

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the school year!

The children have settled into their new classes brilliantly. We are so proud of how well all of our new Willow and Acorns children have settled into their new school routines– well done, and thank you to all of the parents for your support in helping them all settle!



We have had some exciting work done in our Acorns outdoor play area– doesn't it look wonderful? The reception children are already really enjoying all of their new play equipment!

Our lower community room has also had a revamp and is freshly decorated and looking great!



Nut Free School

Can we please remind you that we are a totally nut free school. We have students and staff members who have severe allergies to nuts, and therefore we cannot allow any form of nuts, peanut butter, chocolate bars containing nuts etc into the school under any circumstances.



Blue Peter Book Club

Welcome to the Blue Peter Book Club, where awesome stories and fun await you! We want everyone to get involved – so dive in, start reading and let's explore the world of books together!

What is the Blue Peter Book Club?

The Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! Each month we'll talk about a different book and find out your thoughts on it too! We'll also have lots of fun activities, quizzes and cool activities for you to try.

How do I join?

It's super easy to join the Blue Peter Book Club – there's no secret handshake or special code. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun. Just grab a book from our list (or you could even read a choice of your own) and start reading. Taa daah! You're officially a member of the Blue Peter Book Club! You can share your thoughts with other fans, talk about your favourite books or even send in pictures and selfies!

For more information follow this link:

[Official Blue Peter Book Club](#) | [Join the BP Book Club](#) | [Book badge - CBBC - BBC](#)





Open Days

We're pleased to be able to open our school up to parents / carers of children looking to start Pre-School or Reception in September 2023. If you, or someone you know, has a child that is due to start school / Pre-School next year please let them know about our open days so that they can see for themselves how wonderful our school is. Tours are taking place on the evenings of **Tuesday 10th** and **Tuesday 17th October** at 3.30pm, 4.00pm and 4.30pm.

Places are limited and booking is essential– please phone or email the office to book in

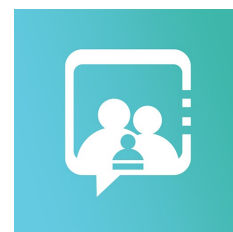


Parent App

We still have a large amount of inactive users on our Parent App system. This is our main method of communicating as a school with parents and carers, and how we inform you all of upcoming events, trips, and important information regarding your child's learning.

If you haven't already downloaded the app, search on your App store for "PA Connect". Once you have downloaded the app and entered your contact details, you will be sent an invitation code via email. Your contact number and email must match the ones you provided with us when registering with the school– if we don't have your most up to date details, please let us know so we can update them.

If you have any problems getting connected, please email office@millfields.worcs.sch.uk and we can help you get set up.



Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray's or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on Monday 27th November.

Vaccination UK are obliged to offer 100% of the eligible school aged population from Reception – Year 11 a flu vaccination. This year, NHS England are offering the flu vaccine up to the December 15th, in order to ensure that children are vaccinated by Christmas and the chance of flu circulating in the community is reduced.

This process is fully endorsed by NHS England. Further information is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Failure to complete a consent form, may result in our call centre making contact with you to obtain it verbally. Please complete the link attached to state whether you wish to consent or decline.

It is important that all consents are completed no later than 20th November, links will not be accessible after this time. Clinics are available for children who miss the immunisation at school, please contact the Vaccination team on 01527 390030 to find out more.

If you have submitted a consent form but take your child to an alternative location to have the flu immunisation, it is YOUR responsibility to let the Vaccination Team know, please contact them directly and immediately as they DO NOT get notified automatically.

If you do have issues with the E-consent link, please contact Vaccination UK on 01527 390030 or you can request paper consent forms via the below email address.

For any other information, please contact them on 01527 390030 or via email on Worcestershire@v-uk.co.uk

Kind Regards, Worcestershire Team | Immunisation Administrator



Free school meals - are you eligible?

Free school meals are available if you are on a low income, in receipt of certain benefits or if your circumstances have recently changed.

If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals but also:

- * exclusive holiday activities provided by Worcestershire County Council
- * subsidised school trips
- * subsidised extra-curriculum activities
- * holiday food vouchers

Plus the school receives additional funding which benefits all pupils.

Please follow the link for eligibility criteria and to apply via Worcestershire County Council. We would be grateful if you could check to see whether you are entitled to Free School Meals.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals



McMillfields

As a treat for the children for settling in so well this term, we will be hosting a "McDonalds lunch" at Millfields on Thursday 5th October.

Claire in the kitchen will be cooking a Millfields version of a McDonalds- with chicken/veggie nuggets, fries and ketchup followed by a McFlurry style ice cream.

If you would like to book this meal choice, please book the main course of Meatballs and Pasta for chicken nuggets, or the Veggie Chow Main for the veggie nuggets. You can make this as a one off booking if your child usually has a packed lunch- just log onto your School Gateway app to book!

We will still be serving the usual sandwiches/jacket potatoes as an alternative. Any known allergies/intolerances can also be catered for.



September forest school sessions.

We are all settled in to the forest school session routine now, and have enjoyed a mix of curriculum learning, team games, singing, tool use, creative activities and free choice time.

The year 3's have been learning about Stonehenge and have made wonderful replicas. Year 4's have been carrying out experiments in their states of matter topic.



We have started making lanterns for the upcoming Lantern walk . We start earlier every year to make sure we have time for everyone to make one!

Many of us enjoy den building in a team, and are challenge with making the den sturdy, water-proof and bi enough for the whole team.





The most popular free play activities include hunting for bugs, water play and making mud pies.



Acorns at Forest School



Acorns children are learning the routine of how and where to get ready for their session, and what to expect. We are all enjoying spending time together and exploring the site while we play.





We are seeking a new parachute or something similar to replace our now tatty fire circle cover. If anyone can help us with this, we would be really grateful. Please contact the office.



On forest school days, please put your child in shoes they are able to take on and off themselves, with no laces if they can't tie them. School shoes are fine to wear as we always change into wellies.



Donations of marshmallows are always welcome so that your child and their class can enjoy toasting them and making s'mores.



Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during September 2023



Holly



Maple



Beech



Rowan



Cedar



Cherry



Hazel



Oak



Forest School

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 15th September 2023

Holly: Piper D for being an absolute pleasure to have in Holly class. She always tries her best and is a fantastic role model to others. Thank you Piper!

Maple: Georgia S for good listening, being a positive role model at all times and general good attitude to school

Beech: Phoebe for being the perfect role model, you are kind, caring and offer help to everybody who needs it. Thank you for being a super star!

Forest School: Max in Beech for showing kindness to both people and Forest School creatures, and for being very helpful

Hazel: Amy for persevering when finding maths tricky this week, and working hard to become an independent learner. Well done Amy.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 15th September 2023

Oak: Jack B for always listening, giving 100% to his work and for having a great attitude to learning

Rowan: Elsie for an excellent attitude to our new learning in year 2. You are trying really hard and contributing well. Keep this up!

Cedar: Charlie R for setting a great example on how to behave in cedar class. Thank you Charlie.

Cherry: Amelia H for being helpful, keeping the classroom tidy and making sure that the room is a safe space.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 22nd September 2023

Holly: Poppy D for being a kind and caring friend. You are always willing to help others! Thank you Poppy

Maple: Grayson for being a great friend and showing great kindness when one of his classmates is hurt.

Beech: Bella B for being helpful, independent and always focused in every lesson we do! Thank you Bella

Forest School: Fran in Hazel for being a good role model to others by listening, helping and for her kindness

Oak: Eleanor W for being observant and for taking all the information in around her and using it effectively. Well done Eleanor.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 22nd September 2023

Hazel: Lewis for being a helpful and supportive friend. Well done Lewis

Rowan: Louie for beautiful manners in the classroom and offering words of encouragement to his friends. Thank you Louie!

Cedar: Jesse J for superb behaviour and being respectful of others. You have a good attitude towards your work and always give 100%. Well done Jesse.

Cherry: Grayson M for showing perseverance and determination with his English work this week.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 29th September 2023

Holly: Albie C for always being a thoughtful and kind member of Holly Class. Well done!

Maple: Kate H for being a fabulous role model at all times. You are also so kind and thoughtful to your friends. Well done!

Beech: Isla for coming to school with a happy, positive attitude and being a good friend to others in our class.

Forest School: Teddy in Acorns C for being a great role model to others as he listens and always remembers his manners.

Hazel: Harry W and Verity for overcoming their differences and working as a team in art today. It was brilliant to see you working so well together.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 29th September 2023

Oak: Lilian S for always producing beautiful work, for taking pride in all she does and for a fabulous attitude to learning. Well done Lilian.

Rowan: Jessica for being an excellent role model to the class and showing great care in the classroom. You are always tidying, thank you!

Cedar: Martha P for a great attitude towards her work this week. You've persevered with each task you've been given.

Cherry: Zach L for working with growing independence and confidence. Keep it up Zach!



Reader Of The Week!

Teachers nominate a child in their class to be reader of the week– well done to this months readers of the week who have really impressed us with their reading skills!

15th September 2023



Oak: Ariana S for reading every day and for writing in her reading diary. Well done.



Cedar: Gracie-May D for lovely fluency, expression and reading at home. Great work Gracie-May.



Rowan: Tommy for excellent use of his phonics when reading. Great work!



Maple: Josef P for always reading and always showing an interest in more challenging texts. Well done



Cherry: Ava-Rose for taking such an interest in the books in our classroom and having a great attitude to reading and listening to stories.



Beech: Chloe for having great care for our books in the reading area.



Holly: Lottie H for her enthusiasm in our reading groups this week. You are trying really hard, keep it up!



Hazel: Edward for reading so much at home. 8 times in 5 days! What a superstar!

22nd September 2023



Oak: Amy B-A for reading every day and for writing in her reading diary. Great reading Amy.



Cedar: Izzy J for using great expression and reading often at home. Well done Izzy!



Rowan: Saffi for confidently discussing the book during guided reading.



Maple: Harrison for using amazing expression when reading to the rest of his group.



Cherry: Owen W has shown a real enjoyment of poetry whilst reading our class text “Cloud Busting”. He could read between the lines and showed emotion relevant to the text.



Beech: Alva for reading with great expression in guided reading and always reading at home!



Holly: Ella S for her fantastic reading at home! You are becoming more fluent every time you read! Well done!



Hazel: Fran for her enthusiasm and enjoyment towards reading. Super star!

29th September 2023



Oak: Mollie-Mai. She loves reading The Lost Words book and has read every poem. It's on her Christmas list now. A great choice Mollie!



Cedar: Bartek N for superb reading in his phonics sessions. Well done!



Rowan: Harlee for trying really hard to apply his phonics when reading. Well done, keep this up!



Maple: Rupert G for always trying hard during reading practice sessions and beginning to read fluently. Well done!



Cherry: Thomas E for excellent effort with his reading in school and at home this week!



Beech: Ruby for brilliant engagement during Guided Reading.



Holly: Missy for her enthusiasm in our phonics lessons this week. It's wonderful to see Missy, keep it up!



Hazel: Jaxon for his unending enthusiasm for reading in class. Well done Jaxon!



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2023		
Date	Event	Year group involved
11 th September Monday	Tears and tissues (9.15am)	Acorns
14 th September Thursday	Phonics and Early Reading presentation (5.30pm via Team)	Reception and YR1
20 th September Wednesday	Curriculum meeting (5.00pm via Team)	All
28 th September Thursday	Residential Malvern meeting (6pm in person)	YR4
10 th October Tuesday	Open evening for prospective parent (3.30pm-5pm in person)	
17 th October Tuesday	Open evening for prospective parent (3.30pm-5pm in person)	
20 th October Friday	School photographs	All
23-27 th October	Book fair	All
24 th October Tuesday	Harvest assembly (9am)	YR3 and YR4
24 th October Tuesday	Parents evening (3.30pm-5.30pm via Team)	All
25 th October Wednesday	Parents evening (3.30pm-7pm in person)	All
26 th October Thursday	Harvest assembly (9am)	YR1 and YR2
27th October Friday Break for half-term		
6th November Monday Return to school		
9 th November Thursday	Sharing day (times to be advised)	All
17 th November Friday	Children in Need	All
27 th November Monday	Flu vaccinations	R-YR4
29 th November Wednesday	Lantern walk (5pm-7pm)	All
6 th December Wednesday	Nativity (9am)	Preschool and reception
7 th December Thursday	Nativity (9am)	Preschool and reception
8 th December Friday	Christmas Jumper Day	All
11 th December Monday	Nativity (9.30am-10.30am)	YR1 and YR2
12 th December Tuesday	Nativity (2pm)	YR1 and YR2
14 th December Thursday	Carol Service (9am)	YR3 and YR4
15 th December Friday	Carol Service (2pm)	YR3 and YR4
20 th December Wednesday	Christmas lunch and parties	All
21 st December Thursday	Pantomine – Peter Pan	YR4
22 nd December Friday	Pantomine (Palace Theatre)	YR1-YR4
22nd December Friday Break for Christmas		
9th January Tuesday Return to school		



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 9th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 8th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
Whitsun: Monday 27th May 2024