

MILSTEAD & FRINSTED C OF E NEWSLETTER

May 8th 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

The spring sunshine is here! The children across the school benefitted from a talk from Kent Fire and Rescue, they learnt the importance of fire safety and how to plan evacuation routes in a fire!



Happy Birthday to Sir David Attenborough! 100 today! Congratulations to all our photography competition winners, what a real budding skill to capture such mesmerising wild life!



Reminders

**REMEMBER -
PGL PARENT TALK
19TH MAY, 2.45PM**

PTA

OUR PTA IS WONDERFUL!

OUR PTA WORK HARD FOR THE SCHOOL AND THEIR INVALUABLE SUPPORT IS HIGHLY VALUED BY THE SCHOOL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PTA PLEASE REACH OUT TO KATIE, MELLISA OR DAN. AS PART OF THIS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A REGULAR VOLUNTEER AND SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL EVENTS WE CAN ALSO DBS CHECK MEMBERS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT MORE WIDELY IN SCHOOL. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

MRS ARCHER IS ONE OF OUR MOST LONG-STANDING MEMBERS OF STAFF, AND HER DEDICATION TO THE PUPILS AND THE MILSTEAD COMMUNITY IS TRULY UNWAVERING. SHE HAS A WONDERFUL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PUPILS AND ALWAYS MAINTAINS HIGH EXPECTATIONS, HELPING EVERY CHILD TO AIM HIGH AND DO THEIR BEST.

ALONGSIDE HER COMMITMENT IN THE CLASSROOM, MRS ARCHER BRINGS PLENTY OF ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM TO SCHOOL LIFE. SHE IS A KEEN FOOTBALLER AND SHOWS SOME REAL SKILL ON THE PITCH. SHE IS ALSO A LEGO MASTER, CAREFULLY ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR SETS AND GETTING THEM READY FOR THE NEXT PUPILS TO USE.

MRS ARCHER RECORDS HER WORK DILIGENTLY AND IS THE QUEEN OF FIDGET TOYS TOO. YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND HER READY WITH A SQUISHY, A MINI BOARD GAME OR EVEN CURTAIN RINGS! HER POSITIVITY, CARE AND CONSISTENCY MAKE HER A VALUED PART OF OUR TEAM.

THANK YOU MRS ARCHER!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



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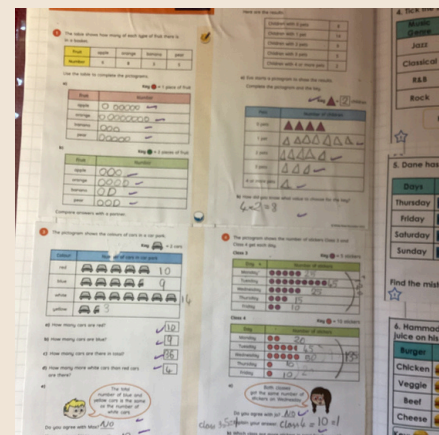
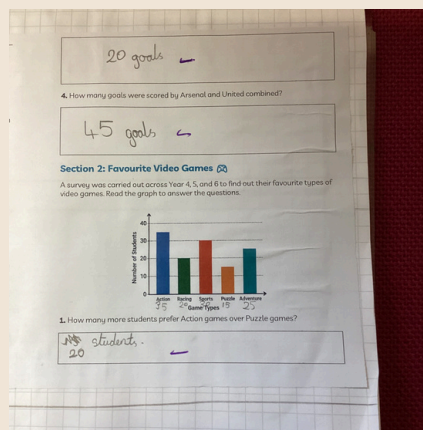
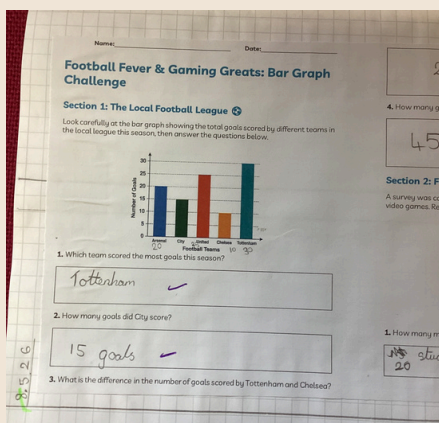
OUR AMAZING LEARNING



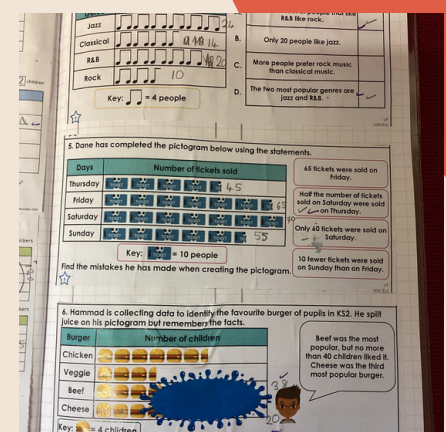
THIS WEEK, IN ART, CATKINS HAVE LOOKED AT LOTS OF DIFFERENT TREE OF LIFE ARTWORKS AND WERE INSPIRED TO CREATE THEIR OWN USING PAPER MANIPULATION TECHNIQUES.



IN ACORN CLASS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT MASS, VOLUME AND CAPACITY IN OUR MATHS LESSONS THIS TERM. MRS APPS PUT OUR SKILLS TO THE TEST WHEN WE HAD TO MAKE SCONES, WEIGHING OUT INGREDIENTS AND POURING OUT THE CORRECT VOLUME OF LIQUIDS TO ENSURE WE MADE PERFECT SCONES. TASTE TESTING WAS CONCLUSIVE - WE SMASHED IT!



IN OAKS THIS WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY WITH ALL OUR LEARNING! WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT STATISTICS... WE DEFINATELY HAVE DONE DATA ANALYSTS OF THE FUTURE IN OAKS!



Reminders: SATS week is week beginning 11th May.

DIARY DATES
25-26

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 20 th April	Term 5 commences
Tuesday 21 st April	Safety in Action Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd April	Class Photos
Wednesday 22 nd April	Hearing and Vision Reception children
Friday 24 th April	Catkin Trip to Brogdale
Monday 27 th April	Year 6 Lancaster Model
Thursday 30 th April	Kent Fire and Rescue Service
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
11 th -15 th May	SATs Week
Monday 18 th May	SEN Coffee Morning @ 09:00
Tuesday 19 th May	Dance Festival (Dance Club)
Tuesday 19 th May	PGL Parent Talk @14:45
Wednesday 20 th May	Acorn Trip to <u>Gurdwara</u> , Sikh Temple
Wednesday 20 th May	Parent Talk for Reception Phonics Screening
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Term 6 commences
Monday 8 th June	SEN Coffee Morning @09:00
Monday 8 th June	Catkin Trip to Synagogue
9 th – 11 th June	Phonics Screening Reception pupils
Tuesday 9 th June	Oak Trip to <u>Sealife</u> , London
Tuesday 9 th June	New Reception 26 Parent Talk @18:00
Wednesday 10 th June	Reception 26 Play and Stay @13:00 – 14:45

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Friday 12 th June	Sports Day @ 13:30 at Milstead Cricket Ground
Friday 12 th June	School Fair @ 14:30 Milstead Cricket Ground
15 th – 17 th June	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception 26 Play and Stay @13:00 – 14:45
Friday 19 th June	Oak Trip to Cricket, Canterbury
Friday 19 th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Room
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception 26 Play and Stay @13:00 – 14:45
Thursday 25 th June	Year 6 Treat Day
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception 26 Play and Stay @13:00 – 14:45
Tuesday 7 th July	Whole School Transition
Tuesday 14 th July	Oak End of Year Performance @13:30
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak End of Year Performance @16:00
Monday 20 th July	Community Picnic followed by awards @12 noon
Monday 20 th July	Church Service @14:30 (children to be collected from church at 3 pm)
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term
<u>Please note there will be no after school club on the last day of term</u>	
1 st – 2 nd September	Inset Days
Thursday 3 rd September	Term 1 Back to School
Have a wonderful summer break	



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND STEWARDS UPDATES



PARENT MAGAZINE

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FOLLOW FOR THE WORK COMPLETED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL

MILSTEAD & FRINSTED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admissions for 2026/2027

“ Learning together as a community so that everyone gets what they need, making the most of every opportunity, and ensuring no moment is wasted. “



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT:

- Small, nurturing school environment
- A truly hands on curriculum
- Endless enrichment opportunities
- Forest school sent in ancient woodland
- Inclusive and adaptive approaches
- Close links to local churches and community
- Idyllic location where children, can be children...every day is a welly boot day!

WHY CHOOSE US?

“Care and kindness are at the heart of this small, welcoming primary school. Relationships between staff and pupils are strong. Staff prioritise getting to know each family well. As a result, they are able to consider the needs of each pupil individually. Pupils are happy. They are exceptionally proud of their school.”

OFSTED 2025

Applications open on the 7th November ...
Make Milstead your school of choice for a unique experience

COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING

OUR FLO MRS MCGUANE



As the term becomes busier, small daily routines such as regular sleep, time outdoors, shared meals and open conversations can make a big difference to how children feel emotionally and physically. Encouraging children to talk about their day, celebrate small successes and take breaks from screens help build resilience and confidence. Well being is not about being perfect, but about feeling supported, safe and connected

Don't forget to check out what our local family hubs have on offer!

Swale Family Hubs
For more information or to book email: Swale@kent.gov.uk

Timetable
20th April - 17th July 2026
Term Time Only and Excluding Bank Holidays

Our Family Hubs and Locations:
 - **Leysdown Family Hub**: 30-42 High Street, Leysdown, Kent ME12 4BA. Tel: 01524 432277.
 - **Sheppey Gateway Co Location**: 30-42 High Street, Sheppey, Kent ME12 4BA. Tel: 01524 432277.

Day	Milton Court Family Hub	Murston Family Hub
Monday	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00	Little Book Worms (4 weeks course starting on 20 th Apr / 18 Jun / 27 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00
Tuesday	Compas (12 week course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00
Wednesday	Parenting Support Advice (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00	Time to Shine (6 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Thursday	Speak Out Youth (12 th Apr, 12 th May, 12 th Jun, 12 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00	Parenting Support Advice (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00
Friday	Baby Group (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00	Baby Massage (4 weeks course starting on 20 th Apr / 18 Jun / 27 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00

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Our Family Hubs and Locations:
 - **Woodgrove Family Hub**: 30-42 High Street, Woodgrove, Kent ME12 4BA. Tel: 01524 432277.
 - **Leysdown Family Hub**: 30-42 High Street, Leysdown, Kent ME12 4BA. Tel: 01524 432277.

Day	Woodgrove Family Hub	Sittingbourne Library and Family Hub Co Location
Monday	Baby Family and You (4 weeks course starting on 20 th Apr / 18 Jun / 27 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00
Tuesday	SEND Stay and Play (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00	Time to Shine (6 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Wednesday	Baby Massage (4 weeks course starting on 20 th Apr / 18 Jun / 27 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00	Online Safety (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00
Thursday	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00	Together (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00
Friday	Infant Feeding Support (Drop in Session) 10:00 - 11:00	Little Book Worms (4 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00

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Day	Leysdown Family Hub	Sheppey Gateway
Monday	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00	Little Book Worms (4 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Tuesday	Baby Family and You (4 weeks course starting on 20 th Apr / 18 Jun / 27 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00	Time to Shine (6 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Wednesday	Baby Group (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00	Online Safety (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00
Thursday	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00	Together (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00
Friday	Infant Feeding Support (Drop in Session) 10:00 - 11:00	Little Book Worms (4 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr - 12 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00

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 - **Byssing Wood Family Hub**: 30-42 High Street, Byssing Wood, Kent ME12 4BA. Tel: 01524 432277.
 - **Leysdown Family Hub**: 30-42 High Street, Leysdown, Kent ME12 4BA. Tel: 01524 432277.

Day	Byssing Wood Family Hub	Dad's Stay and Play Saturday Groups
Monday	Baby Group (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00	Woodgrove Family Hub (9 th May - 9 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Tuesday	Parenting Support Advice (For expert parents/carers and babies until working) 10:00 - 11:00	Byssing Wood Family Hub (16 th May - 16 th Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Wednesday	Little Book Worms (4 weeks course starting on 27 th Apr / 18 Jun / 27 th Jul) 10:00 - 11:00	Leysdown Family Hub (23 rd May - 23 rd Jun) 10:00 - 11:00
Thursday	Healthy Child Clinic (Advice, support & baby weigh-in clinic) 10:00 - 11:00	
Friday	Stay and Play (Birth - 5yrs) 10:00 - 11:00	

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Information

Baby Group A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs, stories and play. For expert parents and babies who are pre-walking.	Baby Massage A 4 week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and enjoy life. Great for babies aged 0-18 months.	Childminding Group Welcoming all children under 5 years to come along and explore our playroom. For children aged 0-5 years.	Citizens Advice Drop-In Get support with cost of living, discrimination, and service. No appointment needed.
Speak Out Youth A safe and positive space for young people to share their views and experiences. For young people aged 10-17 years.	Introducing Solids Workshops run with Health Visitors for babies aged 6-12 months. Email: swale@kent.gov.uk	Little Book Worms A 4 week course to learn reading skills and build confidence. For children aged 0-5 years.	Sensory Room A safe and positive space for children to explore their senses. For children aged 0-5 years.
SEND Stay and Play A stay and play session for families with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. An opportunity for parents and carers to receive support and advice. 0-5 yrs.	Stay and Play A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and more fun for children aged 0-5 yrs.	Healthy Child Clinic Come along for advice, information and support for you and your child's health and development. Free health visiting. Also available at Leysdown, Sheppey and Sittingbourne Family Hubs. Tuesday 9.55-11.00	Time to Shine Small, supportive groups for children with SEN to build confidence and social skills through fun activities. Courses available for 1-3 yrs and 3-5 yrs.

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Baby Family and You A supportive course for expert and new parents to build positive routines and confidence while baby is in the first year.	Be You - Sittingbourne A weekly meet-up for LGBTQ+ young people aged 12-17 years. We have a non-judgemental space where you can be yourself, have fun and help each other.	Compas 10 sessions of music helping children aged 12 yrs manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges.	Healing Together A 6 week trauma-informed programme for children aged 5-10 yrs to support emotional wellbeing and recovery.
Little Talkers A playful 4 week course for 2yrs - 3yrs olds to build speech, language and attention skills. Available for 2-3 yrs.	Making It Real Practical tips and activities to help parents support early reading and writing at home. Available for 2-3 yrs.	NCT Infant Feeding Support Friendly, free infant feeding support. Book your session through NCT. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents!	Parenting Support Advice Drop in for friendly advice on any parenting questions 10-11.00.
Online Safety A fun interactive session for children covering key online safety support. Courses available for 7-11 yrs and 11-17 yrs.	Stepping Up A 6 week programme for 8-11 year olds to build confidence, manage emotions and make friends.	Strengthening Family Relationships A workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships. Email: swale@kent.gov.uk	Together A 10 week course helping parents to understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to teen years.

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I would like to wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable weekend! Enjoy those special moments together

SEN UPDATES

As we head into SATS week next week -

Beyond the Test

Next week brings the quiet scratch of pens,
the rustle of pages, the ticking of clocks.

But know this: no paper can measure
the laughter you've shared in the playground,
the kindness you've shown to a friend,
the courage you've found when the answer felt far away.

These questions will come and go—
like clouds drifting past a bright May sky—
yet your curiosity, your spark,
your way of seeing the world
are treasures no score can hold.

So walk into that room with your head high,
carry the learning you've gathered like sunlight in your hands,
and remember: you are more than numbers,
more than marks on a page—
you are a story still being written,
and every chapter is worth reading.

FOR LOCAL SEN GROUPS:

[HTTPS://WWW.FORUSTOO.ORG/BOOKINGS/](https://www.forustoo.org/bookings/)



I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE STAFF, CHILDREN, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY A LOVELY WEEKEND AND WE
LOOK FORWARD TO THE WEEK AHEAD
HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE OF YOU JOINING US TOMORROW FOR
THE CHURCH FUNDRAISER!

BEST WISHES
MRS H SMITH

