



Millbrook Primary School

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NURSERY NEWS 1 – 15.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic, busy autumn term packed with learning and exploration! The last few weeks have been busy with Christmas celebrations and on Wednesday we had a special visitor! Read more to find out about what the different rooms have been learning.

Caterpillars and Ladybirds 1

We have had such an exciting and enjoyable term in Caterpillars and Ladybirds 1! The children have loved diving into autumn and Christmas stories, including "We're Going on a Sleigh Ride," "Is Dot in the Tree?" and "Little Acorn." They've been busy using their creative skills, making dot puppets, crafting autumn trees with their fingerprints, and producing lots of festive decorations for their families.

Our tuff trays have provided great interactive experiences, helping to develop the children's fine motor skills. We also took a few trips to the woods to explore and gather autumn leaves and twigs, where we enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate and biscuits! As we approached the end of the term, we engaged in festive celebrations, including Christmas parties, meeting Santa, hopping on the Polar Express in our pyjamas, and relishing a delightful Christmas dinner.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for your generous food donations for our Christmas party; we truly appreciate your support. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a well-deserved break.

Ladybirds 2

We have had an incredible second term! The children have been developing their cutting skills, while recognising the letters at the start of their names and matching the sound.

The children have also loved exploring how some animals hibernate in winter and how they store food. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations flourish during playtime in the garden. We have had a fantastic time engaging in various Christmas activities, including baking and decorations to take home. We are excited about what Term 3 will bring and look forward to more fun!

****REMEMBER to complete your APPLICATION FOR A RECEPTION PLACE by 15th January 2026****

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What you need at nursery?

We kindly ask that your child brings spare clothes, including socks, wellies, and a water bottle to school every day. It's important that all items are labelled. As we prepare for the colder weather, please include a hat and gloves in their bag, along with wipes for any little accidents that may happen. If your child comes home in spare clothes, we would appreciate it if you could return them after washing. Thank you for your support!

Staffing Update

A couple of weeks ago we interviewed internally for a 2 Year Old Room Lead, we are pleased to announce that after an interview with myself, Mr Rose and Mrs Charlton we have appointed Miss Amy. We know that Miss Amy will continue to develop the provision for our 2 year olds, with the Caterpillars and Ladybirds 1 team.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Bullock to the Nursery Team from January 2026, she is an experienced practitioner who will be joining the Pre-school room (Ladybirds 2). She will be working Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Remember you can contact staff via Family. If it is a specific question it is best to private message the keyworker. You can also contact Mrs Heggie (Nursery Lead) and Miss Spicer (Senior Early Years Practitioner) and Miss Amy (2 Year Old Room Lead).

Nursery Admin

Please remember to contact Nic Packard via the nursery email or by phone if you have any questions regarding funding, sessions, Mini Kids or Holiday Club.

Nursery Open Mornings

We had our first Nursery Opening Morning at the beginning of December! If you know anyone who is interested in a Nursery place at Millbrook, it is never too early to apply! The link to the interest form can be found on our website, under Nursery then Admissions Procedure. Our next opening morning is on Tuesday 3rd February 2026, 9:15-10:15am.

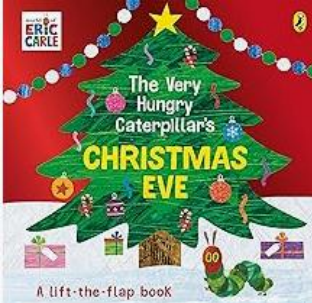
Toys from home

Please do not send your child to school with toys from home. If they do come in with them, they will need to stay in their bag. If the children bring them into the classroom, they are likely to get lost or mixed in with the other toys.

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Book recommendations



Absence

Please remember to contact us via Family to let us know if your child is not going to be in school or has a planned appointment.

Dates

Friday 19th December 11:45am – Last day for Nursery pupils before the Christmas holidays. Children do not have lunch on this day.

EY Holiday Club 8:30-4:30pm (3Y0s-6Y0s) – 22nd December and 23rd December 2025, 2nd January and 5th January 2026

There are still spaces available, please email Nursery if you would like a space.

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day (teachers only). Holiday Club available 8:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday 6th January – Start of Term 3

Friday 13th February – End of Term 3

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February - Holiday Club

Monday 23rd February – Start of Term 4

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January! Remember the first day back is Tuesday 6th January.

Best Wishes,

The Nursery Team