

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2026

MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers.

With only a couple of weeks until half term, it's surprising how quickly this term has flown by. While we won't be sad to see the end of the recent wet weather, it certainly hasn't dampened spirits at Milwards — school life continues whatever the forecast!

A gentle reminder during these colder, wetter days to ensure children come to school in named uniform. It's lovely to see so many children looking smart, and we really appreciate your continued support in adhering to the revised uniform policy. When it is time to purchase new trainers for PE or school, please ensure they are plain black. Importantly, this applies only when you are due to replace trainers — we are not asking families to buy new pairs immediately.

We often share what children have been learning in school, but it's also nice to offer an insight into the work staff undertake behind the scenes to strengthen Milwards. Last week we welcomed teaching staff from Kingsmoor to look at and discuss writing across both schools. It was encouraging to see that writing standards are high in both settings. On Wednesday, the I'm a Clever Writer team visited Milwards and gave very positive feedback about the recent developments and improvements in our writing curriculum. We also delivered training for our learning support assistants focused on the revised Ofsted framework and the implications for pupil premium pupils. All of this work forms part of our ongoing commitment to continually improving the school for our children.

In assembly this week, we introduced February's value of the month: confidence. We discussed what confidence means and how we can approach daily life with a positive and assured mindset.

Although the weather may feel dreary, we continue to invest in improving our outdoor environment. We are exploring ways to expand the play equipment available near the newly installed trim trail and are currently investigating additional fixed equipment for children to enjoy during playtimes.

Finally, thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time. For Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils, the gate opens at 8:40 and closes at 8:45. For Early Years pupils, the gate opens at 8:45 and closes at 8:50. Late arrivals remain relatively low, which is pleasing to see, and we appreciate your ongoing efforts in maintaining this positive habit.

Kind regards,

M Doughty - Head Teacher

Stars of the Week

Little Acorns: Raess

Big Acorns: Danny

Cherry: Sophia

Maple: Harvey

Birch: Shehryar

Willow: Aiden

Pine: Lucas

Oak: Zahra



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Not all Superheroes wear
capes, sometimes they
volunteer on the school PTA!**

WE NEED YOU!

Whether you can help raise much-needed funds, organise exciting events, or simply serve teas and coffees at gatherings, every bit makes a difference. Join us in creating memorable experiences for our children and strengthening our school spirit.

BE A HERO

Contact us at WELFARE@milwards.essex.sch.uk to join our PTA-Team!



Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you a parent/carer looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

Look no further; The Mental Health Support Team
is here to support you!

Evidence-based
interventions,
based on
Cognitive
Behavioural
Therapy (CBT)

In **primary
schools** we
work directly
with
parents/carers

In **secondary
schools** and
colleges we help
young people
manage low mood,
anxiety and worry

Support in a
confidential space
in school over 4
to 8 weekly
sessions lasting
up to an hour

Practical
strategies to help
manage anxiety
and emotional
challenges

Helping young
people develop
coping strategies
and take charge of
their well-being

To take the first step and find out more, contact the mental
health lead in school or email mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk



STAY CONNECTED WITH US! ✨
JOIN OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY ON
INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK! 📸 ✨
SHARE OUR POSTS AND SPREAD THE
JOY ABOUT THE AMAZING LEARNING
HAPPENING HERE. FOLLOW US TO
STAY UPDATED ON ALL THE EXCITING
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. LET'S GROW,
LEARN, AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER
UNDER THE BRIGHT SUN! 🎉



Harlow

Call Citizens Advice Harlow, part of the
Tackling Fuel Poverty Together Team

0808 189 6550

www.harlowcitizensadvice.org.uk

WEBSITE:

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

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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.](http://www.milwards.essex.sch.uk/)

easyfundraising

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!

The banner features the easyfundraising logo and several colorful icons representing online shopping items like a lightbulb, a smartphone, a green bag, a red and white striped popcorn bucket, a potted plant, and a pink lipstick.

How to sign up

Scan the QR code

or visit:

<http://efraising.org/9nb2MD0lca>



Download the easyfundraising App



At Milwards, we understand that family life isn't always easy, and that at different times of the year families can face added pressures, worries or challenges.



We are part of the
J9 Initiative

Providing safe and confidential support for anyone affected by domestic abuse.

If you ever need advice, someone to talk to, or help accessing further support, please reach out to a member of our safeguarding team.

We are here for you and your family — always.





FAMILY ECO HABITS

Small changes at home. Big impact for the future.



Everyday Eco Choices

- ✓ Turn off lights when leaving a room
- ✓ Don't leave taps running
- ✓ Recycle together as a family
- ✓ Use reusable bottles and lunch containers
- ✓ Reduce food waste where possible
- ✓ Walk short journeys instead of driving



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Involve Your Children

- ✓ Let children help sort recycling
- ✓ Grow a plant or herbs together
- ✓ Reuse packaging for crafts
- ✓ Donate toys and clothes
- ✓ Talk about protecting nature



Why It Matters

- ✓ Children copy what they see at home.
- ✓ Small eco habits teach responsibility, care and respect for the world around them.

Every family makes a difference.

Together we are raising a generation that protects the future.





Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February



Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Our school will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

Children will take part in assemblies and classroom activities focused on staying safe online.

Parents and carers can access official advice and guidance below:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

Scan for Top Tips for parents and carers



Date	Event	Additional information
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day 2026	Children will be learning about how to keep safe when online -
16.02.26-20.02.26	Half term	
10.03.26 & 12.03.26	Parent Consultations	Parents/carers will be able to book appointments on our system.
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	End of the Spring term	School closes at 1.30pm PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.
19.05.26	Class photos	Class and team photos
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	End of the Summer term	School closes at 1.30pm PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.