

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



# MILWARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to be writing to you for my first newsletter of the year. The term is now in full swing, and with the weather starting to turn chillier, coats making a return, and conkers already appearing on the playground, it really does feel like autumn has arrived. The children have settled back into routines brilliantly, and there's a real sense of energy and excitement around school.

## A Big Welcome to Our New Starters

We are so proud of our new Reception children, who have started school brilliantly – and so far, not a single tear! They have already begun learning our three key rules: I am kind, I take care, and I try my best. Our new Nursery children are also beginning to join us and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. We are excited to see them grow in confidence as they settle into school life.

## 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.

## Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 19th September

This Friday is Jeans for Genes Day. Children may come to school in denim instead of uniform, and we ask for a small donation via Arbor. There will also be a cake sale during the day, and we ask that only shop-bought cakes are donated and brought into school by *Thursday 18th September*. All money raised will go to support children and families living with genetic conditions.

## Gates and Morning Drop-off

Both side gates open at 8.40–8.45am, and the main gate opens at 8.45–8.50am for our Nursery and Reception children. Please help us keep everyone safe by avoiding blocking the entrances, stepping back to let children through, and taking buggies home where possible (or parking them thoughtfully so the gates remain clear). Thank you for helping us keep drop-off times calm and safe for everyone. We look forward to a successful term ahead – filled with learning, teamwork, and community spirit.


Warm regards, Ms Hurley, Deputy 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: Daniaa

Big Acorns: Phoebe

Cherry: Archie

Maple: Maisie

Birch: Barbara

Willow: Safiya

Pine: Elsie

Oak: Jayden



## 👶 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](http://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](http://WWW.ESSEX.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS).

## 🚗 E-Scooter Safety - What Every Parent Needs to Know

E-scooters are growing in popularity, but many families may not realise that privately-owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle tracks, or parks. Under UK law, they are classed as motor vehicles, meaning they require insurance, tax, and an MOT - none of which are currently available for private models.

If your child is caught riding one, the consequences can be serious:

- The e-scooter may be seized by police.
- Riders can face fines of up to £300, penalty points, and even prosecution.[theparentingdaily](http://theparentingdaily)
- Children under 18 may have points added to their future driving licence, potentially delaying or affecting their ability to obtain one.[theparentingdaily](http://theparentingdaily)
- Parents can also be penalised - if you allow your child to ride an illegal e-scooter, you could face a fine, penalty points on your own licence, and in some cases, lose your licence altogether.[eta+1](http://eta+1)

### Common Risks of E-Scooters:

- Poor braking or tyre performance if not maintained.
- Fire hazards from damaged or wet batteries.
- Small wheels that struggle on uneven surfaces.
- Unpredictable handling in emergencies.
- Temptation to ride while distracted or intoxicated.

### What Is Legal?

Only rental e-scooters in government-approved trial areas (e.g. Chelmsford, Basildon, Braintree, Colchester) are legal. To use one, you must:

- Be 18 or older with a valid UK driving licence.
- Ride only on roads and cycle paths - never pavements.
- Not carry passengers.
- Follow all traffic laws - helmets are strongly recommended.
- **🚫 Children must never use e-scooters.**

For more information on safe road use, visit: [saferessexroads.org](http://saferessexroads.org)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

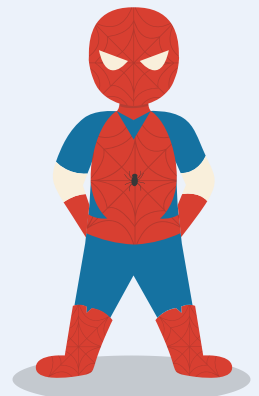
**Not all Superheroes wear  
capas, sometimes they  
volunteer on the school PTA!**

**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!





### 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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### 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
16.09.25	Year 3 stone-age day	Details to follow
19.09.25	Jeans for Genes	Children are invited to wear denim and make a donation
23.09.25	Individual photos	If you would like siblings who do not attend Milwards to be included in the photo, you are welcome to bring them in from 8am. Children who attend the afternoon nursery session should also come in the morning, or join the morning session, if they wish to have their photo taken.
23.09.25	Stewards Academy Presentation for Y6 parents	A member of the Stewards Academy SLT will be in to talk to parents about Stewards as a secondary school option - 3.30pm
02.10.25	American Lunch	All invited to take part in an American themed school dinner.
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	Details to follow
15.10.25	Open classrooms	Class rooms are open for you to come and have a look at your childs class and their work.
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	<b>Half term</b>	

21.11.25	Year 4 Roman Day	
21.11.25	Year 6 Shakespeare workshop	
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.

# 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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