#914
11 SEPTEMBER 2026

MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Welcome to the Autumn Term! We've had a fantastic first week back at MPS, and the campus has been a hive of activity. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm from our pupils, alongside a real sense of anticipation for all that the new academic year will bring.

I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful summer break and had some time to enjoy the (very) hot weather. Whether you are returning to MPS or have recently joined our community, I am confident that the year ahead will be memorable.

It was brilliant to see so many of our pupils and staff getting involved in our Fun Run on Tuesday. I was really impressed by the effort and determination shown by our pupils, and it was a real highlight to welcome parents on site to cheer everyone on.

Thank you to everyone who attended our online safety talk for parents and pupils. I hope you found the session valuable and I look forward to continuing our engagement with this important topic throughout the year.

I am delighted to welcome 128 new pupils to MPS and look forward to seeing everyone settle into our community and make the most of all that Prep has to offer. Starting a new school can feel overwhelming and I want to assure our new families that our Group Tutors are here to support every child and family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any anything.

It has been a superb start to the term, and I look forward to a rewarding and successful year ahead for all our pupils and families.

Yours,
Dan

CONTENTS

Page 2
Parent Notices

Page 3-5
Events

Page 6
Subject Focus

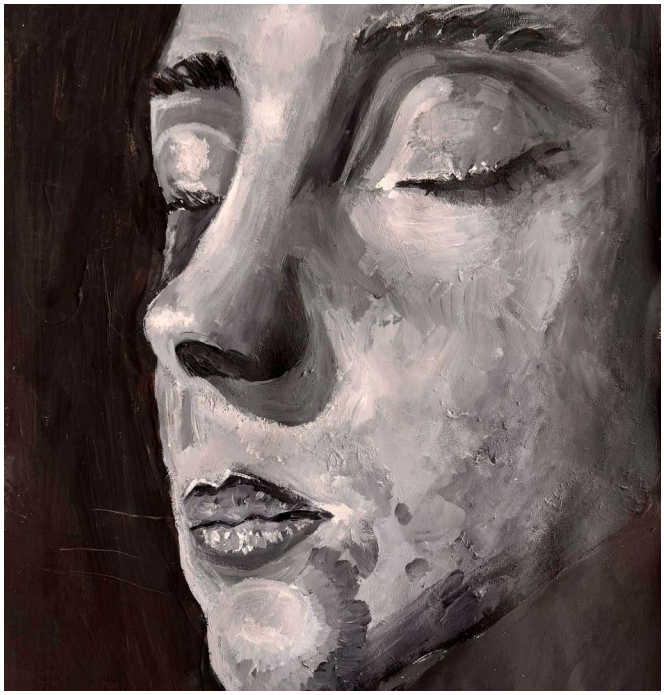
Page 7-8
Boarding Life

Page 9
Sporting News

Page 10-12
Pre-Prep Newsletter

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is by Poppy C 8ELS.





PARENT NOTICES

Driving on site

Please be aware that a speed limit is in place across the Prep campus, particularly on Martins Lane. We kindly ask all drivers to adhere to it and drive slowly and safely. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps keep our community safe.

Parking Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and visitors that the designated disabled parking bays in the main car park are specifically for those who need them.

This space is an important provision for members of our community with mobility needs and helps ensure safe and accessible access to the school site. We kindly ask everyone to respect this allocation and avoid using the bay unless they are entitled to do so.

When using the Reception, Top or Pavilion car parks, please park considerately. We are a busy campus, and considerate parking helps ensure the site remains safe and traffic flows smoothly. Please also note that the boarding house car parks are not for general use.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain an inclusive and supportive environment for all members of our school community.

Prep Social Media Accounts

Stay up to date on the latest news and events!

Instagram	@millfieldschool @millfieldschoolpreprep
Facebook	Millfield Prep School
YouTube	Millfield Prep School
Podcast	The Millfield School Podcast

Subject specific news on Instagram:

Sport	@MPS_Sport
Outdoor Activities	@mps_outdoors
Music Activities	@mpsmusic_
Rowing	@mpsrowing
Golf	@millfieldprep_golf
Co-Curricular	@mps_cocurricular
Tennis	@millfieldprep_tennis
Equestrian	@equestrianmps
Performing Arts	@mpsperformingarts
Football	@millfieldprepfootball





EQUESTRIAN SESSIONS

Have a go sessions available for new and existing pupils that have not ridden at school before.

Saturday 12 September, 1pm and 2pm
Tuesday 13 September, 4pm

Each session will introduce pupils to the school ponies, have a go at grooming and tacking up as well as a short riding lesson. Please sign up on SOCS.

EQUESTRIAN EVENTS



If you are a Prep rider, here is what's coming up soon:

Sunday 13 September – Escorted hacks at 10-1pm*

Sunday 20 September – Clear Round. 10-12pm or 1-3pm*

Tuesday 22 September – 6pm parents webinar.

A chance for parents to meet Mia Palles-Clark, Head of Equestrian sports and Sarah Fraser, Stable Manager and Coach. A link will be sent to all riders parents the week before.

Sunday 27 September – BS 'Just for Schools Competition' at Chard (home riders only).

Sunday 4 October – NSEA SJ at Bicton (home riders only)

Sunday 11 October - Escorted hacks at 10am and 1pm*

*Please email **fraser.s@millfieldschool.com** to be added to the SOCS register for these sessions.

FIRST DAY BACK

















YEAR 6-8 INTER-HOUSE FUN RUN

After having a very sunny summer, the rain started on the morning of the interhouse fun run but luckily the clouds cleared and all the runners got to run with the sun on their backs! The pupils raced for their games houses and once we have had the final races on Saturday we will know which games house has won the first house event of the school year. The runners were supported by some of the staff who raced alongside them around the course. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the event.
Full results will be shared next week once all the races are completed!



























YEAR 4 ORCHESTRA DAY
















TEAM BUILDING

Year 8 took part in some team building activities this week.





DT

It has been great to welcome the children back into the workshop this week. Year 8 have started with practical work, looking at wood joints. They have been using the saws and chisels to cut their own joints. They will then begin planning their own storage solution to a problem that they have identified.





The new Remote Control Car club begins this week. The children will first build the cars and then look at driving them. It will be great for children who are looking for a step up from Lego/Airfix and have an interest in cars. It is currently open for Year 7 but if you are in Year 6 and interested, there are still a few spaces left so please contact Mr French to hear more.

BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

A huge well done to all our boarders for putting their best feet forward as they begin their new adventures. Whether returning as Year 8 boarders or starting completely anew, every girl has shown tremendous courage, positivity and determination.
We also began the year with two lovely celebrations: **Sammy** turned 13 on our very first evening back, while **Monroe** celebrated her 12th birthday on Wednesday!
A special well done must go to all our families too. Boarding can often feel hardest for the parents, who may see the tearful goodbyes but don't always witness the joyful moments in between—the girls tearing about creating Mother Nature costumes from bin bags, getting stuck in at tuck night or enjoying communal hair-braiding sessions!
Please do follow our house Instagram account, @MPS_Hollies, for little glimpses of these happy everyday moments.








CHESTNUT

What a fantastic start to the new school year! It has been a pleasure to welcome both our returning boarders and the newest members of the Chestnut family. The house has been full of excitement, laughter, and friendship as everyone has settled in and made themselves at home.
One of the highlights of the week was our walk up the Tor. It provided a wonderful opportunity for girls to spend time together, build new friendships, reconnect after the summer break, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. It was the perfect way to begin the year as a house community.
We were also delighted to watch our Chestnut girls take part in the annual Fun Run, showing great determination, enthusiasm, and team spirit throughout. A special congratulations to those who achieved podium finishes in their category races.
Back in the house, there has been plenty of fun and activity, with girls enjoying time together, getting to know one another, and embracing all that boarding life has to offer. It has been wonderful to see the supportive and welcoming atmosphere that makes Chestnut House feel like a family.






BEREWALL

The new school year has started with a bang! We have 16 new boarders who have arrived at Berewall, eager and willing to embrace everything we do.
The week has been filled with meetings, fire drills, uniform fittings, the dreaded tie-tying, and, of course, new routines. The boys have been magnificent, especially those from last year, who have selflessly helped the new boys settle in and guided them through the various jobs and routines.
We look forward to watching their progress as the weeks go by. We have also made sure to take time to enjoy the last of the lighter evenings. Our spectacular grounds have provided the perfect backdrop for games of football, scooter rides, and the ever-popular basketball matches.
With the weekend fast approaching, the boys are looking forward to playing sport and taking the Sunday trip to Brean. It has been a great first week, and a big well done to everyone!









CHAMPION

It was lovely to meet so many new boarders and their families over the weekend. It has been a busy first week, with everyone getting to know one another and settling into new routines.
We have been hugely impressed by our returning boarders and the warmth, kindness, and care they have shown towards our new boys. I wouldn't expect anything less from our Champion boys! We kick-started the term with a huge House football match, and it was fantastic to see the boys making the most of the outdoor space, enjoying themselves, and forming new friendships.

We also announced our new Head of House for the Autumn Term, **Ted**. We have absolutely no doubt that he will do us proud and be an excellent leader and role model for our boys. And, of course, we have already had plenty of celebrations this week, with birthdays meaning pizzas, doughnuts, and cakes galore! Wishing a very happy birthday to **Folarin, Folami, and Cole**!
It has been a great start to the term, and we are looking forward to all that the weeks ahead will bring.













SPORTING NEWS

CRICKET

Millfield U12 Boys played their County Cup cricket final against Kings College Prep on Wednesday.

Millfield won the toss and elected to bowl first, dismissing Kings for 94 runs. **Hunter B** delivered an outstanding performance with the ball, taking six wickets, including a hat-trick. He was superbly supported by **Cooper L**, who claimed three wickets. All of the Millfield Prep bowlers showed impressive discipline and control throughout the innings.

In reply, **Toby W** (25) and **Barney G** (64) led the chase with a dominant opening partnership, reaching the target in just 11 overs without the loss of a wicket. This 10-wicket win qualifies Millfield's place in the National U13 Cup later this summer.
Hunter B received the player of the match award for his superb bowling performance.

Congratulations to all the boys on a fantastic achievement!





HOCKEY

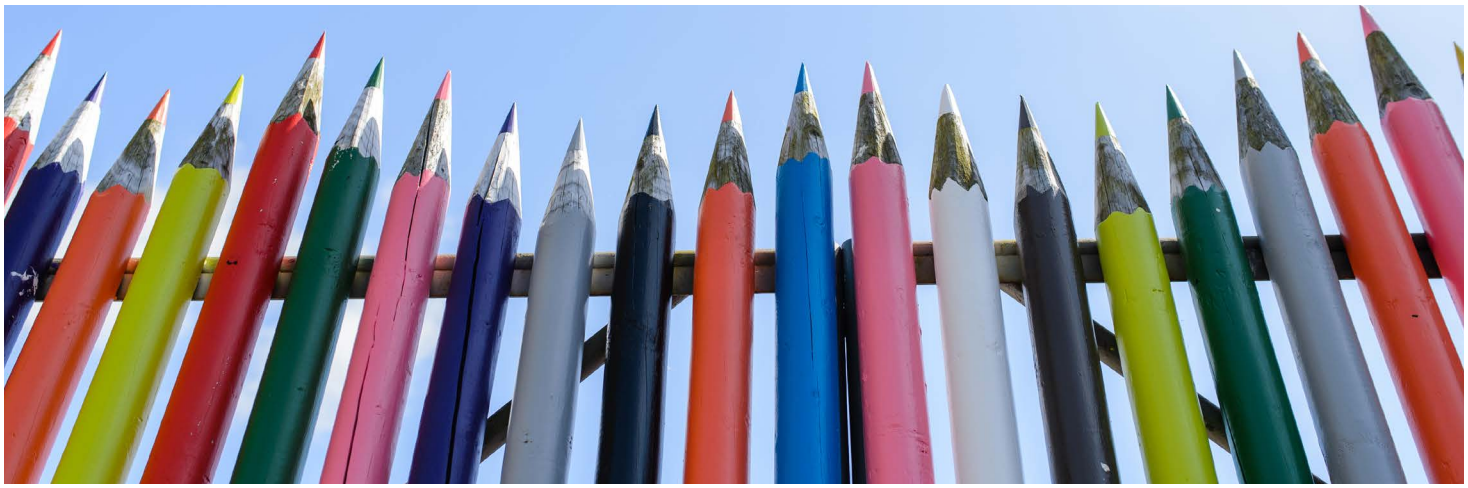
Year 5 girls enjoyed their first fixture of the term on Wednesday!



#914
11 SEPTEMBER 2026

MILLFIELD
PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families after what we hope was a happy and relaxing summer holiday.

It has been wonderful to see the school filled with smiling faces once again, and we are delighted to begin another exciting year together.

We would also like to extend a special welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined our school community this term. We look forward to getting to know you and hope that you quickly feel at home as part of our school family. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Across the school, each class has been busy settling into new routines, getting to know their teachers and peers, and learning about the expectations for the year ahead. We have been incredibly impressed by the positive attitude, enthusiasm, and readiness to learn shown by all of our children. Everyone has worked hard and embodied our school values, which is reflected in this week's fantastic house totals. This excellent start has set a wonderful tone for the term.

We are looking forward to a year filled with exciting opportunities, memorable experiences, and lots of new learning. There is so much to look forward to, and we cannot wait to see the progress and achievements that each child will make throughout the year. Please remember to keep an eye on the noticeboard and Showbie for important dates, upcoming events, and regular updates.

We value your support and partnership and look forward to sharing another fantastic year together.

Yours,
Mike

PRE-PREP

HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	149	143	167	142

FROGS

DINOSAUR PRINTS

What an exciting start our new Frogs have had! The children have been busy exploring their new room and all the wonderful activities on offer. They have enjoyed making dinosaur prints, painting colourful creations, and using their imaginations with playdough and much more. We also had a fantastic visit to Forest School, where the children hunted for bugs, mixed up exciting concoctions in the mud kitchen, and worked together to drag some very big sticks! It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they investigate, create, and make new friends. We can't wait to see what adventures next week will bring!








RECEPTION

EXPLORING

The reception class have had the best time settling in, exploring their new environment and having lots of fun.








YEAR 1

WELLY WALK

Year 1 have made a fantastic start to the year and have settled into their new routines brilliantly. As well as exploring their classroom, we have been on a blackberry picking welly walk to make a crumble with for next week. We also started our first class art display based on our book, 'Our Classroom Home' and began our maths, literacy and phonics lessons. What a busy, but wonderful start to the year. Well done Year 1!












YEAR 2

OUTDOOR AREAS

Year 2 have had a great first week settling into their new class. They have been busy exploring their new classroom and outdoor area. The children have already shown how incredibly resourceful and creative they are.





