



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

## NEWSLETTER

March 2023



### World Book Day

The children loved dressing up as their chosen 'word', we had some very imaginative words resulting in some excellent costumes!

Thank you to everyone for your support.



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## Mothers Day Breakfast

We're sure you will agree that we had a very enjoyable Mother's Day Breakfast morning on Thursday 16th March. A big thank you to our Kitchen Team, who as usual pulled out all the stops and to everyone who went above and beyond to help out - Thank you. Ivy in Acorns and her mum were the winners of our Mothers Day quiz - well done!







## Comic Relief

We are very pleased to inform everyone we raised an excellent £264.60 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause.



Rowan Class dressed in Red for Comic Relief.



## Year 4

Year 4 have been designing and making light boxes as part of their work in DT this half term. It's wonderful to see their creativity and personality coming through in their designs. The children used a range of different materials to create a sturdy structure with a translucent front to allow the light to shine through. Well done Year 4!

## Easter

Key Stage One children have had fun making their Easter Bonnets for our parades. Key Stage Two children have been very busy decorating/making eggs for their Easter activity. We were all very impressed with the wonderful designs. We hope you all enjoyed the parades and the service.

Continuing the Easter theme the children were delighted to have a visit from some adorable lambs. They were definitely the centre of attention for the day - thanks to Mrs Boss for bringing them to visit.







### Natural Art with Year 2

The year 2 children have been exploring natural art techniques. We have learned about Rangoli art from India and had a go at collecting materials to make this type of art in our groups.

We have also tried weaving natural materials and realised that weaving bendy sticks with leaves on is really tricky, and wool is a lot easier.



### Lost Property from Forest School during February & March.

Please check if any of these items belong to your child. Please name every item your child has for forest school.

As the weather gets warmer, please make sure your child has a named water bottle and named sun hat.





## Forest School News

We have been learning about when the Roman army invaded Britain around 2000 years ago. Who lived in Britain before the Roman army came? How did Roman inventions change life here? We built aqueducts to carry water, we designed villas and forts with under-floor heating systems called hypocausts, we made shields (scutum) and learned square lashing to make a sword (gladius). We took part in Roman army boot camp to see if we have what it takes to become a soldier. Can we march while carrying all our equipment? We learned how the army was so successful in battle as we practised the tortoise formation in our teams.





## Library Books

We still have several books missing from the library. Please do have a look to see if you can locate any at home. Thanks to those of you who have returned theirs.

We will be sending home notes to parents who, according to our Library system have a school library book. If you are unable to locate the book or books we are happy for you to make a financial contribution to cover the cost or replace the book.



## Juniper Club

This is a polite reminder that there is a strict 7 day cut-off for all breakfast and after school club bookings. Bookings must be made via the School Gateway app by going in to the Clubs section, please contact us if you need help setting this up. If you try to book within 7 days, the app will not allow you to. We are only able to accept later bookings if there is an urgent emergency and this request must be made via telephone to the office. Otherwise please ensure you have booked in advance, as we have to organise staffing.

**Please do not send your child to club unless you have a confirmed booking. Parents of children who are not on the register will be contacted and asked to come and collect their child.**

If you wish to cancel a booking and receive a refund, you can do this on the app with 7 days' notice. Beyond this date we are unable to issue refunds. Please refer to the Information and Terms and Conditions Booklet on the PA Connect app for further information. You can also request a copy from the office.



## School Gateway

We are aware that some people have experienced difficulty when trying to book clubs and events via our school gateway app. Hopefully the majority of these have been sorted with the aid of our user guides etc.

The system will allow parents to make a payment i.e to top up their balance. However, it will also allow you to pay for an event or club without making a booking. This means that parents have paid for a slot at a club but have not booked their child into the club and they do not appear on our register.

When this happens you do see a very clear message informing that you need to make a booking. Unfortunately, some parents are ignoring this message which means our clubs can be oversubscribed.

When a club or event is announced via Parent Apps please make sure that firstly you book your slot and then proceed through the system to make the payment.

If this procedure isn't followed we will have to remove people from the club who have paid but not booked a place and refund their payment.

You can log into School Comms at anytime to look at what you have booked etc.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the office.





## Pick up Arrangements

If there any changes to who will be collecting your child after school and it is after 2pm please call this information through to the office so that we can ensure this is passed on promptly to the teacher.



## Free School Meals

We would encourage anybody who thinks they may be eligible, to apply for Free School Meals, even if your child receives the Universal Free School Meals (Reception—Year 2). Children eligible for Free School Meals also get additional support - e.g. help towards paying for school trips and uniform, and as long as the Government is still doing it, food vouchers for certain school holidays. It also helps the school as we receive extra money so that we can put in more support if your child needs it.

We just want to make sure that all our families get everything that they are entitled to.

It doesn't take long to apply, and you can do so here:

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/  
applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)





## 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 the last few weeks...



Lily- Rose  
Reggie  
Caiden  
Elliot

Acorns C

Rosie- May  
Freddie  
Missy  
Kate

Acorns N

Sonny  
Jack R  
Max J  
Jaxson

Holly

Alva  
Lacey  
Ralph  
Roman

Maple

Ali  
Bella  
Zach  
Harvey

Beech

Amelia  
Lacey  
Ted  
Dylan

Rowan

Amy  
Alaska  
Mollie  
Logan

Cedar

Rose  
Maribelle  
Charlotte  
Harry W

Cherry

Lena  
Remy  
Dylan  
Billy Lou

Hazel

Oscar  
Bromley  
Lauren  
Poppy D

Oak

Amelie in Holly Class  
Lena in Hazel Class  
Olly in Hazel Class  
Lacey in Rowan Class

Forest School



Acorns C



Acorns N



Holly



Maple



Beech



Rowan



Cedar



Cherry



Hazel



Oak



Forest School



*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 10th February 2023*

**Holly:** Logan Taylor shoe showing resilience in his learning. Logan always tries his best and never gives up. Keep up the hard work Logan!

**Maple:** Tom D for being an excellent roles model to his peers with his peers with his excellent manners. You are a pleasure to have in class Tom, well done.

**Beech:** Layla-rose for a huge improvement in her listening. You are trying so hard! Keep it up!

**Forest School:** Renee in Rowan for conquering her fear of hurting herself and using a peeler to whittle a stick.

**Acorns C:** Ollie L for being a considerate friend in changing his plans and activities to support children who wanted to play with or sit by him.

**Hazel:** Lena for some amazing thoughts during science this week and giving clear and thoughtful answers. Great work Dylan!

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*Friday 10th February 2023*

**Rowan:**

Amelia for working hard in maths and recognising half and quarters of shapes independently..

**Cedar:** Gabriel for being courteous and helpful around the classroom – Thank you.

**Cherry:** Elsie M for having a super attitude towards your learning all week and having a huge smile on your face all week.

**Oak:** Matthew for an amazing attitude to learning, for growing in confidence and developing resilience. We are proud of you.

**Acorns N:** Luke for always having a positive attitude towards his learning and all aspects of school life. You are a great role model for the other children, Luke. Well done!!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 17th February 2023*

**Holly:** Evie O for always being such an enthusiastic member of Holly Class. Evie give her all in every area of learning and always makes good choices. Well done Evie.

**Maple:** Phoebe, who is an excellent member of Maple Class because she always makes the right choices. What a fantastic role model!

**Beech:** Kayden for a huge improvement in his effort and attitude to learning. Keep this up! We are really proud of you.

**Forest School:** Ruby and Fred in Maple for good listening and carefully following instructions to make a beautiful stained glass hearts. Well done!

**Hazel:** Niamh for always setting the best example possible to her peers. She is always ready, listening and trying her very best. What a superstar!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 17th February 2023*

**Rowan:** Grayson for an improved attitude especially in handwriting. Keep this up!

**Cedar:** Arianna for having a great attitude to her lessons this week. You've worked hard and given 100% of your effort to each task.

**Cherry:** Olivia J for being a kind, caring friend. Thank you for being a happy, smiley hardworking member of Cherry Class!

**Oak:** Seth W for working really hard, thinking carefully and for taking pride in his work. Well done Seth.

**Acorns N:** Poppy for being a kind and caring member of Acorns and for always wanting to help. Thank you Poppy

**Acorns C:** Lottie H for always being a super helper and brilliant tidy upper!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 3rd March 2023*

**Beech:** Oscar for a big improvement in his perseverance and attitude to learning! You're now trying really hard especially with your handwriting. Keep it up!

**Cedar:** Fran for excellent behaviour on our school trip. You were a credit to the school.

**Cherry:** Charlie for having a super working attitude and always aiming to please during lessons. Keep working Hard Charlie!

**Oak:** Nancy H for always being wonderful! You are Consistency well behaved, well mannered and have An excellent attitude to learning. Thank you..

**Forest School:** Elsie in Cherry. It was lovely to see you enjoy the session, participate in all the activities and show resilience when dealing with problems. Well Done Elsie!

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*Friday 3rd March 2023*

**Rowan:** Bartek for having an excellent attitude when writing. You are showing great perseverance when using your phonics and always try you best. Well done!

**Maple:** Ava, always trying her best and starting to work Independently in most subjects. We are so proud of you Ava.

**Holly:** Isla R for being helpful and thoughtful. Isla often asks if I need help and things about what needs to be done around the classroom.

**Hazel:** Samuel for a brilliant attitude to learning in the classroom and for making a huge effort to read at home. What a superstar! Well done Samuel.

**Acorns N:** Rex for working so hard to develop his listening skills and for staying focused during our learning time.

**Acorns C:** Elliot for always showing super manners to all adults in school.

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*Friday 10th March 2023*

**Rowan:** Ethan always demonstrates our school value of Independence when working and is caring towards his peers by helping them with their work when needed.

**Cedar:** Caleb C for always being helpful and caring towards other members of our class. Thank you Caleb.

**Cherry:** Verity for independence and kindness to her Friends.

**Oak:** Seth K for demonstrating our school values of Respect and independence. You are always so polite Seth, so considerate and always lead the way!. Thank You.

**Forest School:** Sabariyah in Acorns N for her increased independence at getting ready for the session—Well Done.

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*Friday 10th March 2023*

**Beech:** Kirat for always having a positive attitude to learning especially when working independently. Well done!

**Maple:** Phoebe for always using our value of independence and team work every day in class. Well done Phoebe and keep it up!

**Holly:** Elsie I for working with growing independence and accuracy. Well done Elsie!

**Hazel:** Daisy for being a kind and supportive friend. Well done Daisy.

**Acorns N:** Hudson for being a lovely friend and for always helping others - Thank you Hudson.

**Acorns C:** Georgia S. She always shows our value of kindness and helpfulness to her friends by looking after others



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*Friday 17th March 2023*

**Holly:** Rayen E for working really hard to build new friendships within Holly class and for being considerate of the wants of others. Keep it up Rayen!

**Maple:** Harlow W for showing school values by being a good friend to his peers and showing kindness.

**Beech:** Robbie for showing respect by always listening to others and being polite at all times. Thank you Robbie!

**Forest School:** Harry Heath in Beech for always trying his best, having a go at the activities and for his perseverance in achieving tricky tasks.

**Hazel:** Hazel Class for showing kindness and respect on our trip to St John's on Monday. They were extremely polite and their behaviour was superb. Well done Hazel!

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*Friday 17th March 2023*

**Rowan:** Lucie always demonstrates our school values by being helpful and honest and showing respect to her peers and teachers. Thank you Lucie for being a fantastic role model in our class.

**Cedar:** Blake B for always trying hard with his work and giving 100% to every challenge.. Well done.

**Cherry:** Dom for showing kindness, helpfulness and honesty.

**Oak:** . Akshaya S for always being respectful, polite and kind. It is an absolute pleasure to have you in our class Akshaya.

**Acorns N:** .Abbie for being an all round superstar. She has excellent manners and is a really good friend.

**Acorns C:** Ollie, he is being really helpful around class and shows kindness to other around him.

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 24th March 2023*

**Holly:** Phoebe G for showing so many of our school attitudes and values. Phoebe is kind, honest, respectful and helpful to name a few. A true role model to others. Keep it up Phoebe.

**Maple:** Fletcher for being a good friend and looking out for his peers.

**Beech:** Matilda B for a huge improvement in her attitude to learning. You are now trying really hard in all your lessons. Keep it up!

**Forest School:** Leo, Samuel, Lucas and Keyan in Hazel for engaging with forest school learning and for talking knowledgeable about insects they collected.

**Hazel:** Alec for his determination and hard work and also for being such a kind and supportive friend. Well done Alec!

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 24th March 2023*

**Rowan:** Kyle for listening carefully and following instructions. You worked as part of the class team to help tidy up. Thank you!

**Cedar:** Archie FG for having a positive attitude to his learning and work. Well done Archie!

**Cherry:** Blake J for being an honest, trustworthy member of Cherry Class, well done Blake.

**Oak:** Katie K for trying really hard in class, smiling and for being kind. Thank you Katie.

**Acorns N:** Adam for great teamworking skills when building an amazing animal zoo tower. Well done Adam!

**Acorns C:** William R for showing how helpful he is around the class.

*Millfields First School Gold Book*  
*Friday 31st March 2023*

**Holly:** Mia G for working independently and considerately. She works hard to maintain focus and avoid distraction.

**Maple:** Harlee D for showing respect and teamwork everyday in Maple Class. Keep it up Harlee.

**Beech:** River W for always being an absolute pleasure to have in Beech Class. You always try your best and are a fantastic role model to others. Well done River!

**Forest School:** Amelia in Beech for being a responsible member of the class and a kind friend

**Hazel:** Leo for working incredibly hard and persevering with his presentation and organisation skills. Well done Leo!

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*Friday 31st March 2023*

**Rowan:** Izzy for always following the school rules and showing our values. You are a great listener and always work well with others in the class. Well done!

**Oak:** Xanti W for being kind, thoughtful, well mannered and appreciative. Thank you Xanti.

**Cherry:** Harry S for being helpful in the classroom and becoming more independent in his learning. Well done!

**Cedar:** Caleb C for an excellent attitude to his learning as well as being kind and considerate to the rest of his classmates. Well done Caleb!

**Acorns C:** Kobi for always showing good team work. He is always willing to help others out and give a helping hand.

**Acorns N:** Jacob M for good listening and his ready to learn attitude. Well done Jacob!





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# 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                       |
| <b>School Closed:<br/>Autumn Half Term</b>   | <b>Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023</b>   |                                                |
| Autumn Half Term 2                           | Monday 6th November 2023                                      | Friday 22nd December 2023                      |
| <b>School Closed:<br/>Christmas Holidays</b> | <b>Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024</b>   |                                                |
| Spring Half Term 1                           | Tuesday 9th January 2024                                      | Friday 9th February 2024                       |
| <b>School Closed:<br/>Spring Half Term</b>   | <b>Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024</b> |                                                |
| Spring Half Term 2                           | Monday 19th February 2024                                     | Friday 22nd March 2024                         |
| <b>School Closed:<br/>Easter Holidays</b>    | <b>Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024</b>        |                                                |
| Summer Half Term 1                           | Monday 8th April 2024                                         | Friday 24th May 2024                           |
| <b>School Closed:<br/>Summer Half Term</b>   | <b>Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024</b>           |                                                |
| 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        |



## Dates for your Diary

| Summer Term 2023                                                         |                                                                                                                                 |                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Date                                                                     | Event                                                                                                                           | Year Group involved           |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                 | <b>Return to school</b>       |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April-Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April           | Year 4 Residential to Malvern                                                                                                   | Year 4                        |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April                                         | Maple Class Assembly for Parents 9am                                                                                            | Maple Class                   |
| <b>Monday 1st May May-Day bank Holiday - school closed</b>               |                                                                                                                                 |                               |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                                            | Oak Class Assembly for Parents 9am                                                                                              | Oak Class                     |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                                               | Coronation Celebrations (special lunch chosen by children- order in usual way) Seaside Fish and Chips and Union Jack Cup Cakes. | All                           |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Bank Holiday - school closed</b> |                                                                                                                                 |                               |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                                           | Hazel Class Assembly for Parents 9am                                                                                            | Hazel Class                   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                                           | Willow Class— Trip to Butterfly Farm                                                                                            | Willow Class                  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May                                            | Acorns N and C— Trip to Butterfly Farm                                                                                          | Acorns C & N                  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                                           | Cedar Class Assembly for Parents 9am                                                                                            | Cedar Class                   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                                             | Bikeability                                                                                                                     | Hazel Class                   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                                           | Bikeability                                                                                                                     | Oak Class                     |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                                           | Holly Class Assembly for Parents 9am                                                                                            | Holly Class                   |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                        |                                                                                                                                 | <b>Break up for Half term</b> |





## Dates for your Diary Continued..

| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June TED – school closed      |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                         | School re-opens                                                                                                    | All                                                                                       |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Lakeside Trip                                                                                                      | Year 3                                                                                    |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                      | Black Country Living Museum Trip                                                                                   | Year 4                                                                                    |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                       | Acorns N Assembly for Parents                                                                                      | Acorns N                                                                                  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Father's Day Breakfast (slots to book starting at 8am- first slot, last slot 10am) Further details nearer the time | All                                                                                       |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                      | Cherry Class assembly for Parents 9am                                                                              | Cherry Class                                                                              |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                       | <b>Provisional</b> Sports Day (TBC)                                                                                | (Years R-4)                                                                               |
| Week of 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> June     | Forest school open <b>afternoons</b>                                                                               | Monday – Holly<br>Tuesday- Acorns N<br>Wednesday-Acorns C<br>Thursday-Oak<br>Friday-Cedar |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                      | Acorns C assembly for Parents 9am                                                                                  | Acorns C                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                       | Beech class assembly for Parents 9am                                                                               | Beech Class                                                                               |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Millfields Golden Jubilee Celebration (street party meal booked in usual way)                                      | All                                                                                       |
| Week of 10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> July     | Forest School open <b>mornings</b>                                                                                 | Monday-Hazel<br>Tuesday-Maple<br>Wednesday-Beech<br>Thursday-Cherry<br>Friday-Rowan       |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Rowan class assembly for Parents 9am                                                                               | All                                                                                       |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                         | Leavers' assembly for parents 2pm                                                                                  | Year 4                                                                                    |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                         | Special lunch chosen by leavers (book in usual way)                                                                | All                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July      End of Term</b> |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                           |