

## Newsletter

**Door bell and phone.** If you are late for arrival or need to collect your child early we ask that you come to the school office and ring the bell. Please be aware that we will have heard the bell but in order to not compromise care we cannot respond immediately. Please be patient, we will get to you. The same applies if you phone us, leave a message and we'll be able to get back to you if needed.

**Donations** – Do you have any of the following in your cupboard that's out of date, pasta, lentils, flour, shaving foam, herbs, spices, tea bags? We use all of these throughout the year in play. Flour with weevils in is ok as we freeze it. :0

**EYFS – Legislation Sept 2025.** There have been a few changes to the regulations we work under from 1/9/25. The things that you may notice are as follows.

- Absence – if you have not advised of an absence we will be contacting you by 9.30 with a reason for non attendance. We will make 3 attempts at contacting parents by midday if we cannot contact you we will then move onto the emergency contacts (usually extended family members) to ascertain the child's whereabouts/welfare.
- Allergies. We already gain this information about children's allergies but we will be updating our staff knowledge on the updated list of potential allergens. As this is A NUT FREE SCHOOL Please do check that NUTS are not present in any form in your child's lunch. This means that we will label and return anything that has nuts in it. Please be aware that some flapjacks and chocolate flavoured products have nuts as a bulking and flavouring agent. Please check packets – Allergens will appear in BOLD.
- Medication – for any child on long term medication e.g Asthma inhaler, we will require advice via a care plan from your GP.
- Nutrition – promoting a balanced diet. The only thing we ban is NUTS. We take care to give your child a broad experience of flavours and food through snack, play and cooking. We appreciate that young children are developing food preferences and can be picky but if we consider a child's diet, from what we see in their lunch box, to be lacking in nutrition based on The Eatwell plate (see attached – paper copy) we will discuss this with you.

Whilst we are on the subject of food can we please reiterate that grapes should be cut in half length ways and popcorn should be avoided for under 5's as they are a choking hazard. Other choking hazards are identified in this list.

[https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Early%20Years%20Choking%20Hazard%20Table\\_English.pdf](https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Early%20Years%20Choking%20Hazard%20Table_English.pdf)

Term and event dates.

*All inset and term dates are set, there may be a few more events to add as the year progresses, and when these occur we will advise you ASAP. All dates are in line with Milborne St Andrew First School.*

Term Dates 2025-2026	

<i>September 2025</i>	
<i>Monday 1st September</i>	Inset Day
<i>Tuesday 2nd September</i>	First Day Of Autumn term
<i>Thursday 25th September</i>	MSA First School Open Morning, new starters 2026 @ 10am -11am
<i>October</i>	
<i>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</i>	Stay, play and learn at Ladybirds 9 am – 10am
<i>Wednesday 22nd October</i>	Halloween Disco @ 4pm
<i>Wednesday 22nd October</i>	October Last Day Of Term (3:30pm Finish)
<i>Thursday 23rd October</i>	Inset Day
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</i>	Inset Day
<i>November</i>	
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</i>	First day of School
<i>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</i>	Remembrance Day
<i>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</i>	MSA First School Open morning for new starters 2026 @10am – 11am
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</i>	Children in Need
<i>December</i>	
<i>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</i>	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas fayre @3pm
<i>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</i>	FoS Christmas meal
<i>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</i>	Carols around the Christmas Tree @6pm
<i>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</i>	Last day of term
<i>Monday 22- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</i>	Christmas Holidays
<i>January 2026</i>	
<i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</i>	Inset Day
<i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</i>	First day of Spring Term
<i>February</i>	
<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</i>	Valentines Disco @4pm
<i>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	Half Term ( Pancake day is on the Tuesday)
<i>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</i>	First day of school
<i>March</i>	
<i>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March</i>	World Book Day
<i>Monday 16th March</i>	Stay, play and learn at Ladybirds 9am – 10am
<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</i>	Red Nose Day
<i>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</i>	Decorated egg competition – entries and judging Egg rolling 3.10 pm on the field
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</i>	Last day of term
<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</i>	Easter Holidays
<i>April</i>	
<i>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</i>	Inset day
<i>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</i>	First day of Summer Term
<i>May</i>	
<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</i>	Bank Holiday
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</i>	Photographer
<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</i>	Last day of term
<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</i>	May Half Term
<i>June</i>	
<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</i>	First Day of School
<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Stay, play and learn at Ladybirds 9am – 10am

<i>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Whole school Sports Day
<i>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Sports day ( reserve date)
<i>July</i>	
<i>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</i>	Summer Fayre @2.30pm
<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Leavers celebration – 2.30 pm
<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Last day of Term
<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Inset day
<i>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</i>	Summer Holidays.

Every term we will be having a 'STAY PLAY AND LEARN' hour where you can stay and we will have some activities that show how learning through play can be achieved. This terms is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9-10 am please do come along 😊

Learning this half term. Our working topic is ALL ABOUT ME, which gives us a wide range of learning as we are all so different. In the coming week we'll be giving everyone a scrap book which is their 'All about me' book that we'd really appreciate you adding to by filling in the introduction. We are asking for photos and appreciate not everyone has print facilities – please do upload them to tapestry or email them into Sam [Leader@milbonreladybirds.com](mailto:Leader@milbonreladybirds.com) .

**Tapestry** – We intend to get this added at the beginning of the week; to let you know what your children will be learning. Photos will be added as we go along throughout the week.

We've always had learning objectives for all the children but we have not done so well on sharing this. We are going to try harder on this and will be documenting this in your child All about me book which we'll send home each half term. The book will also include any art that we can get in it. We've had a rearrange of storage and have given each child a named drawer in which their artwork and All about me book will be stored.