

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025



MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

☀ Sports Update

What a fantastic way to start the sporting season! Last Friday, our girls took part in the Harlow Football Tournament. In the morning, our Year 3 and 4 team showed wonderful enthusiasm and teamwork, followed by our Year 5 and 6 girls who competed brilliantly at Passmores Academy in the afternoon. Both teams represented our school with great pride and played some fantastic football. We are so proud of every child who took part – well done, girls! 🏆👏

🚶♀ Safe Parking Reminder

As the new academic year begins, it's a good time to remind everyone about safe and considerate parking around the school. Where possible, we encourage families to enjoy the journey to school on foot – it's healthier, safer, and a lovely way to start the day.

If driving is necessary, please help us by following the parking restrictions outside school. By working together, we can make drop-off and pick-up times safe and stress-free for all our children. Thank you for your continued support.

📷 Use of Photography on School Grounds

We also want to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about photography. Some of our children cannot have their photographs shared, and we ask that this is respected at all times. For this reason, please do not take photographs on or around the school grounds.

Your support with this helps us to keep all our children safe – thank you for working with us to protect every child in our community.

🍂 Harvest Festival – Monday 29th September

We're excited to be holding our first ever Harvest Festival on Monday 29th September, when Reverend Richard will lead a special assembly with the children. Harvest Festival is a long tradition where communities give thanks for the food they have and share with those in need. To continue this spirit, we will be collecting **tins and dried food items** for Harlow Food Bank, and your donations will make a real difference to local families.


Warm regards,
Mr M Doughty, Headteacher

Coffee Morning

Milwards Primary School & Nursery



 Thursday 2nd October

 9.00 – 10.00am



Come and meet our new SENCO, Mrs Scott

She's looking forward to getting to know you and working with our families.

Come along for a cuppa, a chat, and a friendly catch-up.

Whether you're a parent, carer, or friend of the school, we'd love to see you there.

Friendly faces, warm drinks, and biscuits are guaranteed!

Star of the week

Little Acorns: Jayce

Big Acorns: Remi

Cherry: Kane

Maple: Oliver

Birch: Azaan

Willow: Ege

Pine: Dimitri

Oak: Ashraf



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 6, YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31ST OCTOBER 2025, AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT:

WWW.ESSEX.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2026 OPEN 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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

SIR FREDERICK GIBBERD 30.09.25 (TUES) 5-8PM
 STEWARDS ACADEMY 25.09.25 (THURS) 6-9PM
 LEVENTHORPE 25.09.25 (THURS) 5:30-8:30PM
 ST MARK'S 02.10.25 (THURS) 7-9PM

***PLEASE CHECK ON THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL'S WEBSITES THAT THESE DATES AND TIMES HAVE NOT CHANGED PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE EVENT. THIS TABLE IS JUST FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE.

FOR SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF HARLOW, E.G. HERTFORDSHIRE, AN APTITUDE TEST MAY BE A REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRY. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS MAY ALSO BE A REQUIREMENT. PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL'S WEBSITES FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON OPEN EVENINGS AND ADMISSION POLICIES.

Essex County Council
Education



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and come to school every day!

If you miss school, you miss out.

HERO
Here, every day, ready and on time

E-SAFETY

-  • Keep your personal information private
- Be kind and respectful online 
- Tell an adult if you are worried
- Only talk to people you know 



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Not all Superheroes wear
capes, sometimes they
volunteer on the school PTA!**

WE NEED YOU!

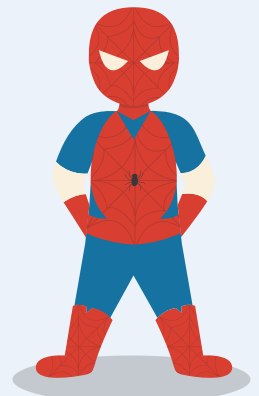
Whether you can help raise much-needed funds, organise exciting events, or simply serve teas and coffees at gatherings, every bit makes a difference. Join us in creating memorable experiences for our children and strengthening our school spirit.

BE A HERO

Contact us at WELFARE@milwards.essex.sch.uk
to join our PTA-Team!



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BECOME A GOVERNOR WITH US!

THE HARLOW INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING TRUST IS EXCITED TO INVITE NEW GOVERNORS TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEES! IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION AND SUPPORTING OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOLS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. OUR APPROACHABLE HEAD TEACHERS ARE READY TO DISCUSS THE ROLES AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

BECOMING A GOVERNOR IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO POSITIVELY IMPACT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT LOCAL SCHOOLS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY! 😊

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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<http://efraising.org/9nb2MDOlca>



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
02.10.25	American Lunch	All invited to take part in an American themed school dinner. Please book ahead online with your Arbor account.
03.10.25	Reception meeting	In the Hall at 9.00 - How we teach maths and phonics and how you can support at home.
14.10.25	Year 4 Verulamium trip	A letter with information has been sent to Year 4 parents/carers
15.10.25	Open classrooms	Class rooms are open for you to come and have a look at your child's class and their work. 3.30pm-5.00pm
21.10.25 & 23.10.25	Parent consultations	3.30 - 6.30 Details for nursery consultations and one plans to follow.
22.10.25	Halloween discos	EYFS and KS1 3.15 - 4.30 KS2 4.45 - 6.15
27.10.25-31.10.25	Half term	
12.11.25	Flu immunisation day	
14.11.25	Children in Need	Dress down and a cake sale. Contributions can be made via Arbor for the dress down.

21.11.25	Year 4 Roman Day	
21.11.25	Year 6 Shakespeare workshop	
28.11.25	INSET	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	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.

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



28th Of September

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



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