Milldown CE Academy

Inspire – Believe – Achieve

I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6

Newsletter 4
2nd October 2026

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for our Harvest service next week, we would like to remind families to bring in any **donations** for the local food bank into school on **Tuesday 6th October**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps support members of our community who may need a little extra help during this time of year.



Our **Harvest Service** will take place at **Blandford Parish Church** next week on **Tuesday 6th October**. All families are invited to attend and can **arrive at the church from 9:15am**. **The service will begin at 9:45am**. All children should arrive at school as normal on the day, **dressed in full school uniform**.

A reminder that **Monday 5th October** is an **INSET Day** and therefore school will be closed to all pupils. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 6th October.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We look forward to celebrating the harvest season together.

Best wishes
Mr Luke Ronayne
Headteacher

Uniform



A reminder to all families that our school uniform is an important part of our identity and helps create a smart, positive environment where everyone feels proud to belong. Please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform each day and follow our uniform expectations. For reference, information on school uniform and our uniform policy can be found on our website: www.milldown.dsat.org.uk/uniform and an **infographic** outlining our uniform expectations can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Our School Vision - Inspire, Believe, Achieve



At Milldown CE Academy, our vision is to foster a thriving community built around our shared desire to Inspire, Believe and Achieve. Rooted in Jesus' words,**"I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6)**, we encourage every child to develop a love of learning, understand their value and purpose and be inspired to achieve their very best.

Conversation Starters at Home

What inspired you today?
Who inspires you and why?
What challenge have you overcome this week?
How did you show kindness to someone today?
What would you like to achieve this term?
How can you help others to flourish?

By talking about inspiration at home, we can work together to help every child live out our vision and flourish in all they do.



Road Safety

A gentle reminder to all children and families to **stay on the pavement** when arriving at school, particularly during the busy morning drop-off period. We have received reports of some pupils entering the road adjacent to the school entrance towards the pre-school while cars are passing. By using the footpath and taking extra care near the gates, we can all help to ensure that everyone arrives safely and starts the school day positively. Thank you for your support in reinforcing this **important safety message** with your children.



Week Beginning 28th September 2026
Whole School Attendance

97.6%

Well done
Squirrels

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception Hedgehogs	97.8%
Year 1 Squirrels	99.2%
Year 2 Foxes	98.3%
Year 3 Woodpeckers	98.3%
Year 4 Falcons	98.9%
Year 5 Kites	98.2%
Year 6 Owls	93.3%

Diary Dates

October 2026
Monday 5 October
INSET Day - No school for pupils
Tuesday 6 October
Harvest Service at Blandford Parish Church – Families arrive from 9:15am for a 9:45am start
Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 October
3:30–6:30pm - Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings
Booking will be available via Arbor closer to the dates

Monday 26 – Friday 30 October
Autumn Half Term Break

November 2026
Monday 2 November
First Day Back for Pupils

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Branded and non-branded uniform are both welcome

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Inspired to belong, ready to learn

ADAPTIVE UNIFORM OPTIONS WELCOMED

Many retailers offer adaptive school uniform to support your child's comfort, independence and individual needs.

EVERYDAY UNIFORM



White long-sleeve or short-sleeve shirt, or white polo shirt (logo or plain)



Navy school jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (logo or plain)



Black or grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore



Blue and white checked summer dress (optional)



Plain black school shoes

PE UNIFORM



Plain purple T-shirt (logo or plain)



Black shorts, joggers or sports leggings



Navy or black jumper or sweatshirt (as needed)



Trainers

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR:

Hoodies for PE.



PLEASE REMEMBER

LONG HAIR
should be tied back.

JEWELLERY
should be kept to a minimum (stud earrings and a simple religious necklace only).

APPEARANCE
Nail varnish, make-up and dyed hair should not be worn in school.

ADAPTIVE UNIFORM
Adaptive uniform options are welcomed.

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This harvest we are collecting for

Nourish

A community larder and food bank

DONATION IDEAS

- Rice
- Instant noodles
- Tinned vegetables/soup
- Dry foods
- jam & marmalade
- Washing up liquid
- Sanitary items
- Baby food



Please bring donations to school on Tuesday 6th October.

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