Milldown CE Academy

Inspire – Believe – Achieve

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

Newsletter 6
16th October 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a fantastic week it has been at Milldown Academy!

It was wonderful to receive so many certificates for children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. I was genuinely astounded by just how many certificates were presented. It was a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of so many pupils who dedicated time over the summer to developing a love of reading. Their enthusiasm and commitment are a real credit to themselves and their families.

Thank you also to all parents and carers who attended our parent consultation meetings this week. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to share and discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and work together to support the next steps in their learning journey.

On Thursday, all children enjoyed taking part in an exciting Kidz Fit Workshop. These engaging sessions combine elements of the PSHE and PE curriculum, helping children to explore the benefits of a healthy lifestyle in a fun, active and age-appropriate way. It was fantastic to see the energy, enthusiasm and participation shown by pupils throughout the day. The workshops encouraged children to think about their physical and mental wellbeing while having lots of fun along the way.

A reminder that we will have our first School Disco for this academic year next week on Thursday 22nd October, more details can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Best wishes
Mr Luke Ronayne
Headteacher

Eco Team Success - Green Flag with Distinction!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Sims and our dedicated Eco Team on their outstanding achievement of receiving the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction award for 2025-2026.

This prestigious recognition reflects the tremendous effort, commitment and passion shown by our pupils and staff in caring for the environment. Achieving Green Flag with Distinction demonstrates that the school consistently goes above and beyond in promoting sustainability, environmental awareness and positive action within our school community.



We are incredibly proud of Mrs Sims and the Eco Team for leading this important work and helping to ensure that Milldown Academy continues to make a meaningful difference for our environment, both now and for future generations. Well done to everyone involved! We will soon have our plaque displayed to celebrate this!

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 12th October 2026
Whole School Attendance
96.9%

Well done
Falcons

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception Hedgehogs 	98.5%
Year 1 Squirrels 	92.9%
Year 2 Foxes 	96.7%
Year 3 Woodpeckers 	97.2%
Year 4 Falcons 	99.7%
Year 5 Kites 	98.7%
Year 6 Owls 	95.4%

Diary Dates

October 2026

Thursday 22nd October
School Disco after school

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Autumn Half Term Break

November 2026

Monday 2nd November
First Day Back for Pupils

Friday 13th November
Children in Need

Anti-Bullying Week 2026
Monday, November 16 to Friday, November 20, 2026





Peace



Love



Patience



Joy



Self-control



Kindness


Friends of Milldown
SCHOOL DISCO!
Thursday 22nd October
Reception & year 1: 3.15-4pm
Y2,3 & 4: 4-5pm
Y5 & 6: 5-6pm
£2.50 per child, Reception & year 1
£3 per child for all other years
Payable on Arbor until 22nd Oct at 12pm
Snack, drink and a glow stick included!
Reception and year 1, please bring your disco clothes to school on the day
Parentkind



Peace Love Patience Joy Self-control Kindness