

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday. While the cold weather has certainly made itself known, we are very much looking forward to the moment we can feel a bit of sunshine on our faces again.

Despite bellies still possibly being full of chocolate, the children have returned brilliantly. They have settled back into routines with ease, shown excellent focus, and worked hard across the school.

This week has been full of exciting learning opportunities. We welcomed the road safety team, who worked with Year 5 and Reception to explore how to stay safe when out and about. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 also took part in a karate workshop, where they learned important self-protection skills, including using their arms to protect themselves, shouting for help, and running away to safety. The children listened beautifully and took part with great enthusiasm. We are also excited to announce that we will shortly be offering karate lessons as part of a school club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to begin with. Further details will be sent out soon.

This afternoon, our children took part in hockey try-outs to see whether Milwards can enter an upcoming competition. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Looking ahead to next week, Thursday is American Lunch Day, featuring burgers, chips and a range of tasty treats. It always proves to be a popular (and delicious!) day, and we hope lots of children will be joining in.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's hoping the cold weather doesn't overstay its welcome – spring, we're ready when you are!

Kind regards, Ms Hurley Deputy Head

Star of the Week

Little Acorns: Isaiah

Big Acorns: Viola

Cherry: Emily

Maple: Paige & Grace

Birch: Albie

Willow: Lola

Pine: Vinny

Oak: Ata



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.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2026 OPENED ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2025 AND WILL CLOSE ON 15TH JANUARY 2026.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE VIA ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL:

WWW.ESSEX.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST STILL APPLY EVEN IF YOUR CHILD CURRENTLY ATTENDS OUR NURSERY.

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! 🎉



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Tackling Fuel Poverty Together Team

0808 189 6550

www.harlowcitizensadvice.org.uk

WEBSITE:

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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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4 Questions

Every Parent Should Ask **DAILY**
if Your Child is Online

1. How was your ONLINE WORLD today?



2. Did you see anything online that you didn't like?



3. Did anyone send you something that made you UNCOMFORTABLE?



4. Did you send anything to anyone that you shouldn't have?



WHY THESE QUESTIONS MATTER :

LET'S
TALK

Normalise Talking About Online Life



Build Trust & Openness



Prevent Problems BEFORE They Escalate

**STOP
IT EARLY!**

For
Working Parents

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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.