

MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026

MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

It felt like every day last week brought a rain shower – and on some days, a full day of rain! With the wet weather well and truly upon us, it is more important than ever that children bring a coat to school each day.

In Monday's assembly, we shared our redrafted Uniform Policy and spoke to the children about why having a clear uniform expectation is important, as well as some of the key points within the policy. Please do take a moment to visit our website and read the updated version: www.milwards.essex.sch.uk/policies. There are no major changes, but we have made a few refinements to help ensure our standards remain consistently high at Milwards.

Our next policy update will follow shortly and will focus on revised expectations around homework, providing some additional clarity for families. Central to this policy is the message that reading is the single most important thing children can do at home – and it is proven to have a significant impact on achievement in school. More details to follow soon.

Last week also saw a couple of key sporting events take place. On Wednesday, a team of boccia players visited Passmores Academy to compete in the County Boccia Final. Then on Friday, our hockey team took part in the Inter-Harlow Hockey event. We say it every time, but our pupils are always impeccably well behaved and represent the school superbly. Well done to everyone who took part!

As we move further into the spring term, I'd also like to thank families for their continued support with attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day, on time, makes a huge difference to children's learning, confidence and wellbeing. Thank you for helping us to ensure pupils are ready to learn from the very start of the day.

Kind regards,
Mr M Doughty
Head Teacher

Star of the Week

Little Acorns: Lyubov

Big Acorns: Iris

Cherry: Asiya

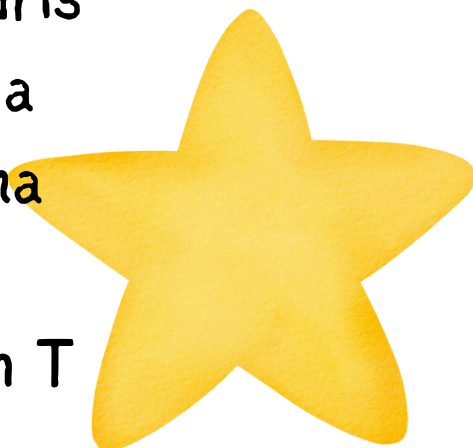
Maple: Fatima

Birch: Tate

Willow: Noah T

Pine: Evie

Oak: Addison



At Milwards, we know that family life isn't always easy — and sometimes the festive season, while full of joy and lights, can bring extra pressures, tensions or worries for families. Our school is part of the J9 initiative, which offers safe and confidential support for anyone affected by domestic abuse. If you ever need advice, someone to talk to, or signposting to services, please reach out to a member of our safeguarding team. We're here for you — not just during term-time, but especially when the festive season weighs heavy.

Head Teachers certificates

Hina - Ten green Merits

Elsie - A fantastic contribution to the school council

Who can get the free NHS flu vaccine?



- People aged 65 or over
- Anyone 6 months to 64 years old with certain long-term health conditions
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 2 to 3 years old
- School aged children (Reception to Year 11)
- Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- Anyone living with someone who has a weakened immune system

Speak to a member of staff to book your flu vaccine or visit nhs.uk/bookflu

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!



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/)

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

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HM Government

AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

#YOUARENOTALONE



If you are controlled or physically, sexually, economically or emotionally abused by a partner, ex-partner or family member, this is domestic abuse. Household isolation rules do not apply.

Police and support services remain available.

If you are in immediate danger, or suspect someone else is, call 999

If you are unable to talk, call 999, listen to the operator and then either press 55 on a mobile, when prompted, or wait on a landline to be connected to the police, who will be able to help.

If you're worried you, or someone you know, may be experiencing domestic abuse:



Our **Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse** helpline offers emotional and practical support to anybody experiencing domestic abuse: **0800 731 0055** or das@a2dominion.co.uk



Karma Nirvana offers support around honour-based abuse & forced marriage: **0800 5999 247**

Respect
PhoneLine

The **Respect PhoneLine** offers support for men and women who are harming their partners and families: **0808 802 4040**

Refuge
Domestic Abuse Helpline

The 24-hour **National Domestic Abuse Helpline** offers support for women: **0808 2000 247**



Galop's National LGBTQ+ Domestic Abuse Helpline offers support for LGBTQ+ people: **0800 999 5428**

NSPCC

The **NSPCC** helpline offers support for anyone worried about a child: **0808 800 5000**

Find more support, online and text relay services at [gov.uk/domestic-abuse](https://www.gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

Let's Care for Our Environment!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

An illustration featuring a large green recycling symbol on the left. Below it are three recycling bins: a green one with a plant growing out of it, an orange one, and a blue one. A small green plant is also shown next to the green bin.

Save Energy

An illustration showing a glowing yellow lightbulb, two solar panels on a stand, and several green trees under a blue sky with clouds.

Don't Litter

An illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a red shirt, blue shorts, and a backpack. He is holding a black trash bag and putting it into a blue recycling bin. There is a carrot on the ground nearby.

Protect Wildlife

An illustration of a red fox sitting in a forest with green trees. Two birds, one yellow and one blue, are flying in the sky above.

Date	Event	Additional information
05.01.26	Start of the Spring term	School opens at the normal time for the new term
16.02.26-20.02.26	Half term	
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	KSI 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.