Milldene Primary School

Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy first half term it has been. Thank you to our pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm, to our staff for their dedication and to our families for their continued support. I wish everyone a happy and relaxing half-term holiday and look forward to seeing the children back refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday 3rd November at 8:35am.

Best wishes

Mrs Coxhead

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to all who generously donated food and essential items for our Harvest collection. Ruby Class loved being involved in such a worthwhile project and your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. We are proud to have helped the local community and Tiptree Food Bank were delighted with the collected items.

Thank you so much for your support.



EYFS Tours

Our EYFS tours have been a great success. We would like to thank our Year 6 pupils who have been showing prospective families around our school. They have done a fantastic job of welcoming visitors, sharing their experiences and talking about what makes our school so special. We are incredibly proud of their confidence, enthusiasm and maturity.



Halloween Cards – Ruby Class

This week in Ruby Class we have been making spooky spider Halloween cards. The children had so much fun using recycled toilet rolls to create their spider stencil before adding some googly eyes and writing a message inside. Look out for your trick or treat tarantula cards coming home soon!



Book Ambassadors



- **Year 2:** Arthur and Mabel
- **Year 4:** Caden
- **Year 5:** Freya, Jaxson, Kiera, Millie and Willow
- **Year 6:** Finn, Harriet, Isabel, Luca, Reggie and Robyn

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to **Reception** who won the Attendance Cup this week with 98.8% and will receive 15 minutes extra playtime. Well done!





SEND News

Please click the link to find some fun half-term activities:https://send.essex.gov.uk/october-half-term-activities/half-term-activities-north-east-essex

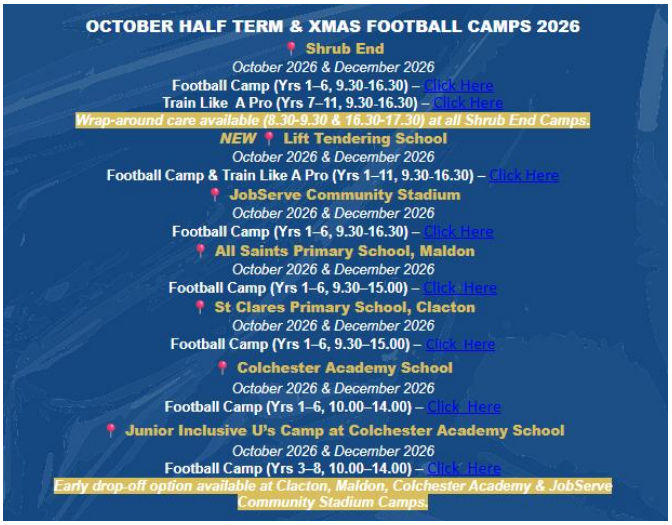
We are looking for ideas from parents and carers for future coffee and information mornings. We would love to hear your suggestions about topics that you feel would be helpful and of interest to our school community. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
03.11.26	Back to School – Gate opens at 8:35am
04.11.26	Sports for Champions Athlete Visit
13.11.26	PTFA Disco
08.12.26	Flu vaccinations – catch-up session
08.12.26	KS1 Nativity – Afternoon Performance – 1:30-2:30pm
09.12.26	KS1 Nativity – Morning Performance – 9:30-10:30am



Colchester United Holiday Football Camps



Colchester United Foundation

Please find below the link detailing our new exciting Afterschool Clubs delivered by Colchester United Community Foundation.

Please follow the link to book and pay for sessions for the Autumn 2, if you hadn't already done so: -

Milldene - Autumn Term ASC

The Thursday After-School Club currently has some availability, and Colchester United Community Foundation are keen to encourage more children to come along and give it a try.

To support this, they are offering a **free trial session** for families who would like to experience the club before committing to regular attendance.

The code for parents to use when booking is:
FREETRIALMILDENE

Core Value Awards

Archie Y6, Harper Y5, Isabelle Y4, Charlie Y3, Daisy Y2

Kindness ***Respect*** ***Curiosity***

WOW Awards

Year 1	Jessica and Vivienne
Year 2	Peyton and Tilly
Year 3	Elsa
Year 4	Effie and Harper
Year 5	Hugo and Levi
Year 6	Finn and Sydney





House Points

This week's winning house is …

Earps

with **294** points!

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'Living and Learning Together'

kindness respect curiosity