

22nd October 2026

## Attendance

Our attendance for this week is **93%**. This is well below our attendance target of **97%**.

Just a reminder registration is at 8.50am please can all KS1 & KS2 children be on the playground by 8.40am.

Reception & Nursery Doors open at 8.40am. Thanks



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

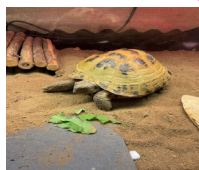
Thank you to everyone that attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We have managed to raise £135. Thank you



## Meet Peanut the Tortoise

Thank you for all your entries.

We have received some fantastic names & amazing art work. After a very difficult decision Miss Frost & Mrs Ashton have chosen 2 winners. They are - Preyah for naming him Peanut and Dollie for her amazing art work. Well Done Girls!



## New Dinner Menu

We will be starting our new dinner menu on **3rd November (Week 1)** please see the link below to choose your child's new dinner choices.

<https://forms.gle/X2R2fmi1cgB1e1HZ6>



## Upcoming Dates

| Date              | Event                                                            |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 23rd October  | Teacher Training Day - School closed                             |
| Mon 2nd November  | Teacher Training Day - School closed                             |
| Tue 3rd November  | School opens / Safety Week 4.45pm<br>Parents Workshop Resilience |
| Fri 6th November  | EYFS Ride Around the World Fund-raiser                           |
| Mon 9th November  | Reception Come and See Phonics<br>Parents 11.30 -12pm            |
| Wed 11th November | Class Photos                                                     |
| Mon 16th November | Come and See Forest Y4                                           |
| Tue 17th November | Come and See Forest Y3                                           |
| Wed 18th November | Come and See Forest Y2                                           |
| Wed 25th November | Nasal Flu                                                        |
| Tue 1st December  | Christmas raffle opens                                           |



## Headteacher Awards



### 12th October

- Y1 - Adeline - Amazing progress in phonics & reading.
- Y2 - Gabriel - Trying super hard with reading.
- Y3 - Corey - Being respectful, following the rules.
- Y4 - George - Fantastic learning behaviour.
- Y5 - Arthur - Resilience & persevering.
- Y6 - Elizabeth - For contributing to discussions.

### 19th October

- Y1 - Henry - Displaying Millbrook Values.
- Y2 - Theo J - Excellent learning behaviour.
- Y3 - Millie - Great role model & helpful.
- Y4 - Henry - Amazing History homework.
- Y5 - Ahan - Being kind & helping others.
- Y6 - Brax - Improved positive attitude.

## Handwriting Awards



### 12th October

### 19th October

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|-------------|----------|
| Y1 - Corey  | Enzo     |
| Y2 - George | Theo     |
| Y3 - Leia   | Alice    |
| Y4 - Rose   | Ella-may |
| Y5 - Mia    | Remaya   |
| Y6 - Lacey  | Evelyn   |

## Don't miss out... ...on a school place for your child



### Primary School

### High School

#### If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2027

- You should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.
- During October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.
- If your child attends a school nursery they are NOT guaranteed a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.
- You must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside MBC website at [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)
- The online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2026**.
- The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2027**.
- Any application received after 15th January 2027 will be dealt with as a "LATE" application and considered after those received on time.

#### If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2027

- You should apply for a High School place through the Local Authority where you live.
- Extra district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own Local Authority.
- You must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside MBC website at [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)
- The online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2026**.
- The closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2026**.
- Any application received after 31st October 2026 will be dealt with as a "LATE" application and considered after those received on time.



**0161 342 4004**  
schooladmissions@tameside.gov.uk

### Absence from School

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school, you let us know by ringing **01457 834314** and select option 1 - leave child's name, reason for absence & nature of illness if your child is unwell.

Please note we can only accept messages from people with parental responsibility for the child.

Alternatively email us at

[absence@millbrook.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:absence@millbrook.tameside.sch.uk)

Please include child's name, reason for absence & nature of illness if your child is unwell.

If we do not receive a message regarding your child's absence from school it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

## Term Dates 2027/28

**Term Dates for 2027-28** - Children are **NOT** in school on Teacher Training Days

| Autumn Term 2027                                                                                         |                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| School Closed Wednesday 1st September - Teacher Training Day                                             |                                                                         |
| Autumn Term 1                                                                                            | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September to Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October |
| School Closed - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October & Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November - Teacher Training Day |                                                                         |
| Half Term Holiday: Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2027                       |                                                                         |
| Autumn Term 2                                                                                            | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December    |
| Christmas Holiday: 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2028                         |                                                                         |
| School Closed - Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2028 - Teacher Training Day                              |                                                                         |
| Spring Term 2027                                                                                         |                                                                         |
| Spring Term 1                                                                                            | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February   |
| Half Term Holiday: 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2028 - 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2028                       |                                                                         |
| Spring Term 2                                                                                            | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March       |
| Easter Holiday: 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2028                                      |                                                                         |
| Summer Term 2028                                                                                         |                                                                         |
| Summer Term 1                                                                                            | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May           |
| School closed - Bank Holiday— Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2028                                            |                                                                         |
| Half Term Holiday: 29 <sup>th</sup> May - 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2028                                      |                                                                         |
| Summer Term 2                                                                                            | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July         |
| School closed - Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2028 - Teacher Training Day                               |                                                                         |
| Summer Holiday: 28 <sup>th</sup> July-1 <sup>st</sup> September 2028                                     |                                                                         |

| WEEK 1                                      | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                                                   | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY                                           |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MAIN DISH</b>                            | Pepperoni pizza and wedges           | Chicken fajita with savoury rice     | Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy | Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread | Fish fingers or salmon fingers with chunky chips |
| <b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>                 | Macaroni cheese with garlic bread    | Cheese & bean bake with potatoes     | Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy                   | Quorn™ burger with mexican style rice | Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips                 |
| <b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>                       | Peas & baked beans<br>Salad bar      | Sweetcorn & carrots<br>Salad bar     | Carrots & broccoli<br>Salad bar                             | Sweetcorn & broccoli<br>Salad bar     | Peas & baked beans<br>Salad bar                  |
| <b>DESSERTS</b>                             | Blueberry muffin                     | Cornflake tart & custard             | Chocolate & raspberry muffin                                | Marble sponge & custard               | Ice-Cream & fresh fruit                          |
| <b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>               | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt               | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt               | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                                      | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                           |
| <b>JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION</b> | Jacket potato and sandwich selection | Jacket potato and sandwich selection | Jacket potato and sandwich selection                        | Jacket potato and sandwich selection  | Jacket potato and sandwich selection             |

**KEY**

- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
- MEAT FREE MONDAY
- CHEF'S CHOICE

**A WORLD OF FOOD**

Millers

**'Allergens and Intolerances'**  
All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of any allergies/ intolerances your child has prior to using the restaurant. We cannot guarantee the above dishes are 100% allergen free.

## Reach CHURCH

MILLBROOK • STALYBRIDGE

### Reach in Reach out Reach up

STRONGER TOGETHER

We are a multi-generational church family in the heart of Millbrook, Stalybridge. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you are on your journey. We gather to worship, grow in faith, support one another and make a difference in our community.

REACH IN  
Belong & find family

REACH OUT  
Serve our community

REACH UP  
Grow in faith

STRONGER TOGETHER  
To lift together

All are welcome!

## Our Church Family

**Sunday Service**  
10:30am  
A friendly, contemporary service for all ages with worship, a relevant message and kids' activities.

**Impact Groups**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7:30pm (in person)  
Small groups where we dig deeper into the Bible, pray and do life together.

**Online Impact Group**  
(day & time varies)  
Join from home for Bible study, prayer and rich discussion.

**Young Adults Online**  
18 - late 20s  
Faith, friendship and real conversation for young adults. Connect from anywhere.

**Youth (11-16 years)**  
Wednesdays 7:30pm  
Bible study, real talk, games, snacks and fun outside. Everyone is welcome!

**Tiger Tots**  
Fridays (term time) 9:15 - 11:15am  
Play session for 0-5s and their grown ups. £2 per adult and child (1:1 per additional adult/child).

**Women of Worth**  
Regular meetings  
Relaxed social events, meaningful Bible studies and heartfelt conversations. All women welcome!

## Community & Support

**Bereavement Café**  
Mondays 10:30am - 12pm  
A welcoming space to talk, share or simply listen. Friendship, comfort and gentle support.

**Foodbank**  
Wednesdays 10am - 12pm  
Here to help with things for today and tomorrow. A foodbank voucher from an agency is required.

**Community Garden**  
Wednesdays - Saturdays 9:30am - 12pm  
Make new friends, learn new skills and spend time in a beautiful garden. Tools provided. All ages welcome!

**Family Fun Nights**  
Various dates throughout the year  
Games, food, fun and time together for the whole family!

**Reach Men**  
Regular meetings  
Fellowship, faith, food and real conversations for men.

**Get in Touch**  
Reach Church  
Huddersfield Road, Millbrook Stalybridge SK13 3JL  
office@reachchurch.uk  
www.reachchurch.uk  
Reach Church Millbrook  
reachstalybridge

All are welcome!

**Reach CHURCH**

## THE GREAT GARDEN MYSTERY

Can you solve the mystery before the final clue disappears?

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
Reach Community Garden

**FREE FAMILY EVENT!**

The Garden Keeper's treasure has gone missing and six suspects have been found around the garden. Follow the clues, solve the puzzles and discover who took the treasure!

**REACH COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**FUN OUTDOORS**  
**HOT CHOCOLATE STATION**  
**PRIZES IF YOU SOLVE THE CLUES!**

The Garden Keeper  
Hedgehog Harry  
Robin Redbreast  
Fox Felix  
Squirrel Sam  
The Mysterious Gardener

**HOT CHOCOLATE STATION**  
**PRIZES IF YOU SOLVE THE CLUES!**

Everyone is welcome!

## Holiday activities Portland Basin Museum

Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 0QA

**Make, Do and Play artist-led craft workshops, Drop in 11am-3pm. £1.40 per child**

**Tuesday 27 October: Glowing Ghost Puppets**

**Thursday 29 October: Draw along with Caroline**

**Tameside Metropolitan Borough**

**IN TAMESIDE**

Find out more!

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**Quack Quack, Two Steps Back story time**

**Drop in**

**Tuesday 27 October:**  
Start times: 11:30am, 1:30pm & 2:30pm

**Canal & River Trust**  
Making life better by water

**Tameside Metropolitan Borough**

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Find out more!

AI companions can feel like real friends, but they can bring risks including emotional dependency, oversharing and harmful advice. Our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide shares practical tips for safer use. Read more: <https://vist.ly/5nb8k> [#Safeguarding](#) [#OnlineSafety](#)

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI COMPANIONS

Powered by generative AI models like ChatGPT and Google Gemini, AI companion apps and virtual chatbots such as Character.ai, Snapchat My AI, Replika and Talkie, allow users to create, customise, and chat to synthetic avatars around the clock. While many young people use them for harmless entertainment, creative writing or homework help, these tools are designed to simulate genuine human empathy, emotional bonding and deep friendship.