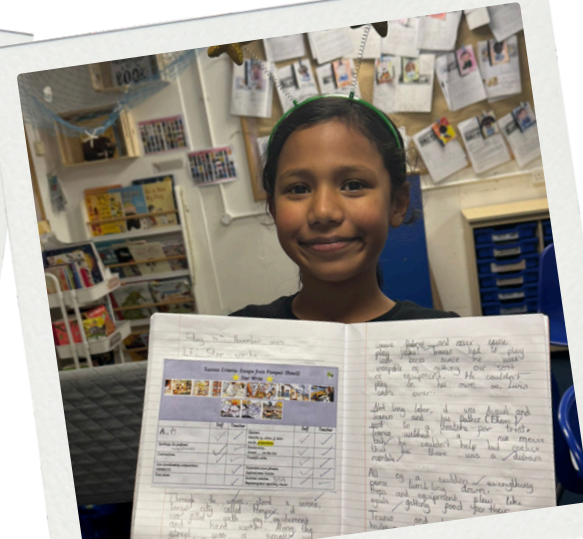


TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025



# MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always sad when a long-standing member of staff moves on, and this is very much the case as the end of term marks the end of Mr Huggett's time at Milwards. He is moving on to another local school, where they will no doubt benefit from a fantastic teacher who has made such a positive difference to so many children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him sincerely for his hard work and dedication to Milwards.

In January, we will be welcoming a new member of staff, Mrs Melvin, who will be taking on Year 6. Mrs Melvin joins us with a great deal of experience, and I have every confidence that she will be a tremendous asset to Milwards. Christmas songs have already been drifting from the hall, and this is a good moment to remind you about our Choir in the Woods event on 2nd December at 4:00pm. Our choir will be performing a selection of festive songs to celebrate the season. To help guide your way to the Forest School area, please bring a torch to illuminate the path. Hot drinks will also be available to keep you warm and cosy on what we expect will be a chilly evening.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday, 28th November, the school will be closed for a staff training day. We will reopen as usual on Monday, 1st December.

Kind regards,  
Mr M. Doughty  
Headteacher

Christmas is fast approaching and our Christmasy events begin with the Christingle on Monday 1st December. As last year, please can you help by providing an orange for your child. We will provide all the other required elements. If you are able to donate extra oranges, they would be gratefully received. If all donations could be in by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, we can then ensure there is enough for every child to have one.

Many thanks in advance for your support.  
Ms Taylor

## Star of the Week

Little Acorns: Honor

Big Acorns: Kobie

Cherry: Arya

Maple: Mia

Birch: Carter

Willow: Nylah

Pine: Lily

Oak: Arsalan



## Star of the Week

Little Acorns: Luis

Big Acorns: Ameera

Cherry: Ruby

Maple: Ayla

Birch: Nicholas W

Willow: Efe

Pine: Livvy

Oak: Olivia



At Milwards, we understand that family life can sometimes be challenging, and we want all our parents and carers to know that support is available. Our school is part of the J9 initiative, which helps people affected by domestic abuse to access help safely and confidentially. If you ever need advice, support, or signposting to services, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team – we're here to help.

### RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

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

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE VIA ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AT:  
[WWW.ESSEX.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS](http://WWW.ESSEX.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS).



Harlow

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

**0808 189 6550**

[www.harlowcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.harlowcitizensadvice.org.uk)

#### 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](http://nhs.uk/bookflu)



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE



REPEAT



# Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you looking for effective ways to help you,  
help your young person, navigate anxiety  
and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is  
running 2 online parent groups in NOVEMBER

## When?

Tuesday  
4th 11th 18th 25th  
November  
1-2pm

## When?

Thursday  
6th 13th 20th 27th  
November  
9.30-10.30am

## Where?

zoom link will  
be sent to  
you via email  
for each  
session

Choose sessions  
on Tuesday OR  
Thursday

Attendance at  
all four sessions  
is expected

Notes for each  
session are  
emailed for you to  
try out the ideas  
each week

## Next steps:

- scan QR code
- complete form
- practitioner will telephone to confirm details



For any questions email: [mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk](mailto:mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk)

Information for parent/carers



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Not all Superheroes wear  
capas, 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](mailto:WELFARE@milwards.essex.sch.uk) to join our PTA-Team!





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.**

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## Worried About Your Child's Learning or Development?

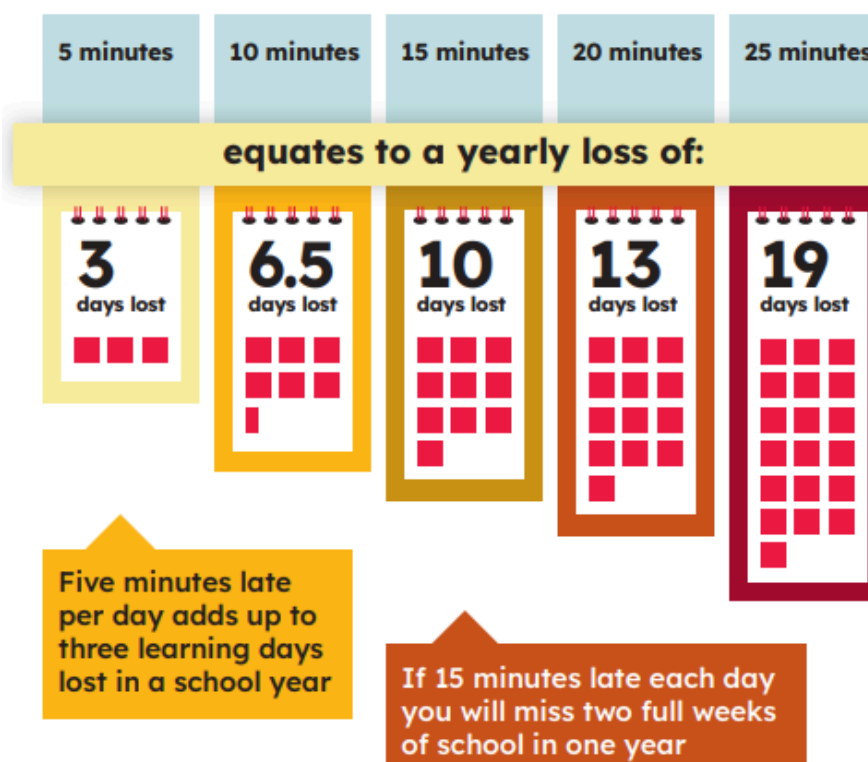


Scan the QR code to access our SEND Support Padlet – a helpful guide from our SEN Team with advice, available support, and who to speak to in school.



**Here, every day, ready and on time**

### Minutes lost per day



### Newsletter Diary

With each newsletter, we'll include a diary featuring important dates. As new dates come up, we'll add them and highlight them for easy visibility. Please keep in mind that our school diary is always evolving, so some dates might need to be adjusted. We'll strive to keep these changes to a minimum!

Date	Event	Additional information
28.11.25	<b>INSET</b>	School closed for staff training
02.12.25	Reception to St Marys Church	
02.12.25	Christmas choir in the woods.	4PM
05.12.25	Year 5 Tudor day	
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	<b>End of Autumn term</b>	School closes at 1.30pm PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.

Date	Event	Additional information
05.01.26	<b>Start of the Spring term</b>	School opens at the normal time for the new term
16.02.26-20.02.26	<b>Half term</b>	
27.03.26	<b>End of the Spring term</b>	<b>School closes at 1.30pm</b> 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	<b>End of the Summer term</b>	<b>School closes at 1.30pm</b> PM nursery children should attend the AM session this day.