Milldown CE Academy

Inspire – Believe – Achieve

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

Newsletter 5
9th October 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
It was a pleasure to come together on Monday for our first church event of the year, our **Harvest Service**. The children spoke about our wonderful world with confidence and enthusiasm, making us all incredibly proud. A particular highlight was singing **"Conkers"**. Judging by the smiles and enthusiasm on display, it remains a firm Milldown favourite!

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations to **Nourish**. Your kindness will make a real difference to those in our local community who need support.



We are also grateful to **Reverend Chris, Megan and Lyndsey** for helping to make the service such a special occasion and the whole **Milldown team** for supporting children walking to and from the church. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.

It was a **wonderful celebration** of thankfulness, community and togetherness.

Best wishes
Mr Luke Ronayne
Headteacher

A gentle reminder that **children should not bring personal toys, games or other special items into school** unless this has been agreed in advance with their class teacher.

Whilst we understand that children may be keen to share their favourite belongings with friends, personal items can easily become lost, damaged or cause distractions during the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused and purposeful learning environment for all children.

Battle of the Bands! 🎸

Calling all children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6! It's time to get practising and logging into **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** every day to help your class win our exciting **Battle of the Bands** competitions!
This half term, it's:

- ⭐ **Year 3 vs Year 4**
- ⭐ **Year 5 vs Year 6**

The competition is based on **class average scores**, so every login and every correct answer counts. Whether you're a TTRS superstar or just getting started, everyone can help their class climb to the top!
The winning classes in each battle will receive a certificate, and the **overall champions** could also earn an **extra playtime in the final week before half term**!
So, grab your guitar, rock those times tables and help your class become the ultimate TTRS champions! 🤘🎵
Remember: every player makes a difference!

Week Beginning 28th September 2026
Whole School Attendance

96.3%

⭐ **Well done** ⭐
Falcons!

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception Hedgehogs 	95.6%
Year 1 Squirrels 	92.4%
Year 2 Foxes 	98.6%
Year 3 Woodpeckers 	99.1%
Year 4 Falcons 	99.6%
Year 5 Kites 	95.5%
Year 6 Owls 	92.9%

Diary Dates

October 2026
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



Peace Love Patience Joy Self-control Kindness