

Milborne

NEWS



Spring 2024



Dear Families

What an action packed Spring we have had so far. The last two weeks alone have been incredibly inspiring. Our library was transformed into a giant reading den to mark the start of book week. All sorts of fabulous characters arrived on Book Day itself and, last week during science week, we had visiting scientists from our parent community, started every day with awe and wonder and had a hands-on visit from the Edible Acre experts to get us growing - can't wait to try some of the produce!

Our fabulous Year 4's have been on their residential trip to Hooke Court this week and yesterday I had the pleasure of joining them for the day. I was so immensely proud of them all. They've had a fantastic time making memories, new friends and learning new skills. Hooke Court is such a special event in our school calendar as our Year 4s really do get the chance to realise just how independent they have become during their time at Milborne. We are always proud of our children and the way they conduct themselves in and outside of our school environment. This was never more evident than at the recent Tag Rugby Festival at Dorchester RFC and the Singing Festival at Hardy's. Well done Milborne!

Great news about our school environment is that our brand new library, fully funded by Friends of School, has arrived. Also, our involvement with The Harmony Project has led to another grant to enable us to further develop our school allotment. Our plan is to have at least one bed covered to enable growing for more of the year. We're not stopping there. Our wild area with the pond is our next focus - watch this space! Please continue to support FoS fundraising events. It makes a huge difference to our school and our children are lucky to have you all pulling together to make that happen.

Thank you so much for responding to our request to have children arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am please. This has already created a much smoother start to the day which has a significant impact on your child's learning so well done all!

With warm regards,

Michelle Cheeseman

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club has been an absolute hit this term with so many new members joining which is lovely to see. With a whole range of activities including arts and crafts, outdoor time and gym apparatus, you can see why it's becoming so popular. Whether you're working, needing a little extra time or see it as a play date alternative, After School Club could be the perfect option for you.

After School Club runs Monday-Friday, 3pm - 5:15pm, with prices starting from £5!
Bookings can be made via our School-Comms app.

Any Questions, please get in touch.

PARENT FORUM

It was great to meet with Beverley Sheikh and Cheryl Newstead at our parents forum before half term.

We had really good discussions and it was so refreshing to hear new perspectives. We are a partnership and it is that strong relationship that will keep our school and your children thriving.

If you wish to take part in offering a viewpoint on school development matters, please email Mrs Cheeseman.
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Next date: 24th April 2-3pm

Why does attendance matter?

Attending school can be a passport to a child's future into adulthood, independence and achieving one's ambition. It has a direct impact on your child's learning and progress.

If a child has an attendance level of 90%, they will have missed one day a fortnight in school. Over a school year this will represent four weeks of absence.

Most of our pupils are achieving above 96% attendance - this is fantastic! Thank you for taking attendance seriously. I will be in touch soon if your child has persistently low attendance (at or below 90%) to talk with you about how we can support you to build on this.



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