



MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

This week has been very busy with interviews being conducted for many jobs around school. The standard of applications was high and I was very impressed with how thoughtful the answers given at interview were. As in the real world of employment, not every application results in an interview. Please support your child by praising their desire to apply and having the resilience to cope with the outcome. We cannot get every job we apply for but there is always next time. We now have a new School Council, a committed group of Eco Warriors, new Play Buddies and new Lunch Buddies. Librarians will be shortlisted and interviewed next week.

School Improvement

A heavy duty path has been laid around the back of the school to keep it safe during the wetter months. This has already made a big difference and Year R have also tried it out as a dance floor! The outdoor learning environment has had some work completed by Year R with the able assistance of Mr Martin and Miss Garner. They have created a great new construction area and are feeling proud. The school has also been successful in securing funding for two years of MyHappyMind. This is a teaching platform and parent app to support developing children's mental health. The programme is funded by the NHS and has a great evidence base. Staff will be trained on our INSET day next Friday and we will be rolling it out after half term.



Year R hard at work.

Adventure Playground

Please ensure that your children are not accessing the adventure playground in the morning. They are all aware of the rules but sometimes they seem to “forget”. Those who are not ready, respectful and safe will not be allowed to access the equipment at break times.

Uniform

Please send in a coat daily as the weather is turning. Coats should be labelled. Children also require welly boots to be kept in school. We do have plenty of spares but ask that you remind your child that they should wear the pair they are sent in with even if they are not pink and sparkly!

Harvest Collection

Year 1 have staged a fabulous harvest celebration this week. We are still collecting donations of non perishable food stuffs such as tins and dried pasta. These will be taken to Hayling Holiday Lunches to support local families to eat well during times when school meals are not available. Donations are welcome until the middle of next week.

Learning at Home

Reading is crucial and we are so delighted with the amount of reading badges that we are giving out. Year 2 now have Times Tables Rockstars. In addition the whole school has a Numbots login, a maths app that can be accessed on phones, tablets and computers. Spellings are being sent home in Year 2 with this also beginning in Year 1. Year R will be bringing home books containing the phonemes they have learnt. Little and often is the best approach for all learning!

Please can I remind you that there is no money left in the school budget to replace books that have been damaged. We have lost a significant amount already this year to water damage due to bottles leaking in bookbags. Bug Club texts cost £3.50 each.

Reception September 2025 Events

We are delighted to showcase the school to parents seeking a space for their child to start school in September 2025.

Open Mornings are being held on the following dates. Please call or email to book:

Wednesday 23rd October

Tuesday 5th November

Thursday 14th November

Friday 10th January

Open Evening

Thursday 7th November between 3.30pm and 7pm. No need to book for the evening session. Turn up and look around with a member of staff!

Whole School attendance: 96.56%

Best class attendance this week: Dragonfish



Improving the Grounds

As many of you are aware, Mrs Ford loves the grass around site and is very sad that the ongoing works have caused a mud bath outside our exit gates. However, we have decided that we will use this as an opportunity to plant bulbs such as snowdrops, crocus, narcissi and daffodils. We would like every child to have the opportunity to plant a bulb in the new year. Donations of bulbs would be very welcome and if there are any parents, grandparents or carers who could support us to do this by working with the children then please let Mrs Ford know!

New School Website

Our new website is now live. Please have a look. It is much easier to navigate and for us to update.

www.millrytheinfants.co.uk

Staffing News

After a lengthy time as our fabulous Site Manager, Mr Martin is off to start a new career. We are delighted that he will continue to take our Beach School with Mrs Upton as well as being on the end of the phone for any little jobs!. Mr Martin will leave us on the Wednesday after half term. Recruitment is expected to take until the new year.

PTFA

Our PTFA are running a ghost trail over half term. Maps will be available to purchase on the playground. Last year the children loved spotting the ghosts on the path to Mill Rythe Coastal Village.

Dates for your diary

Parents Coffee Morning	Tuesday 22 nd October 8.40-9.30am
Flu Vaccine administration (Parental Permission)	Tuesday 22 nd October
Hayling Holiday Lunch Donation Deadline	Wednesday 23 rd October
Parents Evening	Tuesday 22 nd October 3.30-6.30pm
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Open Morning for September 2025 Starters	Wednesday 23 rd October 9 -12noon
Last day of the half term for children	Thursday 24 th October
INSET Day	25 th October
Individual School Photos	Monday 4 th November
Open Morning for September 2025 Starters	Tuesday 5 th November 9-12 by appointment
Anxiety Workshop for Parents and Carers	Wednesday 6 th November 9-10am
Open Evening for September 2025 Starters	Thursday 7 th November 3.30-7pm (no appointment necessary)
Anti Bullying Week including NSPCC Visit	W/c 11 th November