

Newsletter No. 1 2024-25 – Friday 13th September 2024

Star of the Week

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

BIRCH CLASS: Elijah Quilatan

WILLOW CLASS: Alpha Katherine Sales

SYCAMORE CLASS: Hannah Cox

LARCH CLASS: Eliza Kurshumlja

CEDAR CLASS: Asfi Hayat Raza

BEECH CLASS: Peta Mitchell

OAK CLASS: Mahitha Kamatham

REDWOOD CLASS: Jessica Kramer

CHESTNUT CLASS: Zain Rana

ROWAN CLASS: Imthadh Ikram

MAPLE CLASS: Bobby Pierce



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year – we also extend a very warm welcome to our new staff, as well as 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. I know how much our Year 6 pupils have been looking forward to spending time with their Reception buddies and they all managed to have a catch up session together this afternoon. We are looking forward to another busy, successful year!

Miss Griggs

REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

WEEK 3

Please pre order by **TUESDAY**
17/09/24 for **WEEK 1**

Attendance this week
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	94.4%	
Willow Class	94.4%	
Sycamore Class	98.3%	★
Larch Class	94.3%	
Cedar Class	96.7%	
Beech Class	97.9%	
Oak Class	95.9%	
Redwood Class	98.7%	
Chestnut Class	96.0%	
Rowan Class	94.5%	
Maple Class	93.7%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.0%	

Check Email and Bookbags
for...

- * PTA Reminders/Dates – sent by email today
- * Photograph permission letter – sent **today** by email



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 2025 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 2024.



Home/School Diaries and Reading Records will be sent home during the week beginning 16th September. 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.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday evening. We hope that you found them useful.

'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **SYCAMORE CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 20th September**



ROCKER OF THE WEEK

Each week, Mrs. Carter chooses our 'Rocker of the Week' – this is a pupil who has made significant improvement over the course of the week in any aspect of their times tables knowledge. Well done to **ANISHA** in **ROWAN CLASS!**



VIP Table



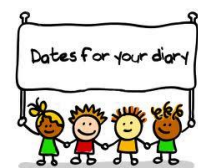
Each week, one child from each class is chosen by Miss Griggs for their kindness, good manners and sensible

attitude. Well done this week to:

Birch Class	Elijah
Willow Class	Boudica
Sycamore Class	Mia
Larch Class	Ella
Cedar Class	Alex L
Beech Class	James G
Oak Class	Kareem
Redwood Class	Antonio
Chestnut Class	Holly
Rowan Class	Luke
Maple Class	Millie
Windmills	Maisie B

Diary Dates

Please see list of dates for the Autumn Term on today's newsletter



'At Home' Evenings

Once again this year, we will be offering our '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 leave via the main pupil doors after your visit – thank you.

'At Home' sessions will start on Monday 16th September.

Class + Teacher	'At Home' evening
Birch Class – Mrs. Love/Mrs. Dhanak	Monday
Willow Class – Miss Dandy/Mrs. Dhanak	Monday
Sycamore Class – Miss Campbell	Wednesday
Larch Class – Mrs. Lewis/Mrs. Lugar	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 – Mrs. Carter/Miss Barten	Monday
Maple Class – Miss Pender	Monday
SEN 'At Home' – Mr. Everden	Monday
Pastoral 'At Home' – Mrs. Richardson	Monday

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.

Over the course of this half term, we will be moving all of our First Aid and medication record keeping to a new electronic system. As soon as it is ready to be launched, we will send more details.



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 Ms. 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.

Regulations regarding attendance changed on August 19th this year. 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.

Already, we are seeing a large number of children not arriving at school on time. 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 Mr. Everden and his family on the safe arrival of a baby girl during the holidays. Mr. Everden returns from paternity leave on Monday (16th September).

Forest School

Hopefully, you have noticed that we have had our pond area re-vamped over the Summer break. Alongside this, we have also established a new, secure forest school area which will be available to every class in the school and will be an important part of our curriculum. Mrs. Richardson will be undertaking her Forest School Leader training later this term and we will then be able to timetable sessions in for every class. Many thanks to the PTA for supporting us with both funds and resources for this project.

Building Works

As you can see, the major works to our roof are still ongoing. We are hopeful that everything will be finished within the next few weeks, but please remain careful in the parts of the premises where we still have scaffolding. Thank you.



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. We will check bags again next week and anyone with a bag that is too large will be asked to leave it at home. Thank you.

School Website

Our school website is about to undergo a refresh and revamp, which will hopefully be complete by half term. During this time, we will not be able to update our class pages, but will still be able to add our weekly newsletter and change the message on the home screen. Please bear with us while this work is carried out, as it will eventually give us the ability to add considerably enhanced features.

Staffing News

You may already have seen our new Site Manager, Mr. Saunders, around school. He has been very busy over the summer break attending to lots of jobs around the school. He is joined by our new Caretaker, Mrs. Brown, who is here first thing in the mornings.

Ms. Phillips, our Catering Manager, will not be returning from maternity leave – we would all like to thank her for her hard work whilst at Myland. Ms. Barton, who has been doing a fantastic job of covering for Ms. Phillips' maternity leave, is our new Catering Manager.

Mrs. Brady, one of our LSAs, has moved on to a full time post – I am sure you would wish to join us in thanking her for all of her hard work whilst at Myland.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024

Listed below are some important dates for this term. Don't forget that there is always a 'dates' section on each weekly newsletter and further dates or any changes will be advised in due course.

Date

Event

SEPTEMBER

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

Year 6 Residential Visit to North Yorkshire

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st

Individual and Family Group photographs – details to follow

Tuesday 15th

PTA AGM 7.00 p.m. – details to follow

Wednesday 16th

Year 5/6 Shared Learning session – details to follow

Friday 18th

PTA Spooky Disco – details to follow

Tuesday 22nd

Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00 – 7.50 p.m.
(details to follow)

Thursday 24th

Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00 – 7.50 p.m.
(details to follow)

Friday 25th

Last day before Half Term

HALF TERM – Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

Children return to school

Tuesday 26th

Years 3 & 4 – Shared Learning 2.15 p.m. – details to follow

Wednesday 27th

7.00 p.m. 'The 2 Johns' – online safety presentation for parents

SAVE THE DATE – details to follow

DECEMBER

Tuesday 10th

EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30 a.m. (details to follow)
Yr 5/6 Christmas Carol Service at St. Michael's Church
7.00 p.m. (details to follow)

Wednesday 11th

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 2.00 p.m.
(details to follow)

Thursday 12th

Yr 3/4 Christmas Carols 7.00 p.m. (details to follow)
EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30 a.m. (details to follow)
Yr 3/4 Christmas Carols 2.15 p.m. (details to follow)
PTA 'Elfridges' – KS2 (details to follow)

Friday 13th	PTA 'Elfridges' – Reception/KS1 (details to follow)
Monday 16th	9.30 a.m. RockSteady concert – details to follow
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Lunch (details to follow)
Friday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM

JANUARY 2025

Monday 6th

Children return to school

Wednesday 22nd

Years 5 & 6 – Young Voices, O2 (details to follow)

Asda Cashpot for Schools



Asda have launched their 'Cashpot for Schools' scheme, which runs until November 30th. The supermarket is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any qualifying shop done at Asda to a primary school of your choice (hopefully Myland!) when you shop using Asda Rewards. All you have to do is download the Asda Rewards app, nominate our school and scan your Asda Rewards card when you shop. We are already at £133-99! Please ask family and friends to nominate us too – thank you for your support!

**you scan,
we donate
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



Myland Primary School

Academic Year 2024-25



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

Autumn Term:	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term 28 October – 1 November</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>	60 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <i>Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May</i>	60 days
		<u>195 days</u>

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