



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful first full week back at school with children settling well into routines and making a positive start to their learning.

Looking ahead, our parent information meetings will begin next week, providing an opportunity to learn more about the expectations for each class. The children will also be electing our new School Council and we look forward to giving pupils the opportunity to represent their classmates and take on important leadership roles within the school community.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Coxhead

Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to [White Elm Garden Centre](#) for supporting our school by kindly providing plants, soil and compost. These will be put to good use around the school grounds and will support our pupils in learning about gardening and the environment.

We really appreciate their generosity and support.



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to **Reception and Year 1** who won the Attendance Cup this week with 100% and will receive 15 minutes extra playtime. Well done!



Colchester United Foundation

We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Colchester United Foundation. Josh will be teaching PE on Tuesday mornings and Ben all day on Thursdays each week.

Luke from the Foundation will continue to run mentoring sessions for pupils on Tuesday afternoons. These sessions provide opportunities for pupils to build confidence, develop relationships and talk through any challenges they may be experiencing.

We value the support they provide to our pupils and school community.



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Celebrating Success

We are delighted to celebrate Mabel, who has shown exceptional kindness, responsibility and care for her local community. Over the weekend, Mabel decided she wanted to make a difference and asked to go litter picking. She trekked over two miles around Tiptree, clearing litter from pavements and communal areas.

Mabel worked incredibly hard and collected a whole black bin bag full of litter, which was very heavy at the end!

What a wonderful example of taking pride in our community and caring for the environment. Well done Mabel!



Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
14.09.26	Year 3 Parent Information Meeting
16.09.26	Year 5 Parent Information Meeting
16.09.26	Year 6 Parent Information and Y6 Residential Meeting
17.09.26	Year 4 Parent Information Meeting
18.09.26	Year 1 Parent Information Meeting
21.09.26	Year 2 Parent Information Meeting
30.09.26 – 02.10.26	Year 6 School Residential
08.10.26	Individual School Photos
12.10.26	Flu Vaccinations
20.10.26	Coffee Morning – Autism Outreach



Book Ambassadors



We are again looking for children to champion reading in our school. Previous Book Ambassadors are encouraged to apply again and new ambassadors are more than welcome to join the team. It will be your job to make sure books and reading are spoken of positively. You'll get to pick books for our school library and World Book Week and older children can hear younger children read. You must apply by writing down three book recommendations. Your application *must* be with Miss Eglington by Friday 2nd October.

SEND News



Core Value Awards

Luca Y6, George Y5, Kyra Y4, Olivia Y3, Maisie-Bleu Y2, Dhruva Y1

Kindness

Respect

Curiosity

WOW Awards

Year 1	Aurora and David
Year 2	Archie and Joshua
Year 3	Parker and Rosie
Year 4	Holly and Theo
Year 5	Adrian and Teddy
Year 6	Alex and Harriet



House Points

This week's winning house is ...

Earps



with **396** points!

Milldene Primary School

'Living and Learning Together'

kindness respect curiosity