



WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



# MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers.

Pupils and staff at school enjoyed a fantastic celebration of World Book Day, with the whole community embracing the joy of reading and dressing up as their favourite book characters.

The day began with excitement across the school as children arrived in a wonderful array of creative costumes. From well-known storybook heroes to imaginative characters, the effort from both pupils and staff was truly impressive. Every class was filled with colour, creativity and a shared love of books.

Throughout the day, children took part in a range of book-themed activities, many of which were shared with friends from other classes. One of the highlights was a special Teddy Bears' Picnic in the hall, where children gathered together to enjoy a biscuit and some juice while sharing stories with pupils from across the school. It was a lovely opportunity for children to relax, read together and celebrate their favourite books.

Another favourite event was the much-anticipated Masked Reader. Teachers recorded themselves reading a short snippet from a story while disguised, and children had the tricky task of guessing who the mystery reader might be. The suspense built throughout the day until the big reveal in the hall during the afternoon, which caused great excitement and plenty of laughter.

The celebrations ended with a fantastic costume parade, giving everyone the chance to show off their brilliant outfits. Staff costumes were just as impressive as the children's, and special congratulations went to Mrs Goines, who won Best Staff Costume and looked absolutely amazing.

A huge thank you goes to all the parents and carers for helping children come to school in such wonderful costumes and for supporting the event so enthusiastically. It was a truly magical day that reminded everyone just how powerful and enjoyable reading can be. 📖

Parents' Evening Reminder

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next week on Tuesday and Thursday after school.

If your child has a OnePlan, you will not need to book a Parents' Evening appointment. Teachers will be in contact separately to arrange a meeting at a more appropriate time to discuss your child's support and progress in detail.

Nursery parent consultations will also be taking place soon. Further information about booking these appointments will be shared shortly.

Kind regards Ms Hurley - Deputy Head

## Stars of the Week

Little Acorns: Clement

Big Acorns: Chase

Cherry: Hamza

Maple: Lord

Birch: Nicolas J

Willow: Charlie

Pine: Oliver

Oak: Holly & Kayla

## Head Teachers Award

Abigail D

Archie

Harley

Honor

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!



# Milward's Reading Cafe

**Friday 20th March**

**9-9:45am Early Years and 5**  
**10-10:45am Years 1, 3 and 6**  
**11-11:45am Years 2 and 4**

- Share books with your child
- Complete the book hunt activities
- Visit the Scholastic Book Fair
- Purchase preloved books for a small donation
- Enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits!



## **Volunteer Readers Sign Up**

As you may already be aware, we are looking for volunteers to come and read with our lovely children.

Please complete a sign up form if you would be interested in this.





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**Contact details**

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

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# Spring Term



Date	Event	Additional information
10.03.26 & 12.03.26	Parent Consultations	Parents/carers will be able to book appointments on our system.
19.03.26	Colchester Zoo	Year 1
24.03.26	Year 5 & 6 to Stewards	Years 5 & 6 will be watching the latest Stewards production
19.03.26 - 26.03.26	Book Fair	
26.03.26	Gibberd gallery trip	Year 2
20.03.26	Reading Cafe - revised date	9-9.45 - Early Years and 5, 10-10.45 - Years 1, 3 and 6, 11-11.45 - Years 2 and 4
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
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	Year 1 - 6 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.