

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025



MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our performances next week. Our children have been working hard and are excited to showcase their talents. For safeguarding reasons, photography and video recording during the performances are not permitted. If you are bringing younger children and they become unsettled, we kindly ask that you step out of the hall briefly until they are ready to return. Some of our performers are softly spoken, and we want to ensure they have every chance to be heard.

This week, Reverend Richard led a special Christingle assembly, marking the start of our Christmas celebrations. On Tuesday evening, the weather thankfully held for our annual Carols in the Wood concert. A big thank you to Ms Taylor and Mr Smith for preparing the choir, and to Milly's for organising the refreshments. The money raised will help fund equipment and experiences that benefit all our children.

At future events, to be more environmentally friendly, we will be asking parents and carers to bring their own mugs for hot drinks. We will have some mugs available, but using your own helps reduce disposable cups and the energy used for washing up.

A reminder that when the main gates open at 8:40am, there is no access to the office at this time. This is to allow safe passage for children entering school. When Early Years parents are invited in at 8:45am, any parents needing the office will then be able to access it. We appreciate your cooperation.

From the October half term until Easter, any children attending an after-school club must be collected by an adult. This includes children in Years 5 and 6. Please see our policy on the school website for further details.

Kind regards,

Mr Doughty
Head Teacher

Star of the Week ✨

Little Acorns: Beth

Big Acorns: Deen

Cherry: Leo

Maple: Bea

Birch: Hadley

Willow: Parker

Pine: Vyara

Oak: Bradley



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!



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0808 189 6550

www.harlowcitizensadvice.org.uk

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**WATER
SAVING
WEEK**



MILLIES

The PTA will be serving hot drinks at the start of each Christmas performance.

Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate
£1

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us at Choir in the Woods, we sold out of cups!

Please bring along your favourite reusable coffee cup, this not only avoids disappointment but keeps our school green!

Please bring change where possible.

Thank you!



JOIN US AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR!
THE HARLOW INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING TRUST IS LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC NEW GOVERNORS TO JOIN OUR TEAM!
IF YOU - OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW - CARE ABOUT EDUCATION AND WANT TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOLS, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.
OUR FRIENDLY HEADTEACHERS ARE HAPPY TO CHAT ABOUT WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.
BECOMING A GOVERNOR IS A REWARDING WAY TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL EDUCATION. SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS, AND GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.
TO FIND OUT MORE OR EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO INSPIRE CHANGE! ✨

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! 🎉

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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Date	Event	Additional information
09.12.25	KS2 Christmas show	2pm & 4PM
10.12.25	KS2 Christmas show	9.30
10.12.25	Acorns Christmas show	2pm
11.12.25	Acorns Christmas show	9.30
12.12.25	Pantomime	Whole school trip to see Sleeping Beauty
16.12.25	After school Christmas parties	EYFS and KS1 3.15 - 4.30 KS2 4.45 - 6.15
17.12.25	KS1 Nativity	2pm
18.12.25	KS1 Nativity	9.30am
19.12.25	Christmas Dinner and wear an xmas outfit	
19.12.25	End of Autumn term	School closes at 1.30pm PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.

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.