

19TH DECEMBER 2025

MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

There is always something slightly sad about the last day of the autumn term, as we take down the decorations to ensure they are not still up when we return to school. It can feel a little strange packing everything away before Christmas has even arrived. However, there is also something rather nice about starting a new term afresh, with a clean slate and a renewed sense of purpose.

As always, it has been a typically busy end to term, and I would like to thank you all for attending our end-of-term performances. This week saw the turn of Key Stage 1 and their fantastic nativity. The turnout from parents and carers was wonderful and, for those of you who were able to attend, I am sure you will agree that the performance was simply superb. The confidence, enthusiasm and effort shown by the children were a real credit to both them and the staff who supported them.

Thank you once again to the representatives from Milly's for providing refreshments at the performances – your continued support of the school community is very much appreciated.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Huggett, who is moving on to pastures new. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication and wish him every success for the future.

I am also pleased to report that our charity representatives have been busy counting the proceeds from our recent charity days. Jeans for Genes Day raised £229, while our Children in Need event raised £262. These amounts will, of course, be passed on to the relevant charities and will help support the important work they do.

Whatever you are doing over the holiday period, I hope you have a restful and enjoyable break. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the new term on **Monday 5th January**, at the normal opening times.

Kind regards,
M Doughty
CEO/Executive Head Teacher

Star of the Week

Little Acorns: Olivia

Big Acorns: Mete

Cherry: Emri

Maple: Paige

Birch: Emily

Willow: Damian

Pine: Riley

Oak: Oak class



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



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.

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

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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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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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Everyday Ways Your Family Can Help:



Reduce Waste Choose reusable bottles, bags and lunch boxes. It saves landfill and protects nature.



Walk, Cycle or Scoot Walking or wheeling to school cuts pollution and keeps us healthy!



Save Energy at Home Turn off lights and gadgets when they're not in use.



Save Water Turn taps off properly and report leaks.



Plant & Protect Plant a tree or look after plants – they clean our air!

— Little daily actions add up to a healthier planet. —

Thank you for being part of our school's eco journey!

| Date | Event | Additional information |
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| 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. |