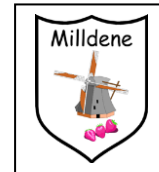


Milldene Primary School Newsletter



Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, I would like to thank all our pupils, families and staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and support. It has been a year filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences, from classroom successes to sporting events, performances and school trips.

We are incredibly proud of everything our children have accomplished and wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to the next stage of their education. I hope everyone enjoys a safe, happy and restful summer break, and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes

Mrs Coxhead

Back To School

A reminder that children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year.



New Website

The new school website is ready and will go live in August.



Thank You and Goodbye

As we reach the end of the school year, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing PTFA Joint Chairs, Emma and Amy, for their incredible dedication and hard work over the years. During their time as Chairs leading the PTFA team, and with your support, they have raised an amazing £45,000 for our school, making a lasting difference to our children's experiences. Thank you both for everything you have done.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Francis, who is stepping down after many years as one of our valued school readers. Thank you for your time, kindness and commitment to supporting our pupils – we are truly grateful.



SEND News



I wanted to share some resources with you that may be useful over the summer break.

Free holiday clubs and activities in Essex:

- <https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/>
- <https://findyouractive.activityfinder.net/search?programmels=4acb896c-39be-4eab-99a4-921e3bcca8c4>
- <https://www.explore-essex.com/whats-on/wild-wednesdays>
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Paid holiday clubs and activities during the holiday:

- SEND Fest is at Wyvern Wood on Saturday 22nd August. You can book online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-fest-at-wyvernwood-2026-tickets-1993620408308?aff=oddtcreator>

Colchester Castle have lots of events on for all during the holidays:

- <https://colchester.cimuseums.org.uk/events/>

I hope that you all have a great break over the summer and I look forward to seeing everybody back in school in September.

Mrs Laban

Teachers

A heartfelt thank you to all of our fantastic teachers. Your dedication and kindness to our pupils never goes unnoticed. Thank you for going above and beyond every single day to inspire and support every child. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do.

Office Team

A huge thank you to our wonderful school office team for everything you do, day in and day out. Your hard work and friendly smiles keep our school running smoothly behind the scenes. We are immensely grateful for your support and the care you show to our pupils, family and staff every single day.

LSAs

A huge thank you to our amazing LSAs for your dedication, patience and care. Thank you for the encouragement, support and positivity you bring every single day. Your commitment to helping our pupils thrive makes a real difference, and we are so grateful for everything you do.

Kitchen and MDAs

Thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff and MDAs for everything you do each day. From preparing nutritious meals to caring for and supporting our pupils at lunch time, your hard work and kindness make a real difference.

Caretaker and Cleaner

A special thank you to Mr Bragg and Mrs Fairbrother for everything you have done for our school this year. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, and for going the extra mile during the summer heatwave by opening all the windows each morning to help keep our classrooms cool.

Parents and Carers

A heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout this school year. Your encouragement and partnership are greatly appreciated. Thank you for working alongside us to help our pupils learn, grow and succeed. We wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Year 6 Leavers' Week

This week, our Year 6's took part in a range of activities to celebrate their final week of primary school.

On Monday, the children and their parents enjoyed some friendly competition during our annual rounders match.

On Tuesday, the pupils worked together to complete a Scavenger Hunt around the school.

On Wednesday, they had the opportunity to go Bowling and enjoy a meal at Tenpin Colchester.

Thursday was shirt signing day, giving everyone the chance to share messages and memories.

The week concluded on Friday with our emotional Leavers' Assembly, where we celebrated the children's achievements and wished them every success for the future.

We are incredibly proud of every one of our Year 6 pupils. As they begin the next chapter of their education, we wish them ever happiness and success in secondary school. They will always be a valued part of our school community and they will be greatly missed.

Good luck Year 6!



**Goodbye & Good Luck
Year 6**



Three Tees Cricket Tournament Final

On Wednesday 15th July, the Year 2 Cricket Team travelled to Colchester Cricket Ground to compete in the County Finals. They played brilliantly throughout the day, growing in confidence and skill with every match. Their fantastic teamwork earned them a highly respectable 4th place in Essex, narrowly missing out on 3rd.

Congratulations to Rosie, April, Noah M, Noah W, Ethan and Lucas.

A huge thank you to the parents who generously gave their time to transport the team and cheer them on throughout the day.

Miss Lane



Year 5 Jimmy's Farm Trip

Year Five had a magical day at Jimmy's Farm on Thursday last week. They enjoyed interacting with all sorts of animals but they especially liked feeding the pygmy goats, seeing piglets, watching the polar bears and spotting rare butterflies. Their behaviour was outstanding and their sense of unity as a class was wonderful to witness.

We must thank all the parents who helped the trip to go ahead and also the parents who helped on the day: Isla P's mum, Naomi's mum, Jacob's mum, Chase's mum, Oscar's mum, Kal-El's mum and Finn's mum.

Miss Eglington



Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
17.07.26	Summer Holiday starts at 3:15pm
03.09.26	Children return to school for the new academic year. The gate opens at 8:35am.



Bronze Behaviour Awards

Charlie, Joseph L, Effie, Kyra



Silver Behaviour Awards

Archie, Harry, Jesse, Kaci P, Lucy, Mabel, Maisie-Bleu, Robin, Kiera, Levi, Alisha, Effie, Eleanor



Gold Behaviour Awards

Alfie B, Alfie W, Arielle, Ava, Caden, Darcie, Edison, Eleanor, Elsie, Felicity, Harper, Holly, Felicity, Kaia, Leon, Macaiyla, Mason, Myla, Summer, Theo



Celebrating Excellent Attendance

A huge well done to all of our pupils who achieved 100% attendance this academic year. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects their commitment to learning and making the most of every school day.

We are equally proud of every pupil who comes to school and strives to do their very best.



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