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MILLFIELD
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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It was fantastic to welcome so many families to our Harvest Festival service last Friday, led by our Spiritual Director, James Stephenson. I trust that everyone enjoyed the service and of course the homemade apple juice!

Last weekend we had our first Exeat break, which I hope gave pupils the opportunity to rest and recharge. We have certainly been back into the swing of things this week, with sports fixtures, House Singing practice, production rehearsals and all the usual busyness of school life. We are now only two weeks away from Half Term and I am, as always, slightly shocked at how quickly the term is flying by.

On Tuesday, we hosted the first race in the Mendip Junior League, with around 480 runners from primary schools across the county joining us. It has become a brilliant event so a huge thank you to all the staff who helped to organise it, and to all the parents who came along to support the runners.

Today, it was a pleasure to welcome prospective families to our Pre-Prep Open Day, and we are looking forward to welcoming more families to our Prep Open Day tomorrow. These events are always a great opportunity to showcase the school, and I know that our pupils and staff will do a wonderful job of showing visitors what makes Millfield Prep such a special place.

Have a great weekend when it arrives, and let's hope the sunshine stays with us for our Open Event tomorrow.

Yours,
Dan

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Millfield Prep and Pre-Prep does not tolerate any harassment in any form towards our pupils/staff

PARENT NOTICES

PCC Coffee Morning: Let's Talk 'Thrive'

All parents are warmly invited to join us in the Pavilion on Saturday 10 October from 8.30–9.30am.

Meet our external support team, Craig (Occupational Therapist) and Heather (Speech and Language Therapist). We hope you can join us for coffee and a chance to connect again and discuss supporting phonics and maths at home. Do let us know if there is anything you would like us to focus on this year in our future coffee mornings.

Please let us know if you'll be joining us by completing this form.

Hello Yellow

Join us this Hello Yellow Friday, 9 October 2026.

Wear something yellow with your uniform and say hello as we celebrate 10 years of standing out, starting conversations and raising funds – so no young person feels alone with their mental health. Suggested donation of £2 to your Group Tutor.

Medical Centre

If your child suffers with travel sickness and requires medication, please can we ask that you bring this into the medical centre in a named box so that we can administer when needed.

BOOK FAIR

24th Sept - 6th Oct

Your child will have the opportunity to browse the fair and, if they see anything they like, they can create a wish list.

If you would like to purchase the books on their wish list, please visit www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay or use the QR code below

Please make sure the wish list is returned to Mrs Caulfield in the library, so we can see what your child has chosen.





EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

If you are a Prep rider, these events are coming up soon:

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.



FOOTBALL

Please ensure that your child brings and wears shin pads for all football sessions, including games, invite and club sessions. **Shin pads are required for children to participate in contact play**.

If you are collecting another child at the end of the day, please ensure that group tutors and Reception (prepreception@millfieldschool.com) are informed as far in advance as possible.

Prep Social Media Accounts

Stay up to date on the latest news and events!

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



When: Sunday 21st March - Saturday 27th March

Open to anyone from Year 6, 7 and 8

- **All levels welcome:** Beginners to Advanced
- **How do I sign my child up:** Complete the Booking Form Here or email Mrs. Robbins
- robbins.g@millfieldschool.com
- **Closing Date for sign up:** Thursday 1 October 2026



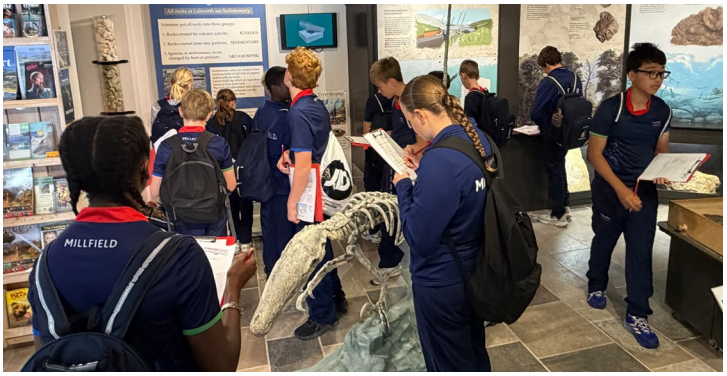
GEOGRAPHY

Year 8 had a wonderful time visiting Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, along the Jurassic Coast in Dorset. The focus of the geography field trip was to investigate how the sea has shaped the coastline, as well as the impact of tourism on the area. It was good to be out of the classroom and see the magnificent coastal features. Many pupils are keen to return to the area with their own families and explore it even further.



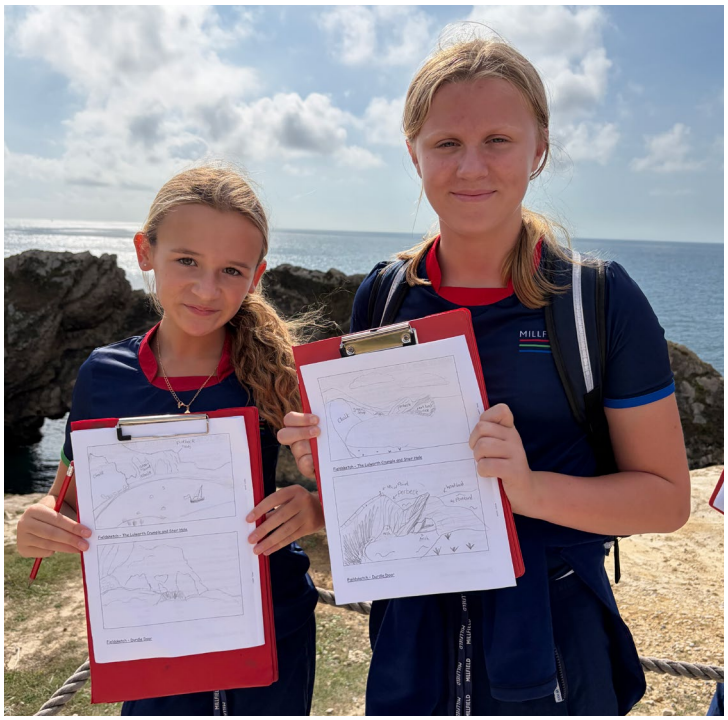














FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This week, pupils in Years 4–8 have been making pasta, with each year group building on their skills and knowledge as the recipes became more challenging. It has been lovely to see their confidence, independence and practical skills develop across the years. Here are some pictures from this week's lessons!







Year 6 enjoyed their first lesson in the new Food Technology room, making chocolate chip cupcakes with a focus on raising agents.




In a single lesson, Year 8 made simple banana and berry smoothies, focusing on vitamin C and fibre. A quick, practical lesson with a tasty result!





DT

It has been great to see Year 5 working hard in the workshop, shaping and preparing their autograph cricket bats. They have read technical drawings to work out the sizes and used a variety of cutting and sanding tools. The next step it to prepare the computer generated vinyl stickers. Great work Year 5!







BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

It was wonderful to welcome our boarders back after Exeat and to see them return with real gusto to their academic work, sport and extracurricular commitments.

Congratulations must go to all our girls involved in the upcoming production of Frozen. Rehearsals are gathering pace, with lines, songs and dance routines now being committed to memory. We cannot wait to see all their hard work come together!

It has also been lovely to see just how well everyone is settling into life in Hollies. This week in particular, our Year 7 and Year 8 girls have blended beautifully, supporting, encouraging and laughing with one another like true sisters. We are incredibly proud of the warm and caring community they are creating together.

Huge thank you to **Tilly** who baked a delicious chocolate caramel slice for the house as an end of Exeat treat!





CHESTNUT

It was a pleasure to welcome the girls back to Chestnut House following Exeat and to hear all about their weekends away. Sunday evening was filled with conversation, laughter, and plenty of catching up as everyone settled back into house life. A special thank you to **Velanie**, who kindly shared some delicious homemade bakes with the girls, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The evening was rounded off with a lively game of Sardines, bringing lots of fun and laughter as the girls enjoyed spending time together.

We also enjoyed celebrating **Daphne's** birthday in style with a delightful afternoon tea. The girls tucked into a wonderful selection of sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls, and a beautifully decorated chocolate birthday cake. Alongside the delicious treats, everyone enjoyed the tea-themed games, creating a memorable afternoon of celebration and friendship. Happy birthday **Daphne**!

These special moments of friendship, laughter, and celebration are what make Chestnut House feel like family. We look forward to creating many more memories together in the weeks ahead.









BEREWALL

The Exeat came at just the right time for the boys to pause and refresh after a busy first 3 weeks. We were all back in the swing very soon though, as Monday morning came around and the normal routine kicked in. The week has been a busy one, with clubs, fixtures and games sessions making up most of the time outside of lessons. A big well done to the Year 7 boys, who had a very long day on Wednesday, playing rugby in Bristol. We made sure that the tuck was on the table when they returned and it certainly cheered them up! The nights are drawing in now, so the Berewall games room is becoming popular. We have some budding pool players in the house, we will see! Have a great weekend.





CHAMPION

It was lovely to welcome the boys back after the Exeat weekend! It was also nice to catch up with so many parents and have the opportunity to share such positive news about how the first few weeks of term have been going. The boys were pleased to see each other again, catching up and sharing stories about their weekends. They have enjoyed making the most of the outdoor space, spending time on the swings and tree trail, as well as taking part in some lively games of Bulldog with Mr Brown! It has also been lovely to see a couple of the boys practising their instruments together this week. It is always great to see them sharing their interests and getting some practice in!











SPORTING NEWS

EQUESTRIAN

We had the best time at our Exeat Fun Session. All the children enjoyed having a pony ride, showjumping with the hobby horses and the fun activity on the yard!! So much so we have decided to run another one on the 20th November 2026 at the next Exeat.








Isla and **Dory** competed at MPEC at the weekend. **Isla** rode well earning a Clear Round and a 1st place for the British Showjumping JFS class.



SQUASH

Congratulations to **Lea** in Year 8 on her success at the Danish Junior Open.

Representing the German National Team, Lea achieved an impressive 7th-place finish. She has already represented Germany twice at the Under-15 European Championships.

After a series of strong performances, Lea reached the quarter-finals, where she was narrowly defeated by a player from Papua New Guinea.

Well done, Lea! We look forward to hearing about your future achievements.





MENDIP LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY

Millfield hosted the first race in the Mendip Junior League on Tuesday. We had around 480 runners from primary schools all around the county. It has become a big event and the starts were loud, exciting and fast. It is so nice to see so many pupils running around our course.

The grounds and gardens team marked out an easy to follow but quite tough course and there were some tired faces arriving back at the finish. All of runners showed fantastic determination and now have a target position to try and improve in the next race.

Top finishers this race were **Alfred W** who was 5th in the Year 5 and 6 race, **Freddie J**, **Sam E**,and **Jack C** (Year 3) who finished 5th, 6th and 10th respectively in the Year 3 and 4 race. Our Year 3 and 4 girls were away at a hockey festival so it was only our Year 5 and 6 runners who raced this time. **Georgina G** almost caught our intern who was the hare for the race and **Sage** followed her home in third (she has another year in the age group).

A massive thank you to the staff who helped run this big event and to all of the parents who supported the runners. Next race will be in November at Downside School and fingers crossed that the dry weather will hold but it is unlikely!











SWIMMING

Well done to our 17 swimmers who competed in the ESSA Relay heats last week. The team demonstrated excellent spirit and produced some strong early-season performances. The Girls' A and B teams finished first and second respectively in both the freestyle and medley relays, while the Boys' A and B teams secured top six finishes in both relay events.



Florence has recently, outside of school, been involved in pentathlon and surf life saving.

In terms of pentathlon, **Florence** has a U13 Biathle World Championship race in Maderia coming up at end of October during half term. This is something she seems really excited for!

Whilst she was home last weekend, **Florence** attended her surf life saving club awards evening. She was awarded 'Nipper of the Year', following a very successful National Championships a few weeks ago at the end of the summer holidays. She became National U12 Champion in the Surf Swim event and National U12 Champion in the Golden Nipper (Swim, Board, Run) event.

Florence has also won a silver and bronze medal in team events with a few of her club (Sidmouth SLSC) team mates. She is very keen to keep this going next season if possible, and will see how things are going as the year goes by.



HOCKEY

Our fantastic Year 3 and Year 4 made the trip to Bryanston School to compete in a hockey festival. The girls grew into the tournament, learning more and more, game by game. **Mrs Bodman**, **Mr Brown** and **Miss Crowley** were all super proud of how tenaciously they worked and were an absolute pleasure to spend the afternoon with. Exciting times ahead!





Another great day watching the U13A girls further develop their hockey skills, participating in the Bryanston Tournament.

The team displayed increasing game awareness and an excellent work ethic throughout their 6 matches, going top of the table and progressing to win the semi and final, to be crowned champions. The team created huge amounts of goal scoring opportunities for each other, scoring 18 today and only conceding 1. However, clinical finishing will be the ongoing focus point. Well done girls!



FOOTBALL

Well done to the U10 girls who played in their first football fixture for the school this year. They all had the chance to play in lots of positions and a great amount of learning took place.

Special mention to **Eva** and **Zara** who played a half each in goal and made some super saves!



U13 girls are off to the National Football Championship after winning their regional qualifiers. The girls were emphatic, going unbeaten and just conceding two goals all day. What was particularly pleasing for us coaches, was receiving praise from opposition and hosts about the teams style of football and how the girls played in the spirit of the game.

Squad: **Beattie R, Hettie H, Flossie W, Louisa C, Evelyn L, Harper B, Immy M, Alba M, Grace S**.



On Thursday U12 girls bowed out of the ESFA big school cup in valiant fashion. It was so pleasing to see so many Year 6 girls on the pitch playing up and showing how strong the girls pathway is becoming at the school!



Terrific performance from U13 girls team as the saw off Truro High School in the first round of the ISFA cup. A fantastic team performance meant many happy faces on the mini bus journey home! Well done to all involved.



U12 girls team back in training this week after getting past Hayslefield in the cup. Special shout out to **Giovanna** in goal, who made numerous excellent saves to help her team - Well done G!



U13 boys made the long trip to Sir William Romney worthwhile, leaving it late to score 5 to progress to the next round.
Well done to all involved.



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KEY DATES

Friday 9 October -Hello Yellow Day
Suggested £1 donation. Wear something yellow to support mental health.

Wednesday 14 October
Frog parents visit classroom and Reception class.

Friday 16 October -Half Term
School finishes at 12 midday.

MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It was lovely to see so many families at our Harvest Celebration last week. Thank you once again for your generosity with donations. These will be shared with our local food bank and will make a real difference to those in our community. We are incredibly proud of the children for their wonderful performances.

This week in Tadpoles, it has been all about smoothies... yum! The children enjoyed creating a role-play café and deciding on some delicious smoothie combinations, including banana, blueberry and strawberry. They had great fun exploring different fruits and talking about their favourites. Ask your child which smoothie they enjoyed the most!

Frogs have been making the most of the signs of autumn all around us. The children have collected a wonderful selection of autumn treasures and used them to create some fantastic leaf people. Their creativity and imagination have brought the season to life, and they have loved exploring the changing world around them.

Reception have set off on an exciting journey into space! The children have been busy designing their own rockets and thinking carefully about what they would need for an adventure beyond Earth. They were challenged to choose just five things to take with them. A very tricky decision! Did you make it into your child's top five?

Year 1 and Year 2 have started an exciting new topic all about transport and how we get from A to B. To launch their learning, the children brought in their scooters and also made use of the school's scooters and bikes for a fun afternoon on the playground. Alongside developing their riding skills, they learned about staying safe both on and near the roads and how to use their scooters responsibly.

We finished the week with plenty of smiles as every child had their school photograph taken, which will be on sale shortly.

We hope you enjoy reading about everything else the children have been learning and experiencing this week. As always, there has been lots of enthusiasm, curiosity and wonderful learning taking place across the Pre-Prep.

Yours,
Mike

PRE-PREP
HOUSE TOTALS

HOUSE	ANGLES	DANES	JUTES	SAXONS
OVERALL	696	647	710	626

AUTUMNAL PLAY

The Frogs had a wonderful treat on Tuesday afternoon when some of the Year 2 children came to visit. They had a lovely time playing, learning and working together. The Frogs really enjoyed spending time with the older children, who were fantastic role models, helping them, encouraging them and sharing their skills and knowledge. It was wonderful to see the children building positive relationships and learning from one another across the year groups.







This week we having been sharing the story 'Leaf Man'. It inspired us to create our own leaf person. Firstly, we enjoyed going on a walk around the school to see what autumnal objects we could find. This was very exciting and we enjoyed filling our basket. Back in class we chose the different objects we would like to use to create our leaf person. We also took this theme to Forest School and created a conker person!

We were all very engaged in our creations and our leaf and conker people look fantastic!







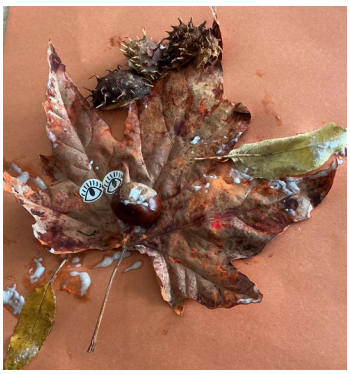














YEAR 1 & 2

TRANSPORT

The children had a brilliant time on their scooters and school bikes, travelling from A to B. They carefully weaved through the cones before riding around the playground road. This exciting activity helped to launch our new topic, 'From A to B', where we will be learning all about different modes of transport. The children showed great enthusiasm and confidence as they developed their balance, coordination and road awareness skills while having lots of fun!













