



# Milton Mount Primary School

Friday 10 January 2025

Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a fantastic and restful break and are excited for everything that 2025 has to offer. It's been a chilly start with snow and ice to contend with but nothing has got in the way of our learning this week – not even a perplexingly stuck lorry on Grattons Drive! A big thanks to our Premises Manager Mr Sam for his early morning gritting efforts. Thank you parents for sending the children in with warm clothing and appropriate footwear this week. Wherever possible we will continue to go outside from break times, learning activities and Forest School. As the saying goes – there's no such thing as bad weather – only inappropriate clothing!

We welcome a number of new staff to Milton Mount this term:

Reception – Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Meunier and Mrs Garrod

Year 1 – Mrs Watt and Mrs Quarcoopome

Year 2 – Mrs Collins

Year 5 – Mr Goodhall

I know you will join me in welcoming them as they get to know their classes. If you have any concerns or worries, or if you just want to get to know your child's teacher a bit better, please feel free to speak to them at pick-up or make an appointment to see them through the office. All teachers should be set up on ClassDojo by the end of next week, which is great for those little messages and notifications. If you want to raise any concerns or worries, please do this in person or ask for a phone call!

Just a quick word on Parents Evenings – These will be held in the final week before half term – the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February. Details of appointments will be available soon.

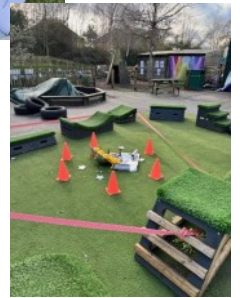
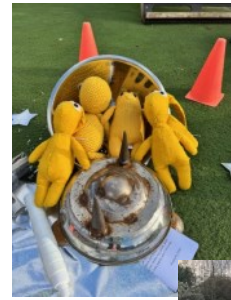
Finally – I'm very excited to be heading to the O2 with our Choir in a couple of weeks' time. I'm sure it will be a truly memorable extravaganza of song! A huge thanks to Mrs Coysh for her brilliant teaching and organisation.

All the best for an enjoyable weekend.

Tom Watt

# Early Years

It has been a very exciting start to the new term in Early Years as we had an alien crash landing in our outdoor area! On Tuesday afternoon, we all heard a loud crash and bang and when we came outside, we found 4 aliens and their spaceship sitting on the grass! They had a letter with them explaining that their name was Beegu and that they were from outer space. The children have been very excited by our new arrivals. They have been writing questions to ask them and learning facts about our planet Earth and country of England to share with them.



## Year 1



### Writer of the week

Acorn - Henry

Berry - Ovin

Catkins - Camilo



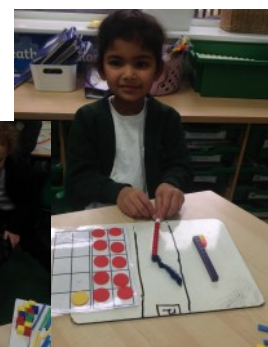
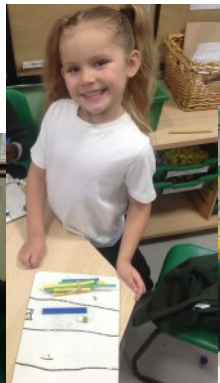
### Star of the week

Acorn - Luna

Berry - Violet

Catkins - David

This week in year 1 we have been busy getting stuck back into our learning. The children have been looking at place value within 20, using concrete apparatus to practically build the numbers. They have also started their work on mechanisms in D.T with the aim to design and build their own interactive picture by the end of this half term.



# Year 2



## Writer of the week

Bracken - Ralphy

Fern - Harry N

Ivy - Ciara



## Star of the week

Bracken - Daisie

Fern - Kassius

Ivy - Annie

We have had a lovely week this week welcoming the children back from the break and wishing them a very happy new year!

This week we have worked really hard at starting a new way of practicing our handwriting, already we are seeing so much improvement and we are super proud!

We have also welcomed a new member of staff to our Year 2 team, Mrs Collins. She will be in Bracken class every Friday having lots of fun

A big warm welcome to Mrs Collins!



## Writer of the week

Apple - Freia

Cherry - Kaven

Damson - Minal



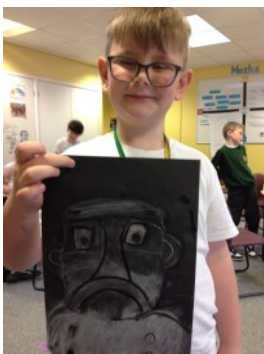
## Star of the week

Apple - Lilly

Cherry - Amaya

Damson - Oscar

We would like to say a huge welcome back to all our amazing Years 3s who have had a great 1<sup>st</sup> week back. We have started reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and the children did an amazing job at creating their own Iron man images using chalk techniques. In our English lessons we have been learning to write a successful character description using similes. In Geography we have started looking at the formation of the Earth and its 4 layers. We discovered that the outer core is hotter than the sun!





# Year 4



## Writer of the week

Beech - Oliver  
Chestnut - Sulaiman  
Hazel - Evangelista & Ryan



## Star of the week

Beech - Charlie  
Chestnut - Samuel  
Hazel - Mason A

Welcome back to this term. The children have settled back brilliantly and we have loved their enthusiasm and hard work despite the freezing weather outside! We have started our new topic of rivers, finding out what we know already and what we would like to find out more about. We have started reading the fantastic *Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave and the children have been really interested in the strange island of Joya.

# Year 5



## Writer of the week

Hornbeam - Mia  
Sycamore - Noah  
Willow - Ferne



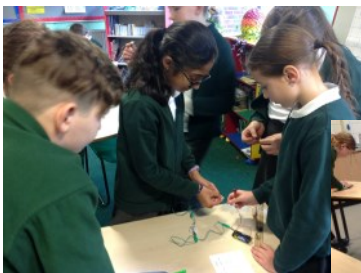
## Star of the week

Hornbeam - Scott  
Sycamore - Theo  
Willow - Sienna

Welcome back this term and happy new year! We loved seeing the children and hearing about their time with their families!

This week in Science, we explored the properties of various materials. The children investigated whether the materials were transparent, magnetic or electrically conductive. They had a great time seeing the light bulb illuminate to demonstrate conductivity. It was also surprising for them to discover that a copper bar we had in the classroom wasn't magnetic!

In Art, the children had a fantastic time customising six pages of their Art books with a range of techniques. The most popular customisations included creating pockets and altering the shapes of pages, allowing for creative expression and personalisation.



# YEAR 6



## Writer of the week

Field Maple - Renell

Mountain Ash - Abayomi

Silver Birch - Ashar-Ali



## Star of the week

Field Maple - Derick

Mountain Ash - Sana

Silver Birch - Keon



This week, Beech class enjoyed making spinners and spinning tops from wooden disks; some of them were really successful! Apple class made some fantastic representations of animal skeletons using sticks – can you guess from the pictures what the animals were? Field Maple class started mapping our school grounds for the National Education Nature Park. This is a new national programme aiming to map all of the school grounds in the country. Scientists will be looking at this data to see how diverse school grounds are and to give suggestions on how to make them more nature friendly. Ivy class enjoyed their first session of Forest Schools this year and sawed wooden disks to create animals. Unfortunately, our Ipad's battery didn't survive the cold weather so there are no photos! Hornbeam class carried out some grounds maintenance tasks such as adding woodchips to our paths. This will make a huge difference to the amount of mud in the woods this Winter. Catkin class had their first ever session of Forest Schools. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the woods and testing their climbing skills.







This week, the children in Year 5 learnt about Samba Music. We found out about the different instruments that are typically played in Latin America and tried out different rhythms on them. We sounded pretty good for a first try...especially with having to keep in time with the rest of our group while other groups played their rhythms at the same time!

Also, make sure to read all the way to the end of this newsletter and take a look at two exciting orchestra opportunities that West Sussex Music are putting together in 2025!



## Lupin

Someone hid all the grass on the field! I couldn't believe it. I had to spend ages sniffing around through all this cold, frosty stuff the little people call snow. Not one blade of grass was sniffable without my poor little nose getting frost bite. I tried to grab the broom but of course I was told to "drop it." What's a school dog to do...

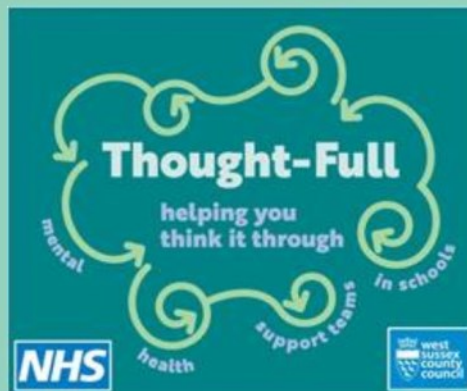


# TERM DATES 2024 – 2025

## INSET DAYS:

- 5 & 6 September 2024
- 4 November 2024
- 14 February 2025
- 21 & 22 July 2025

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 2 September <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November <b>Ends:</b> Friday 20 December
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2025
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 6 January <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 4 April
<b>Easter Break</b>	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 22 April <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May <b>Ends:</b> Tuesday 22 July



### Thought-Full parent workshops

Please let the school office know ([office@miltonmount.co.uk](mailto:office@miltonmount.co.uk)) if you wish to attend any of our Thought-Full parent workshops run by Max our Thought-Full Practitioner.

These themed workshops will run from 2pm to 3pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 29/01/2025: Sleep  
Wednesday 26/03/2025: Routines and Boundaries  
Wednesday 21/05/2025: Regulation  
Wednesday 16/06/2025: Anxiety



### **Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme 2025**

West Sussex Music is thrilled to announce the return this January of our incredibly successful initiative for beginner instrumentalists, back for its fourth year.

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme (TOP25) combines free instrumental lessons and free instrument loan with weekly orchestral sessions at one of five music centres, including Horsham Music Centre. Applications are now open!

Open to children in Key Stage 2, TOP25 has been created as a fast-track route from absolute beginner to confident orchestral musician within a few short months. TOP25 will also introduce children to the thrill of playing in an orchestra and playing in concert.

For more information, and how to book, please visit:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/top/>

### **Orchestra Inc. Returns**

Following a hugely successful run of sessions last term, West Sussex Music's inclusive SEND orchestra is back, with FOUR sessions this half-term!

Orchestra Inc. is an inclusive, creative music group for children and young people under 25 with special educational needs or disabilities, and their parents/carers.

This term, Orchestra Inc. is set to meet at the Horsham Music Centre on the following dates, from 12.30pm-1.30pm:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February

For more information, including a welcome video, and how to book, please visit: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/orchestras-inc/>



# We are hiring!

## Teaching Assistant

**Fixed term, 1 day/wk**

Closes: 22 January 2025



## Headteacher

**Permanent, full time**

Closes: 20 January 2025



### Internal candidates:

Vacancies bulletin and internal candidate application form can be viewed on Edupay (via Doc store).

View vacancies at:

[greensandacademytrust.co.uk](https://greensandacademytrust.co.uk)

