

Newsletter No. 1 2025-26 – Friday 12th September 2025

Star of the Week

Well done to our first 'Stars' for this academic year who all received their certificates in assembly today

BIRCH CLASS: Reeva David

WILLOW CLASS: Isla Banham

SYCAMORE CLASS: Paul Gjoni

LARCH CLASS: Elijah Quilatan

CEDAR CLASS: Kuku Beremauro

BEECH CLASS: Hope Wilson

OAK CLASS: Karina Dumbravescu

REDWOOD CLASS: Kareem Enstone-Watts

CHESTNUT CLASS: Charles Blanca

ROWAN CLASS: Alfie Harris

MAPLE CLASS: Archie Harris



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year – we also extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils and their families in both Reception and in classes across the school and hope that this is the start of a long and very happy association with Myland.

We have had a very busy first full week back at school and the children have all settled very well. I have been especially impressed with how our new Reception children have settled so quickly into life at school and we are all enjoying getting to know them.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions yesterday evening – it was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us. The staff and I hope that you found the information useful. As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please contact us at school and we will do our best to help.

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

WEEK 3

Please pre order by **TUESDAY**
16/09/25 for **WEEK 1**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	92.9%	
Willow Class	100%	★
Sycamore Class	93.6%	
Larch Class	97.5%	
Cedar Class	96.7%	
Beech Class	98.7%	
Oak Class	97.2%	
Redwood Class	96.8%	
Chestnut Class	96.8%	
Rowan Class	95.3%	
Maple Class	94.3%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.4%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

* No additional letters sent this week



Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6, please be aware that online applications for a Year 7 place for September 2026 are **now open**. Further details can be found at

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

All applications must be made by the closing date of
31st October 2025.



Home/School Diaries and Reading Records will be sent home at some point next week. Please ensure that your child brings their Homework Diary wallet to school with them every day. Staff endeavour to write a brief weekly comment in Home/School Diaries and we would appreciate it if parents/carers could sign the comment so that we know you have seen it. Thank you.



Please may we remind parents that children on scooters and bikes must push them until they are out of the school gates. This also applies to pre-school siblings. Please also remember that the playground climbing equipment, Key Stage 1 'ship' and ramp for the Library are also not to be used before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **WILLOW CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 19th September**



Several children in classes across the school are bringing large bags and rucksacks to school. As space is very limited in our cloakrooms, these types of bags are unnecessary and we ask that they are left at home please. Children do not need to bring resources to school as we provide all of the classroom items that they need throughout the day. Children must have a **drawstring bag** for their P.E. kits please and children in Reception and Key Stage 1 should also have their yellow reading book bag. Children in all classes do not need any other large bags. Please also avoid adding keyrings, charms or hanging toys to book bags, as these have already caused some upset in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

VIP Table



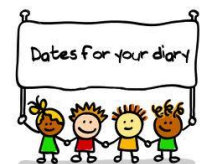
Each week, one child from each class is chosen by Miss Griggs for their kindness, good manners and sensible

attitude. Well done this week to:

Birch Class	Dexi
Willow Class	Lewis
Sycamore Class	Gracie
Larch Class	Dexter
Cedar Class	Harper
Beech Class	Ivy
Oak Class	Coen
Redwood Class	Julia
Chestnut Class	Jessie
Rowan Class	Fynley
Maple Class	Daisy
Windmills	Jude M

Diary Dates

A full list of dates for the term will be on next week's newsletter



'At Home' Evenings

Once again this year, we will be offering our usual 'At Home' evenings. For families new to our school these are a weekly, informal opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and take a look at your child's work and they run from 3.20 – 4.00 p.m. on the designated day for each class. Classteachers will be in their classrooms during this time, but 'At Home' sessions are not for confidential, one to one conversations about your child. However, teachers will be on hand to answer any general questions you may have.

You can see from the list below when the 'At Home' session is for each class. Please remember that it is only your own child's classroom that you are able to visit and only the work of your own child that is available for you to look at. Please also remember that your children (Myland pupils and any pre-school siblings) must be kept under your direct supervision whilst you are in the classroom. Please enter and leave **via the main pupil doors** – thank you.

'At Home' sessions will start on Monday 15th September.

Class + Teacher	'At Home' evening
Birch Class – Mrs. Love/Mrs. Dhanak	Monday
Willow Class – Miss Dandy/Mrs. Dhanak	Monday
Sycamore Class – Miss Clark	Wednesday
Larch Class – Mrs. Earle	Wednesday
Cedar Class – Mrs. Harrington	Wednesday
Beech Class – Miss Lee	Wednesday
Oak Class – Mrs. Watts	Wednesday
Redwood Class – Mr. Hewitt	Wednesday
Chestnut Class – Mr. Fulcher	Monday
Rowan Class – Mr. Cooper	Monday
Maple Class – Miss Pender	Monday
SEN 'At Home' – Mr. Everden	Thursday
Pastoral 'At Home' – Mrs. Richardson	Thursday

If your child has an inhaler or Epi-pen, please complete a form from the office so that we can store your child's medication securely. For any other medication, a form must be completed when the medicine is dropped off at the office. Please remember that we are only able to administer **prescription medication**, which should be clearly labelled as being from a pharmacy and have the child's correct details on it. Thank you.



School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day – you do not need to make online payments if your child is in any of these year groups as your child benefits from the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. (You must, however, order your choice online.) However, if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and you are **eligible for benefits related free school meal provision**, please let us know anyway as this will generate important extra funding for our school.

Similarly, if your child is in Key Stage 2 and you think that you might qualify for free school meals, please let us know or ask at the office. There is a simple check that we can carry out which will confirm whether you are eligible and, again, this generates important extra funding for our school, as well as being very helpful for families.

Please continue to make all payments for school meals online and in advance. All orders must be received by the Tuesday deadline of each week, in order that Miss Barton, our Catering Manager can place her orders for the following week's meals. Unfortunately, we cannot take orders for school meals after the Tuesday deadline each week.

School Uniform

Children have returned to school looking very smart and it is lovely to see so many children wearing correct school uniform – thank you! As a reminder, our uniform is as follows:

- Boys** White shirt (**any white shirt, including polo shirt – with or without school logo**), charcoal grey school trousers (or charcoal grey school shorts in summer), **gold school sweatshirt with logo**
- Girls** White shirt (**any white shirt, including polo shirt – with or without school logo**), charcoal grey skirt or pinafore (charcoal grey school trousers are acceptable for girls, as are charcoal grey school shorts in summer), **gold school sweatshirt or school cardigan with logo**. In Summer, a yellow and white gingham dress is also an option.
- Shoes** Black, sensible shoes – trainers or canvas shoes should *not* be worn for school. Open toed and backless shoes /sandals are not appropriate for school wear and raised heels are also not allowed. (Please also be aware that children who wear boots to school in winter must have a pair of school shoes to change into during the day.)
- P.E. Kit** White t-shirt (plain or with Myland logo); black shorts (plain or with Myland logo); plimsolls (or trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions). Plain black or navy tracksuit for outdoor sessions in colder weather. **CHILDREN MUST HAVE THEIR FULL P.E. KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY** as P.E. is a compulsory National Curriculum subject.

The weather is quite changeable at the moment, so please make sure your child at least has a waterproof jacket in school, as some children are coming to school without any sort of coat.

Please remember that jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted at school, along with 'extreme' haircuts (including tramlines/patterns cut into the hair.) Children with long hair (boys and girls) must have it tied back for school. Hairbands should be black or yellow, plain and flat and free from bows or embellishments please. Children with pierced ears may wear small, plain gold or silver studs and must be able to remove their earrings independently for P.E. sessions. Thank you.

In order to avoid a Lost Property 'mountain', please name everything clearly – thanks!

Healthy Eating

As a school, we are very proud of our 'Healthy Schools' status and the ways in which we encourage our children to live healthy, active lifestyles. Part of this approach involves our approach to healthy eating and snacks. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which is provided by the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. They are also welcome to bring a healthy snack in addition to this. In order to keep energy levels up throughout the morning, it is recommended that Key Stage 2 children bring in their own healthy snack for morning break; this can also count towards their 5 a day.

In order to help identify which snacks are appropriate to bring to school, we use a 'traffic lights' system as a guide.



Green

Fresh/Dried fruit
Vegetables
Plain popcorn
Rice cakes
'No nut' cereal bars
Yogurt



Amber

Yogurt coated fruit
Crackers
Breadsticks
Digestive / Ginger biscuits
Cheese / Cheese dips
Oatcakes



Red

Nuts
Sweets
Chocolate bars
Crisps
Cakes
Chocolate biscuits

Green is for snacks that are good and children can have anytime, **Amber** is for snacks that are to be enjoyed occasionally, perhaps as a weekly treat at school and **Red** is for snacks that are not permitted for snack in school.

Therefore, children in all year groups should not be bringing crisps, sweets or chocolate for morning break please.

Please also remember that we are a nut free school and that **no nuts or nut related products** are allowed in either snack or packed lunches. In addition, sweets are also not permitted in packed lunches. Thank you.

We would appreciate your support in only providing your children with healthy snacks to eat whilst in school, in order to maintain our Healthy Schools status.



We strongly encourage every child to have a named water bottle in school, filled with **plain, still water**.

(No squash or fizzy water please.)

The bottles must be plastic with a sports style or pop up lid. Some children are bringing large, screw top or metal bottles which are not appropriate for school.

Thank you.



ARRIVAL AT AND COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

Please remember that the school day starts promptly at 8.50 a.m., when the registers are taken. Children may enter school via their allocated pupil entrance from 8.40 a.m. onwards, but any child arriving after 8.50 a.m. must be signed in by an adult on the screen at the main office. (This includes children in Years 5 and 6.)

Please also remember that school ends at 3.15 p.m. – children are brought to the playground by their classteacher and will wait with the teacher until a known adult arrives to collect them. If you are going to be unexpectedly later than 3.15 p.m., please phone the school office to make us aware. Any children not collected by 3.20 p.m. will be taken to the school office.

Any children not collected by 3.30 p.m. will be placed in our after-school club, 'Windmills' and parents/carers will be charged the half session fee.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance at school is extremely important and is shown to considerably affect your child's overall progress and attainment. Attendance of individual pupils is very closely monitored and school attendance is also viewed by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO), the Local Authority and Ofsted. Schools are expected to have very clear procedures in place for challenging poor attendance, which is why you may be asked to attend a meeting or have a conversation with our EWO if your child's attendance has raised a concern or if you have requested term time absence for a family holiday.

Taking your child out of school during term time could be detrimental to your child's educational progress. There is no entitlement to parents/carers to take their child out of school during term time - however, you may apply to the school for leave of absence if you believe there are *exceptional* circumstances. Parents/carers should collect a green absence request form from the office and return it with an accompanying letter, outlining why the request is considered to be exceptional. This will then be reviewed by Miss Griggs and you will receive a reply. Holidays in term time are not considered exceptional circumstances and will be unauthorised. This may result in a penalty notice being issued.

All children should be here no later than 8.50 a.m. each day, which is when the registers are taken - any child not in the classroom for the register is then marked late. Please remember that all late arrivals must be signed in at the office hatch **by their parent/carer.**

As a reminder, our weekly attendance 'traffic lights' on the front of our newsletter are used each week as follows – attendance below 95% is a concern and shown in **red**, attendance between 95% and 98% is improving, but could be better and is shown as **amber** and attendance above 98% is what we ideally expect and is shown in **green**. We would very much like to have our overall, whole school weekly attendance consistently in the 'green' category and appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is at school every day. If you have any questions about attendance, please feel welcome to speak to Miss Griggs.



Very many congratulations to Miss Clark and her partner who got married during the summer break. She will continue to be known as Miss Clark at school.



Myland Primary School

Academic Year 2025-26



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= School days
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = Non Pupil days
 = Weekends

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		195 days

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