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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers

A warm welcome back to the start of Autumn 2. I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break. As we begin the second half of the autumn term, it is a pleasure to reflect on the wonderful history learning and memorable experiences the children have enjoyed over the past eight weeks. Their enthusiasm and engagement in history have been a real pleasure to see, from fascinating classroom lessons to creative enrichment activities that have brought the past to life in thoughtful and imaginative ways.



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the family members within our Milby community who generously gave their time to support our recent trips. Your involvement helped make these experiences even more special and memorable for the children.

Throughout this newsletter, you'll find a snapshot of the wonderful learning that has taken place both inside and beyond the classroom. I am incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved so far and look forward to building on this progress as we embark on another exciting half term filled with new learning opportunities and memorable experiences.



Thank you for your continued support.



Warmest wishes
Mrs A Nagra

HISTORY NEWS

Year 3



During the autumn term, our year 3 adventurers travelled thousands of years back in time to discover the fascinating world of the Stone Age! Through exciting, hands-on lessons, the children loved finding out how early humans lived, worked and survived, bringing their learning to life with plenty of curiosity and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of the term was our recent trip to Compton Verney in Warwickshire. The children thoroughly enjoyed building their own Stone Age settlements, baking bread inspired by early human techniques and creating their very own prehistoric pots from clay. Despite the persistent rain, it was a fantastic day for our young historians filled with creativity, teamwork and memorable experiences. It was lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning. Take a look at the photos below to see some of the wonderful moments from our trip.

We are now looking forward to seeing our year 3 children excel as they share their prehistoric learning with their parents and carers in our upcoming assembly, 'Stepping into the Stone Age!' We cannot wait for you to meet our budding hunters, gatherers and cave artists as they take you on a journey back in time.

















HISTORY NEWS

Year 4



Our year 4 children have had a fantastic time stepping back in history to explore the fascinating world of the Romans. Through engaging lessons and hands-on activities, they have discovered how the Roman Empire grew, how people lived during this time and the lasting impact the Romans had on the world we live in today. From emperors and gladiators to impressive roads, beautiful mosaics and remarkable inventions, the children have thoroughly enjoyed bringing Roman history to life. It has been a half term full of curiosity, discovery and exciting learning!

A particular highlight was the year 4 visit to Lunt Roman Fort, where the children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Roman history beyond the classroom. The visit offered a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of Roman life and imagine what it might have been like to live during this fascinating period. It was a memorable experience that brought their classroom learning to life.

Take a look at the photos below to see some of the highlights from this visit!













CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY



Throughout October, we celebrated Black History Month, a special time to reflect, learn and recognise the incredible contributions of people of African and Caribbean heritage to British society, both past and present. This year's theme, 'Honouring Our Communities' with a particular focus on service, leadership, and achievements that shape Black Britain.

At Milby Primary School, the children took part in a special assembly, enjoyed inspirational stories and created some fantastic artwork inspired by the theme. Through these activities, they explored the achievements of significant individuals and reflected on how we can all make a positive difference, stand up for fairness and take pride in who we are. Our children have also been getting creative with a special Design a Flag competition! They have put lots of thought and imagination into their designs that represent 40 years of Black History Month in Britain., using colours, patterns and symbols to represent ideas that are important to them. It has been wonderful to see their individuality shine through, and we look forward to celebrating their fantastic efforts.

Take a look below at some of the wonderful pieces of Black History Month artwork created by our budding young artists!







Remembrance Day

We are incredibly proud to give a special mention to Lily-Rose for her dedication, commitment and outstanding support of the Atherstone Poppy Appeal.

During her week off last week, Lily-Rose volunteered every day at Tesco Atherstone, helping to raise vital funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
She also joined Atherstone Fire Station in the town centre, collecting donations and raising awareness of this important cause.

This year marks Lily-Rose's third year of volunteering, generously giving up her own time to support veterans, serving personnel and their families.
She has been an incredible ambassador for the Poppy Appeal and a real credit to both our school and the local community.

Well done, Lily-Rose! We are incredibly proud of you.



Don't forget that our year 6 children will be visiting classrooms at the end of the school day selling poppies.



Lest We Forget

Stay Safe on Bonfire Night

1

Maintain a safe distance from the bonfire. Even small sparks can travel far. Stand back and enjoy the view.

2

Never leave fireworks unattended. Light one at a time, step back, and never re-light a dud.

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Keep water or a bucket of sand
nearby. A quick response can prevent a big problem.

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Supervise children at all times.
An adult should always handle lighting.

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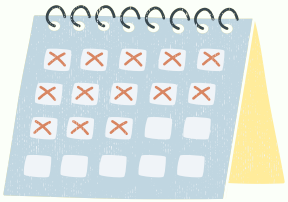
Mind your pets. Loud noises can be distressing for them. Keep pets indoors with windows closed.

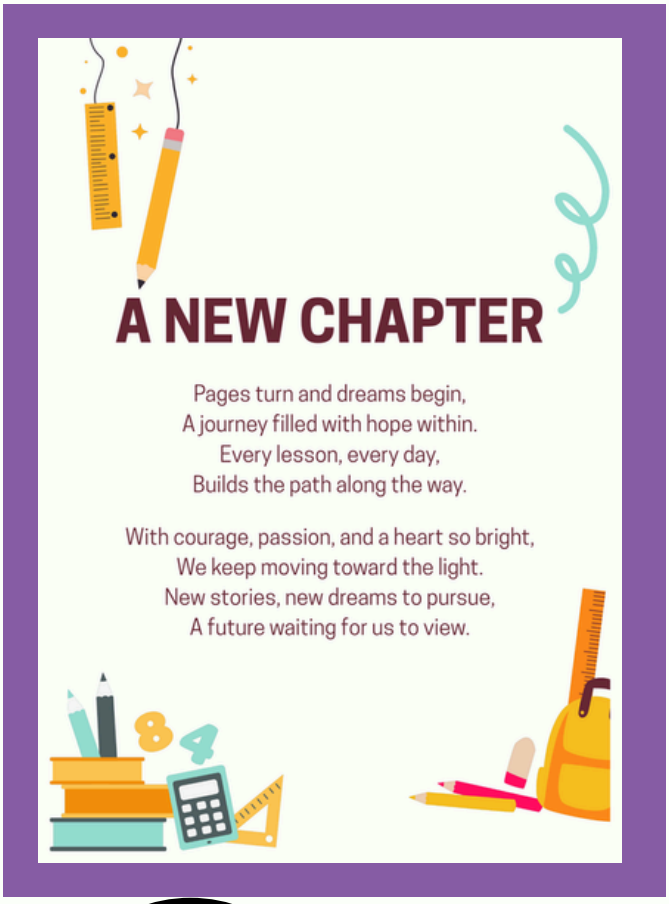
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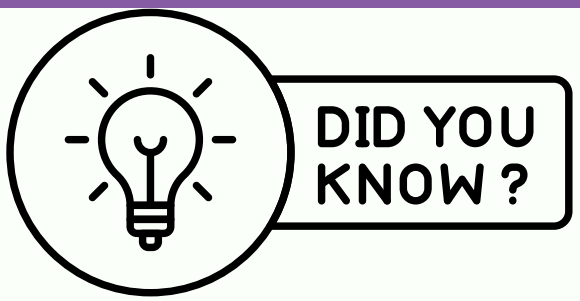
Respect your neighbours.
Keep noise and fireworks within reasonable hours.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS







You can find further information on school attendance by visiting the Warwickshire County Council website? Please click on the link below to view the school attendance guidance for parents and carers:

WCC School attendance guidance for parents and carers

Whole school



97%

Our whole school attendance target. Currently at Milby Primary School, our whole school attendance is **97%.**



98.6%



98%



117 children

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME — UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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 Headteacher 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 i.e. 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'.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

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.



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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS



Pupil progress evening Tuesday 10th November 2026
Children in Need Friday 13th November 2026
Reception & year 6 heights and weights Thursday 3rd December 2026
Christmas jumper day Wednesday 16th December 2026
Christmas dinner day Wednesday 16th December 2026
End of term awards assembly Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas holiday Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027
Teacher training day Monday 4th January 2027
Year 5 residential Thursday 11th February - Friday 12th February 2027
February half term Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027
Teacher training day Thursday 25th March 2027
Good Friday Friday 26th March 2027
Easter holiday Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April 2027
Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2027
Teacher training day Friday 28th May 2027
May half term Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027
Year 6 residential Wednesday 23rd June - Friday 25th June 2027
County induction day Wednesday 7th July 2027
Summer holiday begins on Thursday 22nd July 2027



Please refer to our website for the most up to date calendar.

School website - news and events