



Congratulations to Badgers and Turtle classes who had the best attendance last week



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Top Tips

Attendance

The Government has announced changes to the Persistent Absence Threshold for 2015-2016, and from September 2015 the threshold will reduce from 15% to 10%. **This means that any child who has an attendance rate of less than 90% is regarded as being persistently absent.** With this in mind we have attached the 2015/2016 Calendar for reference when planning holidays. As you are aware the school is unable to authorise absence requests except in the case of exceptional one off circumstances. It is also very important that your child is in school on time, school starts at 8.45am, any child arriving after this will receive a late mark. Any child arriving after the registers close at 9am will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

The remaining staff training days for this school year are Friday 3rd July and Wednesday 22nd July.

1. Phone the school if your child is ill on 872800. **If they are sick or have diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours.**
2. Make a note of the diary dates. Check out the calendar on the website.
3. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

Diary Dates

Saturday 16th May—Swindon Schools Cup Final at Millbrook
Millbrook v Wroughton—10.30am

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd
May —KS1 SATs

Tuesday 19th May— Year 5
trip to Cardiff Techniquest

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday
20th May —Yr 6 cycling
proficiency, group 1

Wednesday 20th May—The
Ark class assembly / parent
session 9.15am

Thursday 21st May— Class
Photographs

Thursday 21st May—Millbrook
Friend's Disco

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd
May—Yr 6 cycling proficiency,
group 2

**Monday 25th— Friday 29th
May —May Holiday**

**Monday 1st June—children
return to school**

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please bring your vouchers into school so that we can place our order now that the voucher collection has ended.



School Lunches

Unfortunately we are going to have to increase the cost of school lunches at Millbrook to £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week) from Monday 1st June. Most of the schools in the area already charge more. We have managed to hold our prices for the last 5 years but, in order for the kitchen to be financially viable we now have to make a small increase to the cost. We hope you feel our meals are good value and nutritious for your children and that they enjoy them.

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Governor of the month

My name is Lynette Leonard and I have been a governor of Millbrook school since its formation. I moved to the area in the 1980's and my children attended Freshbrook School where I was elected as a parent governor. As my children moved on I continued as a governor and was pleased to be asked to serve on the governing body when Freshbrook and Windmill Hill schools came together. This was a very challenging and exciting time. I am now retired and have 4 grandchildren, 2 of them attend Millbrook. I am currently a member of the Finance and Staffing Committee, with responsibility for the finances. My main aim has always been to get the best possible education for every child within the school.



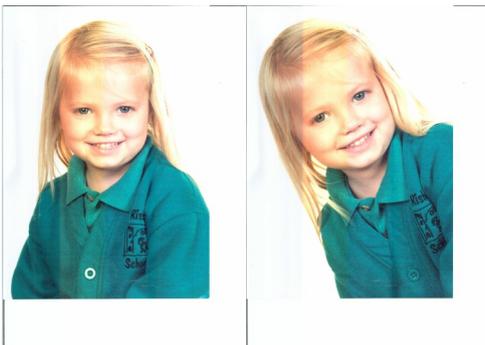
School Photographs

The school photographer will be here on Thursday 21st May to take the class photos.

On Thursday 8th October 2015 we will be having the individual photos taken by a new photographer. We are looking at a slightly different format this year and we would like to give parents a chance to express their preference, we will go with the majority view. Option A is the **colour** on white background with 2 different shots of your child and Option B is a **black and white** shot of your child working at a school desk.

(see examples below)

Option A



Option B



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I prefer Option A Option B

Child's Year group _____



Millbrook Primary School Terms and Holidays 2015 – 2016

	August/September					October					November					December							
Monday	31	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27				

	January					February					March					April						
Monday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Wednesday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Thursday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			

	May					June					July					August/September							
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	1	
Friday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	2		
Saturday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	3		
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	4		

Bank and Public Holidays 2015/2016		
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2015	} 195
Christmas Day Holiday	25 December 2015	
Boxing Day Holiday	28 December 2015	
New Years Holiday	01 January 2016	
Good Friday	25 March 2016	
Easter Monday	28 March 2016	
May Day Holiday	02 May 2016	} 195
Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2016	
Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2016	
	Bank Holiday	
	School Holiday	

Training day closures - 1st September 2015, 21st October 2015, 4th January 2016, 12th February 2016, 6th June, 22nd July 2016