



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been enjoying a memorable residential visit to **Bawdsey Manor**. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and willingness to challenge themselves through a range of activities.

Please take a moment to check the upcoming dates section and add any important events to your diary.

Mrs Coxhead

Parent Consultation Meetings

The booking system for parent/teacher consultations will go live at the beginning of next week via the Arbor app. If any families require more than one appointment due to parents living separately, please let the school office know at your earliest convenience.

Consultations will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 19th October 2026 – 3:30-5:30pm
- Tuesday 20th October 2026 – 3:30-7:00pm

Year 6 parents will receive a separate Parent Mail next week sharing the arrangements for Year 6 parent consultations.



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to **Year 5** who won the Attendance Cup this week with 98.3% and will receive 15 minutes extra playtime. Well done!



School Photos

A polite reminder to all parents/carers that school photos will be taking place next week on Tuesday 8th October.

We are aware that it is PE day. Please could children bring in their PE kits in a bag for them to change into at school. Please help us make sure that the children are looking their best by coming to school wearing their full school uniform.

Thank you for your support.



Celebrating Success

A massive well done to Leon, who took part in the Squash Essex Junior County Closed Tournament last weekend. Competing in the under 11 category for the first time, Leon played brilliantly and came 1st place.

Congratulations Leon, everyone here at Milldene is incredibly proud of you!



SEND News

SEND Events and Activities

View this link to discover October Half Term Activities: [October Half Term Activities | Essex Local Offer](#)

SNAP Autism Conference: SNAP is holding their first autism conference. The conference will be a wonderful opportunity to hear insights from four renowned autistic speakers who will be drawing on their own lived experiences.

When: Tuesday 10th November

Time: 9am to 3pm

Where: Holiday Inn Brentwood



Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
08.10.26	Individual School Photos
12.10.26	Flu Vaccinations
19.10.26	Parent Consultations – 3:30-5:30pm
20.10.26	Parent Consultations – 3:30-7:00pm
20.10.26	Coffee Morning – Autism Outreach
08.12.26	KS1 Nativity – Afternoon Performance – 1:30-2:30pm
09.12.26	KS1 Nativity – Morning Performance – 9:30-10:30am



Thurstable Transition Events

- September until Friday 16th October 2026 – Tours of the school for Year 6 students and their parents.
- Thursday 24th June 2027 – Year 6 into Year 7 Induction Day.
- Wednesday 7th July 2027 – Year 5 Taster Sessions.
- Thursday 8th July 2027 – Electives Evening – an opportunity for Year 5 students and their parents to see the clubs that are on offer at Thurstable.



Bikes and Scooters

A polite reminder to all parents, carers and children that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school premises at any time.

We kindly ask that bikes and scooters are walked once on the school grounds. This helps us to keep everyone safe, particularly during busy arrival and collection times.



Core Value Awards

Jayden Y5, Eleanor Y4, Jacob Y3, Leonidas Y2, Elijah Y1

Kindness

Respect

Curiosity

WOW Awards



Year 1	Emilia and Zahra
Year 2	Whole Class Award
Year 3	Harper and Theodore
Year 4	Edison and Kaia
Year 5	Hunter and Kiera



WELL DONE!

Milldene Primary School

'Living and Learning Together'

kindness respect curiosity

Year 6 Residential

