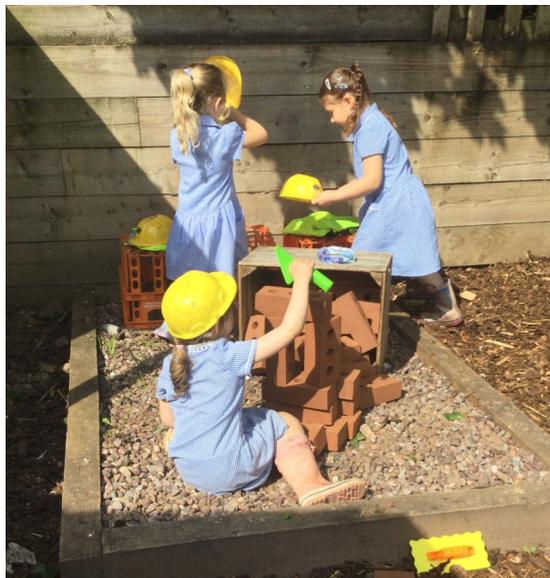




## Pre-School Fun at Forest School

Thanks to the amazing weather we've had over the last couple weeks, Pre-Schoolers have been able to explore and play in their newly refurbished Forest School area. This area is specially for our Pre-Schoolers and is located just down from our main Forest School site.

Willow Class have been able to make the most of being outside, learning and exploring through their outdoor play. From mud kitchens, to sand pits, to building areas to wildlife watching, children have plenty to enjoy!



**Our newly refurbished  
Pre-School  
Forest School area!**



## COVID Reminders

Whilst there is still a lot of uncertainty around the lifting of lockdown restrictions, we would like to remind parents and carers that the wearing of masks, (unless you are exempt), and social distancing on the playgrounds, car parks and vicinities around school is still mandatory.

We are disappointed to report that members of staff are having to pick up used masks that have been discarded on the Millfields car park after pick up and drop off. Please make sure you take your masks home and dispose of them in a bin.

Schools have not been told that we can ease on our measures that are in place and therefore we are continuing to work to our risk assessments.

We have decided, however, to bring together the two Year 4 classes for the last few weeks of term to form a year group bubble. This will enable the Year 4s to take part in their end of year / 'leavers' activities with their friends before they leave Millfields to go to Middle School.

If your child is unwell with a new continuous cough, loss of taste / smell or a raised temperature, please do not bring them to school. You will need to get your child a PCR test and the household will have to isolate until a negative result is received. If your child does not have symptoms, but is unwell you can always use a Lateral Flow Test to check that they do not have COVID. Lateral Flow Tests should only be used if you are asymptomatic.

Thank you to those parents and carers who continue to co-operate and support us with our efforts in reducing the spread of the virus.



## Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Children are not allowed to bring into school any foods such as cereal / chocolate bars that contain nuts. Peanut butter is absolutely **not** allowed in school. We have children in school that are allergic to nuts. Thank you.



## Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents / carers that as part of our Whole School Healthy Food Policy, children should bring a clear water bottle in to school every day which can be refilled as necessary during the day. We have started to see some children bringing squash into school to drink in class. Children can drink squash with their lunch at lunch times, however during lesson times we ask that children bring water in to keep themselves hydrated during the day. Water is not only a much healthier option for children, but also helps to alleviate any spillages and sticky messes in class.

A slice of fruit within the water bottle is a good option. All pupils will have access to water at lunch time meaning there is no need for an additional drink to be brought as part of a packed lunch, but pupils are able to bring a drink with them if parents wish.

Low sugar/ sugar free squash or fruit juice is allowed at lunch times. Please remember that glass bottles and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

During warmer weather children will be drinking more, please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school each day. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Forest School News

With the warmer weather we have been having of late, we understand that it would be tempting to send children to school in shorts and t-shirts for their Forest School session. However, long sleeves and long trousers are advised in all Forest School settings across the UK. This is to protect from sunburn (the sun is very strong at the moment) and it is also to protect from nettles, thorns, scratches, bites and grazes. Children must wear long sleeves and joggers for all their Forest School sessions. On sunny days, a hat is needed to protect children's heads from the sun. We offer the children a small dash of cold water in their hats if they feel too hot as it helps to cool them down. Please don't forget sun cream if sunny and waterproofs when wet!

This week children have been involved with water play and have been playing in the digging pit and under the trees to keep cool in the shade. Year 2 and 4 have used ice in experiments with salt, and Year 1 children have done a dinosaur excavation using tools to carefully chip the dinosaurs out of the ice. Other groups will be doing these activities soon!



## Great Big School Clean

You may remember in our last newsletter, that Millfields First School is taking part in the Great Big School Clean, which is part of the Great British Spring Clean, organised by Keep Britain Tidy.

Using our NEW litter picking equipment and high vis jackets, children from each class have been out and about helping to clear litter from around our school site.



We'd like to thank all children that took part for their efforts in helping to make our school litter free! Going forward, and once restrictions allow, we hope to be able to extend our litter picking to the areas around the outside of our school.

You may like to join in with litter picking around where you live. To find out more about local litter picks you can go to the 'Keep Bromsgrove Beautiful' Facebook page.



## Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during over the last couple of weeks...





## Gold Book

Each week we celebrate a child from every class who has demonstrated admirable attitude and / or behaviours that promote our school values. Our school values and attitudes are: Friendship, Kindness, Teamwork, Caring to the Community, Respect, Honesty, Independence, Charity and Helpfulness. Congratulations to all children who have made it in to the Gold Book over the last couple of weeks...

### *Millfields First School Gold Book*

*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

**Willow:** Boyd for sitting and listening to our class story this week. Well done Boyd, keep it up!

**Acorns H:** Harrison for thinking of some great questions for us to investigate our topic of 'On the Farm'.

**Acorns W:** Noah for brilliant problem solving in maths this week – well done Noah!

**Holly:** Isla S for brilliant focus and determination in maths. Her confidence in her own abilities is really beginning to grow!

**Maple:** Elijah for his positive attitude and enthusiasm displayed this week when completing all of his tasks. Well done Elijah!

**Beech:** Lena for her enthusiasm in all her lessons this week, taking on each challenge with a smile.

**Rowan:** Olivia for always being an absolute pleasure to have in Rowan Class. You always try your best and set a fantastic example to others. Thank you Olivia!

**Cedar:** Macey for always having a positive attitude to learning and contributing to class discussion.

**Cherry:** Freddie for always keeping us entertained with your bubbly personality, working hard in your lessons and being a great friend.

**Hazel:** Holly W for an excellent start to the term, playing well with friends and always offering to help with jobs around the classroom.

**Oak:** Harrison for becoming more confident to share his ideas in class discussions.

**Forest School:** Dexter, Cedar Class, for trying really hard to do the right thing during Forest School. Well done Dexter!

### *Millfields First School Gold Book*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

**Willow:** Ben for great input during focus time.

**Acorns H:** Lacey for becoming more confident to take part in whole class discussions and ask adult questions.

**Acorns W:** Seth for super quick answers when learning about doubling and halving.

**Holly:** Jasmine for always having such a fantastically positive attitude to her learning. She always tries her best and is determined to complete every challenge.

**Maple:** Charlotte for always working to the very best of her ability and for having such a positive attitude to all aspects of school life. Thank you Charlotte.

**Beech:** Paige for her independence and great effort in her lessons this week. We were particularly impressed with how you worked so hard in PSHE and Science this week.

**Rowan:** Llaynii-Jay for having a hugely improved attitude to learning and for coming to school with a smile! Keep it up!

**Cedar:** Isabella Y for her super attitude towards maths this week, we're really proud of you!

**Cherry:** Freya for having a great hard working attitude, you are always willing to learn something new and try your best in everything we do.

**Hazel:** Finley for great effort across his English work. You've applied adjectives, sentence types and made your writing engaging for the reader. Keep it up!

**Oak:** Jacob for kindness, lovely manners and for trying really hard to improve his work.

**Forest School:** Amelie, Hazel Class, for consistently being engaged with new learning and being a good role model.



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

# Term Dates 2021 / 2022

## Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2021 / 2022

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Monday 6th September 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021
<b>School Closed: Autumn Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021</b>	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 1st November 2021	Friday 17th December 2021
<b>School Closed: Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 20th December 2021 to Friday 31st December 2021</b>	
Spring Half Term 1	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Friday 18th February 2022
<b>School Closed: Spring Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022</b>	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 28th February 2022	Friday 8th April 2022
<b>School Closed: Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022</b>	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 25th April 2022	Friday 27th May 2022
<b>School Closed: Summer Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022</b>	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 7th June 2022	Friday 22nd July 2022

**School will also be closed on the following days:**

Teacher Training Days
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Monday 4th October 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 15th April 2022
May Day: Monday 2nd May 2022
Platinum Jubilee: Friday 3rd June 2022