

Millbrook Newsletter



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Attendance

The last two week's overall attendance has declined with 92.7% and 91.6% respectively. Pine have been the highest attenders two weeks running with 98.3% and 96.7% respectively. It is lovely to see our youngest children attend regularly. **We are very worried at the dip in attendance as May and June are key months for school with pupils in all year groups doing assessments and National Tests. It is very disruptive when pupils are absent.** Our 100% attendance £10 Amazon voucher winners last week were: Barney & Esme (EYFS), Bobby & Marnie, (KS1) and Deacon (KS2) - two weeks running!

Dear Parents,

As you can see from our Dates for Diaries section, the next few weeks are packed with activities. Recently, the staff who run St Helen's Rugby sessions for children in our school commented on how well behaved, polite, and enthusiastic our children are. They visit many schools in Merseyside and say that they look forward to working at Millbrook. This makes us all very proud. Well done everyone!

After half term (please note children return on Tuesday 6th June), children from Y1, 3,4 and 5 will all be doing important tests. It is vital that all children are in every day. Year 6 attendance and punctuality this week has been excellent. From next week, Year 6 will be doing more writing sessions as schools need a broad range of evidence to make a judgement about whether a child is at expected for their age or not. Once again it is imperative that the good attendance of Year 6 continues so they get every opportunity to meet expectations for their age. Reception teachers will be assessing children at the end of the year and gathering evidence to judge which children have met expectations for their age. As you can see, the summer term is very busy and excellent attendance is essential to your child can do well.

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Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following pupils who celebrate their birthdays between 15th and 25th May



Blossom – Halle & Mia
Pine – Kiera, Loghan & Leo
Cedar – Emily & Lottie
Maple – Archie
Chestnut - Sienna



School Fund

From September 2023, we will no longer be collecting school fund on a weekly basis. We are very sorry to parents who have consistently paid and found this beneficial however, payments have become less and less over time. This means that we will have to ask for contribution to all trips out, extra treats in school, Christmas events etc. We must be able to get enough money in to secure each event otherwise they cannot take place.

Holidays in Term Time

We have become increasingly concerned about the number of families who are taking time off during term time to take family holidays. The curriculum expectations for each year group are high and pupils who miss school, miss key learning points that they cannot catch up with. If they miss a teaching point i.e., fractions, the next part of learning becomes more difficult. Teachers have been given additional workload through children being absent for both statutory and school assessments. We must raise our standards in school. We want the majority of children to reach age expectations by the end of Year 6. If they miss weeks of school this jeopardises their chance.

Dates for Diaries:

Tues 16th May – Y6 Road Safety Distraction training, Beth Tweddle Gymnastics
Wed 17th May - St Helen's Rugby Sessions
Thurs 18th May - Chestnut at KHS for Spanish, Y6 & Reception Height / Weight NHS,
Wed 24th May - St Helen's Rugby Sessions
Frid 26th May – Break up for Whit.
Tues 6th June – Return to school. Year 4 Multiplication check starts, Beth Tweddle Gymnastics
Wed 7th June - St Helen's Rugby Sessions, Year 6 pupil leave for Kingswood residential,
Thurs 8th June – Reception Elm and Pine at 'Imagine That' – School Trip, Chestnut at KHS for Spanish
Frid -9th June – Y6 Pupils return from Kingswood
Mon 12th June – Y6 out at Crucial Crew event, Y3, 4 and 5 start NFER tests., Year 1 Statutory Phonic Check begins. Multiplication check continues
Tues 13th June - Beth Tweddle Gymnastics, Y4 Primary Sports Tournament, KHS,
Wed 14th June - St Helen's Rugby Sessions
Thurs 15th June – Y2 Cherry at Philharmonic Hall (early start)

Year 6

Well done to all our Year 6 who have worked extremely hard on their National Curriculum tests this week. We are very proud of them. The children have shown great resilience. On Wednesday 7th June, Year 6 will leave for the Kingswood residential and return on Friday 9th June (around 2.00pm). Those pupils who are not attending will come off curriculum and do fun, creative activities including lunch out on Friday 9th June.

School Term Dates 2022 – 23

	Summer term 2023
Half term	Mon 29 th May– 5 th Jun
Pupils return	Tues 6 th June.
Term ends:	Wed 19 th July

Child of the Week

Blossom– Theo, Esme & All Nursery
Elm – Eva Rose & Annie
Pine – Loghan & John
Willow –Noah & Melody
Cedar – Bailey & Jamie
Cherry – Roman & Lilly-May
Maple – Bella & Jack
Holly – Robert & Mason
Hazel – All of Hazel & James
Chestnut –Max & All of Chestnut Year 6
Sycamore – Georgia & All of Miss Dixon's group
Mrs Williams – Every magnificent pupil in her group
Mrs Chambers – Oliver & Kimberley
Miss Smart – Brody