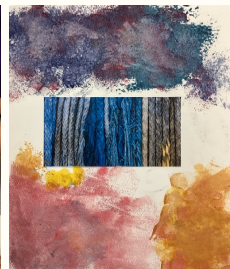




MILBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear parents and carers

At Milby Primary School, we have been so thrilled to see the children's creativity and innovation shine through in their art and design work this term. When exploring various art topics, our children have shown incredible imagination and have really made the most of their opportunities to express their thoughts and ideas. It has been wonderful watching them use their sketchbooks in the classroom to reflect their own unique perspectives on the world around them.

We are also excited about the new art bags that we introduced, which have allowed children to take their creativity outside of the classroom. These bags have given them the chance to engage with art in new environments, whether at home or in the local community, fostering a deeper connection to their artistic journeys.

In addition to their classroom experiences, many children have joined our art clubs, where they have been able to explore even more creative projects. We have seen some fantastic pieces come to life, and we cannot wait for you to see them in our photos which are included in this edition.

As the year comes to a close, we would like to wish all of our Milby families a very peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year. We look forward to more artistic adventures in the new year!

Warm wishes



Miss Cox

Art and design subject leader

Remember to follow and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with exciting events and learning in our school!



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ART NEWS

Christmas CRAFT

Children across the school have been getting into the Christmas spirit. With the help of Friends of Milby, the children in KS1 have crafted snowman headbands and Christmas baubles.



In KS2, the children have been using collage to create snowman figures, threading multi-coloured beads onto pipe cleaners to create stars, and using an array of materials and ribbon to create their own lantern.

ART CLUBS

This autumn term, the children at Milby Primary School have had the exciting opportunity to join two fantastic art clubs: pottery club and Christmas crafts.

In pottery club, the children have been able to express their creativity by making their own mosaic tiles and crafting beautiful clay minibeasts.



In Christmas craft club, they have been busy painting gingerbread men, making festive wreaths and creating their own Christmas decorations.



These clubs have provided a wonderful chance for the children to develop their artistic skills and get into the holiday spirit with fun, hands-on activities.

ART NEWS

Foundation

The children in foundation stage have been busy exploring colour mixing and using paint to create their own festive masterpieces. They have had so much fun decorating and painting pictures of Christmas trees, experimenting with different colours and techniques. We absolutely love their vibrant and imaginative creations!



The children in year 5 have been exploring space-themed art with a focus on retro-futurism, bringing their visions of the future to life.

Year 5

Click the links below to discover more about year 5's art!

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Using their sketchbooks, they have been drawing imaginative ideas of what the future might look like, blending vintage and futuristic elements. The children prepared collagraph prints, which they used to create out-of-this-world final pieces capturing their unique interpretations of space and time.



Year 5's work even featured on Kapow's Instagram page!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day **Wednesday 18th December 2024**

Christmas holiday **Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025**

Teacher training day (school closed to pupils) **Monday 6th January 2025**

School pantomime **Friday 10th January 2025**

Foundation and KS1 friendship disco **Friday 31st January 2025**

KS2 friendship disco **Friday 7th February 2025**

Year 5 residential to Whitemoor Lakes **Thursday 13th February 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025**

February half term **Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025**

Year 2 trip to Kingsbury Waterpark **Wednesday 26th February 2025**

World Book Day **Thursday 6th March 2025**

Comic Relief **Friday 21st March 2025**

Mother's Day gift room **Thursday 27th March 2025**

Easter holiday **Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025**

May half term **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025**

Teacher training day (school closed to pupils) **Monday 2nd June 2025**

County induction day **Wednesday 2nd July 2025**

Teacher training day (school closed to pupils) **Monday 21st July 2025**

Please refer to our website for the most up to date [calendar](https://www.milby.warwickshire.sch.uk/topic/news-and-events).

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (*Platt v Isle of Wright 2017*). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.