Millwood House Day Nursery

A MONTH OF NEW BEGINNINGS

As we step into September, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful school leavers and their families for the kind words, thoughtful gestures, and generous gifts. Your appreciation means so much to the team and truly reminds us why we love what we do.

We are incredibly proud of all our children moving on to Reception. You have blossomed, explored, laughed, and learned — shining your unique personalities every single day. Watching you grow has been a joy and a privilege, and we wish you every happiness and success as you begin this exciting new chapter.

It's been such a delight to see the photos of the children in their new (and slightly too big!) uniforms — they look so smart, confident, and full of excitement. We can't wait to hear about your first days and your new friends, family, and we can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things you'll do next.

We are delighted to introduce our new Little Explorers Suite, a thoughtfully designed space where our Caterpillars and Butterflies can learn, play, and grow in a calm and nurturing environment. Research shows small group settings benefit younger children gain confidence and language skills as they learn from older peers, while older children strengthen their independence, empathy, and leadership through gentle role modelling. The environment encourages collaboration, curiosity, and shared discovery — allowing every child to explore at their own pace while feeling supported by their friends and teachers.

Little Explorers Suite reflects everything we value at Millwood House: community, connection, and creating meaningful early years experiences that help children flourish.

A LOOK BACK AT AUGUST

Ladybirds

The Ladybirds have had a wonderful month exploring minibeasts in the garden. They've been busy watering the plants and taking great care of our growing patch — and their hard work has paid off with some lovely sunflowers and delicious tomatoes. The children have shown such curiosity and pride in watching nature change and grow around them.

Caterpillars

Last month, the Caterpillars had great fun learning all about life on the farm. Their favourite activities were exploring the farm themed sensory trays and dressing up as farmers and farm animals — it sparked plenty of imagination, conversation, and giggles. It's been a joy watching them dive into the theme with such enthusiasm.

Butterflies

Last month, the Butterflies enjoyed a wonderfully messy month, creating even more fantastic memories to take with them from their early years. They had great fun exploring jelly ball, getting stuck into lots of painting, and giving and sticking to their hearts' content. It was a joyful, creative end to their time with us, filled with laughter, colour, and plenty of proud moments.

TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Our Ladybirds will be diving into lots of hands on, tactile experiences to help them learn about the different people who keep us safe and well. We'll be introducing a variety of treasure baskets filled with clean bandages, stethoscopes, crinkly foil blankets, and other safe, sensory items to spark imaginative play.

The children will also be looking at simple flashcards showing firefighters, police officers, paramedics, nurses, and dentists. Through gentle conversations and role-play, we'll help them begin to recognise these important helpers and understand how they support us in everyday life.

This theme is perfect for encouraging early language, curiosity, and confidence — and we can't wait to see the Ladybirds explore it.

The Ladybirds book of the month will be: **"That's Not My Fire Engine"**

In the **Little Explorers Suite**, we'll be taking the topic a step further by looking at how different people can help us and what we should do when we need help. The children will learn about the services we can call in an emergency, who they might see in their community, and how they can ask for help safely and in ways age-appropriate way that empowers children without overwhelming them.

To bring the learning to life, we'll be transforming the home corner into a series of role-play opportunities — from a mini doctor's surgery to a fire station or police station. The children will be encouraged to explore, actively participate in our real-life scenarios, helping them enjoying their new knowledge through imaginative play.

These activities support communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and emotional understanding — all while building confidence and a sense of safety and reassurance about the world around them.

The *Little Explorers* will be reading: **"People Who Help Us"** by John Wood.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Explore real-life helpers together Talk to your child about the people they see in their community — doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, dentists, shop workers, and postal workers. Point them out when you're out and about, and explore in simple language how each person helps us.
- Share books and stories Read picture books about emergency services or community helpers. Stories help children understand roles in a calm, reassuring way and encourage lots of conversation.
- Encourage role play Set up simple role-play opportunities at home — a pretend doctor's kit, a toy fire engine, or even a "dentist" station with a teddy. Role play helps children process new ideas and build confidence.
- Practise knowing what to do in an emergency For older children, talk about what number we call if we need urgent help. Keep this light and age-appropriate — the aim is reassurance, not worry. You can explain who might arrive and how helpers keep everyone safe.
- Use small-world toys Figures, vehicles, and playsets are a great way for children to act out real-life scenarios. Encourage them to tell you what their characters are doing and why — this builds language, understanding, and problem-solving.
- Build vocabulary through conversation Use words like paramedic, firefighter, nurse, ambulance, help, safe, and emergency. Repeating these in everyday play helps children embed new language naturally.
- Get creative Make simple crafts together — paper firefighter helmets, police badges, or doctor's name tags. Creativity helps children connect with the topic and express what they've learned.

DAYS MILLWOOD HOUSE WILL CELEBRATE THIS MONTH

The Ladybirds will be celebrating Pirate Day on the **24th September**, celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the author. to develop a love of reading, we will read classic stories like "My Mum is Magnificent"

The Little Explorers will be having a teddy bears picnic on the **9th September**. please bring a labelled teddy if you wish.

Monday 14th September The little Explorers will celebrate Garvest Chatuirth

On **Thursday 25th September** The Little Explorers are having a bedtime story day, feel free to wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime story. as we learn about the importance of bedtime stories and phonics in the early years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

REMINDERS

Children are not permitted to enter the building using snacks from their car journey, we currently have somewhere allergies on site and we need to do our best to keep Millwood House a secure environment for all children.

⭐ WE NEED YOUR STAR POWER! ⭐ SHARE YOUR MILLWOOD HOUSE EXPERIENCE

We absolutely love being part of your child's journey, watching them learn, grow, and shine here every day.

We believe in continuous improvement, and the best way we can ensure we're providing outstanding care is by hearing directly from you!

📣 Why Your Feedback Matters

Your reviews on Google are incredibly important! They help us:

Celebrate the hard work and dedication of our brilliant staff (especially those in the Caterpillar and Butterfly Rooms!).

Guide other local families who are looking for the perfect nursery.

Improve our service and facilities.

👍 Tell Us What You Think!

It only takes two minutes to make a huge difference.

Please consider sharing your honest feedback about:

The warmth and professionalism of our staff.

The progress in your child's development (confidence, communication, etc.).

Our amazing outdoor space and activities.

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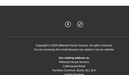

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