work out whose egg is whose.  
**Free Activity | All ages**

**1st, 4th, 7th  
& 9th April**

12.30pm

**Keeper Talk & Feed** - Join our Keepers whilst they share amazing facts about our animals with the chance to feed the animals during the talk (Only a limited number of feeds can be sold).  
**Talk Free | Feed £1.50 | All ages**



**HARLOW** | BUILDING HARLOW'S FUTURE.

Get ready to stay in the loop with all the excitement!

Join our amazing community on Instagram and Facebook and be the first to see the brilliant learning, proud moments, and joyful experiences happening every day. Like, share, and spread the magic as our school shines! Follow us so you don't miss a single celebration, success, or smile — let's grow, learn, and make memories together!



### The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you looking for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

### WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.MILWARDS.ESSEX.SCH.UK/](http://www.milwards.essex.sch.uk/)

### INSTAGRAM:

[HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/MILWARDSPRIMARYSCHOOL/](https://www.instagram.com/milwardsprimaryschool/)

### FACEBOOK:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.php?id=100091808599928](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091808599928)

Privacy Notice Please see the following link to a page on the HILT Academies website where you can view the Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents.

<https://www.milwards.essex.sch.uk/general-data-protection-regulation-2018/>

### Contact details

A reminder to please keep all of your contact details up to date.

This can be done by logging into your Arbor app or via the website: [Milwards Primary School and Nursery](#).

A banner for 'easyfundraising' with a yellow background and various icons (lightbulb, smartphone, shopping bag, popcorn, potted plant, lipstick). The text reads: 'Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for Milwards Primary School - Harlow with easyfundraising. You shop, brands donate to us. It won't cost you any extra!'.

### How to sign up

Scan the QR code

or visit:

<http://efraising.org/9nb2MDOlca>



Download the easyfundraising App

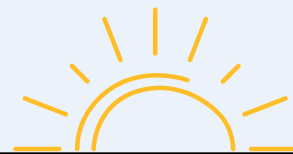


# Spring Term



Date	Event	Additional information
19.03.26 - 26.03.26	Book Fair	Any book purchases will contribute to the school to getting free books from Scholastic
26.03.26	Gibberd Garde trip	Year 2 will be visiting the Gibberd Garden in Harlow
27.03.26	<b>End of the Spring term</b>	<b>School closes at 1.30pm</b> PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.

# Summer Term



Date	Event	Additional information
13.04.26	Start of the Summer term	School starts after the holiday at the normal opening times
19.05.26	Class photos	Class and team photos
22.05.26	<b>Inset Day</b>	School will be closed on this day
25.05.26-29.05.26	<b>Half term</b>	
03.06.26	Reception to Pizza Express	Details to follow.
07.07.26	Key Stage 2 Production	2pm and 4pm
8.07.26	Key Stage 2 Production	9.30
09.07.26	KS1 summer showcase	3pm
26.06.26	Whole school Sports Day	Reserve date: 10.07.26
03.07.26	EYFS to Barley Lands Farm	Details to follow
15.07.26	Year 6 leavers BBQ	3.30
16.07.26	Acorns Graduation	2pm - For parents of children leaving Acorns
17.07.26	Year 6 leavers assembly	9.30
17.07.26	<b>End of the Summer term</b>	<b>School closes at 1.30pm</b> PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.

# Autumn Term



Date	Event	Additional information
03.09.26	Back to school	School reopens after the Summer holiday for Years 1-6 at 8.40am EYFS dates will be confirmed asap.
26.10.26 - 30.10.26	<b>Half term</b>	
27/11/26	<b>INSET day</b>	
18.12.26	<b>End of the Autumn term</b>	<b>School closes at 1.30pm</b> PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.