

Excel, Endeavour and Enjoy

“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.”

The heart of our school!

We are so proud of how your children have settled back into school life. All children will have the opportunity to use our beautiful school library next week – thank you to the PTA who raised money towards this project. Our library is already becoming the ‘heart’ of our school.



I’m sure you’ll agree, it truly is a wonderful space for children to read and learn.

Put your feet up Mrs Brown!

We would like to wish Mrs Brown lots of rest and relaxation as she starts her maternity leave! Baby Brown is due imminently – we will keep you posted as soon as we hear any news!



Reading Curriculum

This academic year we have welcomed an exciting change to our library and reading system. After endless research by our in school English team in conjunction with advice from the English Hub, we have identified the benefits and need to move to an age-related approach rather than a book banding system.

All of our children will have access to a wide variety of high-quality age-related books, both fiction and non-fiction, which they can find in both our new library and their class libraries. These reading for pleasure books have been carefully and professionally selected for your children's age and can be read and changed during many points in the school week. Alongside this, those children who are still working through the Little Wandle scheme for phonics and fluency, will bring home that book too in order to further practice reading, alongside their reading for pleasure book. Please see attached letter provided by our Phonics lead, Mrs Brown, for more information on this.

Both books can and should be recorded in their reading diaries when shared at home and these written entries by parents and children will be checked by class teachers once a week. Teachers will still continue to deliver daily reading lessons and continually monitor reading progress, following our assessment procedures and will speak to parents at parents evening or sooner if any concerns are raised.

We do hope that you enjoy reading these beautiful new books with your children at home as much as we have been in school. The children are extremely excited to get their hands on new books!

This year we are working towards achieving Silver Reading Pledge after securing the **Bronze** award last year.



Celebration Assembly

We start our celebration assemblies next Friday, 20th September! Parents and carers will be contacted by the school office, via a text message on the Wednesday of that week if your child has been chosen. We can't wait to welcome you back into school to share in our celebrations. Please arrive at the main office, not through classrooms.



PE Days

Barley/Reception Class – Thursday
Wheat/Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday
Rye/Year 2 – Monday and Thursday
Poplar/Year 3 – Tuesday and Wednesday
Willow/Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday
Typhoon/Year 5 – Monday and Thursday
Vulcan/Year 6 – Thursday and Friday
Children must wear a full PE kit as per our kit list.

Synergy Coaching has started with some places still available for after school Synergy clubs. Please see previous email containing the link. We will also be in touch in the next few weeks regarding extra-curricular clubs on offer.

Teacher Emails

If you wish to discuss anything with your class teacher, please contact using their email. Please be aware that we respond to emails within 48 hours. If it is urgent, please phone the school office and pass on a message.

Miss Woosey (Headteacher)

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Mr Wise (Year 6)

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Flu Immunisation

Please see attached letter to sign up to the flu vaccines (nasal spray) if you have not already done so. This has been sent out in previous communications.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Update

Welcome back to all our wonderful Millfield families. The PTA are looking forward to doing some more great fundraising this year and organising fun events and activities for the children.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our events last year and we hope you continue to support us this year. We raised over £15,000 last year that paid towards things like school trips, STEM resources and the new library furniture (which is looking amazing). As always, we can only do this with the help of our amazing volunteers, so thanks to all of you who gave some time last year, even a couple of hours makes a huge difference.

As we begin another exciting school year, we are reaching out to invite you to become more involved in our school community by joining the PTA. The PTA plays a crucial role in supporting our school, enriching the educational experience of our children, and fostering a strong sense of community among families and staff. We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our fabulous group who can bring ideas, energy, and commitment to our efforts. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a role for everyone. From helping organise events and fundraisers to assisting with school discos or simply lending a hand when needed, every contribution makes a difference.

If you're interested in joining or would like to continue supporting us from last year, please join us at our AGM in the school hall on **Monday 23rd September at 7pm**. We would love to have you on board!

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The formal part of the AGM is to elect our 3 committee members - chair, treasurer and secretary. Whilst our chair and treasurer plan to stay on in their roles, our secretary is stepping down as her son moved on to secondary school this year, we are therefore looking for a volunteer for the role. Main role includes: Minutes from the AGM and 4/5 other meetings; drafting letters for donations and tracking prizes; being 1 of 3 trustees for the PTA; assisting at the main events. Templates for all documents are already in place.

If you are interested please contact our Chair Kerrie Anderson on 07731557750 for more details.

Warm Regards,



Miss Donna Woosey (Headteacher)

Academy Calendar Dates – Term 1

Date	Event	Class
17/9/24	Travelling Book Fair	All classes
18/9/24	Swimming at Branston Academy	Year 6 for 6 weeks
23/9/24	PTA Meeting – AGM 7.00pm	All parents welcome (school hall)
26/9/24	Flu Immunisation (nose spray)	All classes
1/10/24	Phonics Workshop for Parents	Reception and Year 1 parents only (no children)
11/10/24	Harvest Festival	All classes
18/10/24	Final day of term	

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Term 1

Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 18th October 2024

Holiday: Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th October 2024

Term 2

Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

Holiday: Saturday 21st December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025

Includes Public Holidays: Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December, Wednesday 1st January

Term 3

Tuesday 7th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

Holiday: Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd February 2025

Term 4

Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

Holiday: Saturday 5th to Monday 21st April 2025

Includes Public Holidays: Friday 18th and Monday 21st April

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025

Holiday: Saturday 24th May 2025 to Sunday 1st June 2025

Includes Public Holidays: Monday 5th & Monday 26th May

Term 6

Monday 2nd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025