

SUMMER 2026 - Newsletter

(Please note, this is a PDF version of our newsletter that has been emailed to current parents/carers attending. The layout is very different to our emailed version and links for forms/pictures may not show up/work/be included in this version)



We have included here our Welcome Pack (Section A), which was shared when sessions were agreed, for you to refer back to at any time if needed: *This document contains information about our setting, what to remember to bring, expect, how to notify absences, information about Tapestry etc.*

Our most recent and updated version is linked here -

If there are any updates to the preschool, these will be emailed out, sent out on our WhatsApp Community and/or included in Newsletters. Our Starter Pack will then be updated.

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter

This term we have been implementing the Wandle Phonics programme and Little Link (Speech Link) pilot programme within our sessions. We have also had staff complete the Maths Champion programme. We intend to continue with these programmes long term to ready the children for reception. We were also able to welcome Zoolab into preschool once again last term and had the wonderful opportunity of hatching chicks!

We will be saying goodbye to some of our children who will be moving on to new adventures at their new schools and we wish them all the very best. The pre-school will say

goodbye to those children, who are off to big school in September, by holding a **leavers ceremony on Friday 17th July 2026** (*further details below*).

We have lots of dates for you diary and also some forms in this newsletter.

Buckinghamshire Lottery - We would like to thank everyone who has signed up the Buckinghamshire Lottery and helped us raise money, we have reached a huge milestone and since signing up we have now managed to raise £500! If you would like to sign up to the next draw and help our setting fundraise, please sign up to help us and have the chance of winning great prizes - [CLICK HERE](#)

easyfundraising - We had 2 new followers on easyfundraising last week - Thank you to everyone who joined ❤️ Not joined yet? Sign up to easyfundraising, and when you shop online with your favourite brands, they'll donate to us. It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the brands you shop with will donate, not you! Join us today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/newmillsidepreschool/btp8x5/dda1/U5SiipKB/Q126V/w hatsapp/22.24>

Preparing for school

"Starting school is an exciting milestone – for your child and for you. Find out how everyday moments at home can help your child feel confident and prepared, whatever stage they're at". The government have created a useful guide linked here - [Preparing for school - Best Start in Life](#)

[Steps For School Song | @BestStartinLife + @MCGrammarTV | Educational Rap Songs for Kids](#) 🎵

September 2026 Stayers

Funding Form

If your child is staying with us in September we will require a new funding form to be completed. These will be sent out shortly and we kindly request if these could be returned at your child's first session after half term so we can ensure funding is in place for September.

On page 2 of the funding form, in the funded hours section, if possible we will mark in pencil the hours and weeks. Please check this is correct and then go over this in pen and initial in the end box. Once received back we will initial the second box. If your child attends two settings and we have pencilled this in the top section, and we will be claiming extended

hours - please check the hours written for the other setting and write the number of hours for New Millside in the second box below.

If you have any queries regarding the form, please do not hesitate to ask.

Working Parent Code

If you have a working parent code, please ensure you reconfirm the code as soon as you are prompted by HMRC to ensure funding remains in place (codes can be reconfirmed 4 weeks before the end date). Code numbers remain the same and we would be grateful if you could record these along with your NI number on the funding form.

If you don't have a code, but are applying, please let us know as soon as possible.

Committee

New Millside is run by an elected Management Committee, which ensures that major decision making is in the hands of those who attend the pre-school. The committee is responsible for reviewing both policy and practice and for the employment and appraisal of members of staff. Our Annual General Meeting, at which the committee for the following year is elected, is held in the Autumn term. **We Need You! Please contact us for further information or completing the form linked below -**

[Expression of interest to join the Committee – Fill in form](#)

LIBRARY BOOKS



We hope your little ones are thoroughly enjoying our preschool library books! Reading together at home is a wonderful way to build early literacy and a lifelong love of learning. As a gentle reminder, please check under couches, on bookshelves, and in bags for any overdue library books. We currently have a number of outstanding titles that have not yet been returned. Returning books promptly ensures all the children get a turn to enjoy these wonderful stories.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support!

Thank you,

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Recently updated policies

Keeping our policies up to date is important and supports the wellbeing, safety and smooth running of our setting.

We have recently reviewed and updated a number of key policies, including our Parent Code of Conduct, Visitor Code of Conduct, Educational Funding, Fees Policy, Lockdown Policy and Sustainability Policy. These updates help ensure our procedures remain clear, transparent and in line with current guidance. All updated policies are available to view on our website - [LINKED HERE](#)

26/27 Term Dates

[Sessions and Term Times \(newmillsidepre-school.co.uk\)](https://newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)

Term Dates for 26/27 are now on our website.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 22/05/2026 - Close at 3.30pm for May Half Term
- Monday 01/06/2026 - Reopen at 9am
- Thursday 25/06/2026 Parents Evening - More information below
- Thursday 09/07/2026 - **SETTING CLOSED** (Please note this is our Move Up Day for new September 2026 Starters only so are closed to children that currently attend).
- Friday 17/07/2026 - Leavers Graduation Ceremony @ 9.30am. More information below
- Friday 17/07/2026 - Close at 12pm for the summer. There is no lunch or PM session.

LEAVERS GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Leavers Graduation Ceremony will take place at Broughton Infant School hall on Friday 17th July 2026 at 9.30

Please complete this form to confirm your attendance by midday Friday 3rd July - [Graduation Ceremony - July 2026 – Fill in form](#)

If your child is leaving us in July and does not normally attend the Friday AM session please drop them at preschool for 9.15. You can then line up at the side entrance to Broughton Infant School hall.

If your child attends the Friday AM session they will be taken over to the school hall by staff, if your child is not leaving us in July and is in session this day, they will watch the ceremony.

Please do not take your child from the hall once the ceremony has been completed. All children will return to preschool to be signed out and can be picked up from there.

Graduation Photos



We are pleased to be offering Graduation and End of Year photographs this year. These photos make lovely keepsakes and gifts, and the funds raised will help support additional resources for the children.

If you would like your child to take part, please complete the consent and order section below.

Photographs will be taken by a member of staff between 09/06/2026 - 12/06/26 & 16/06/2026 - 19/06/2026 using a secure device. All images will be deleted immediately after printing. Photos will be ready to collect the following week.

Each photograph costs £1.50. Payment is by bank transfer only (we are unable to accept cash). Bank details can be found on the form and also below.

Children who are leavers will wear a graduation gown for their photo. If your child is not a leaver but you would like an end-of-year photo, please ensure you complete the final question in the form regarding clothing. (Clothing should be brought in a named bag during the dates above and this should be confirmed on the form so we know to wait for the clothing before taking the photo. Alternatively, your child may arrive at the session already wearing their chosen outfit - please let us know).

If you have siblings attending the setting and would like them to have photographs together, please list both children's names at the top of one form. If you would like individual photos, please complete a separate form for each child. If you would like a combination of joint and individual photos, please complete one form with both names and additional individual forms as needed. Please note if a sibling is staying, only the child who is leaving will wear the graduation gown.

Permission Form - [Graduation Photos / End of Year – Fill in form](#)

Form deadline: midday on Tuesday 2nd June 2026.

Please make payment before 9th June.

Bank Details: -

Bank Name: The New Millside Pre-school

Sort code: 40-08-39

Account Number: 01557858

REF: Child's full name, so we can match your order!

Parents Evening

[Parents Evening Booking Form - June 2026 – Fill in form](#)

We would like to invite you to our Parents Evening at New Millside Pre-school on Thursday 25th June 2026 between 4:30–6:00pm.

Please complete the booking form (linked above) by midday Tuesday 9th June to secure your place.

During the parents evening, you will have the opportunity to look through your child's Tapestry Learning Journal with their keyworker, discuss their progress, and ask any questions you may have. Each meeting will last 10 minutes, and we will confirm your allocated time slot by email or text after the 9th June, based on the preferences you select - (*timeslots will appear on the form when the option to attend is chosen*). If you are unable to attend in person, you may request a telephone call on the booking form with your child's keyperson instead; this will be arranged for a different day during preschool hours, and your child's keyperson will contact you to agree a convenient date and time.

Warm Weather



Hopefully the weather will start to warm up again soon! Please send your child in with a sunhat and tops that cover shoulders – *vests and strappy tops are discouraged*. Please apply sun cream before the session. If your child is staying all day, please apply a 12 hour suncream and inform us by whatsapp/message that this has been done, if this is not possible, bring in a **labelled** sun cream to be placed in their draw and we will apply this at lunchtime. We will be doing lots of water activities so please send in named spare clothes in their bags. Please make sure your child's footwear is suitable for climbing/running etc and the shoes/sandals have a back to them, *i.e. no flipflops*.



SPLASH SAFELY

in the garden



Top Tips for Enjoying Water Safely

1. STAY TOGETHER

Young children should always be kept within arm's reach. Never leave your child unattended or under the supervision of child siblings.

2. SECURE

Almost 90% of parents of under 5s told us they had at least one potential water hazard in their outdoor space at home, whether this is a pond, paddling pool, water table, or even a bucket.

Don't forget to keep this space secure! Lock doors and gates to outdoor spaces to prevent unsupervised access.

3. PREPARE

Get any towels, toys, nappies and dry clothing ready to go before your children start their water play. This will ensure you won't need to leave their side at any point.

4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS...

...such as using a mobile phone when children are playing in or around water. In a group of adults, appoint a 'water watcher' to ensure children are supervised at all times.

5. EMPTY IT OUT, COVER IT UP

After your children have enjoyed splashing about in their paddling pool, empty the water out straight away to avoid accidents.

In the case of larger pools and hot tubs, ensure that the cover is securely replaced immediately after use to prevent children from accidentally falling in.

6. KEEP YOUR GARDEN TIDY!

When you've finished playing, it's best to totally clear up your space. Turn off the hosepipe at the tap to block access. Clear away or turn over paddling pools and other water containers like buckets, as these can unexpectedly fill up with water if it rains.

Don't let your child get into harm!

For more helpful advice and Splash Safely at Home tips, please visit www.rlss.org.uk/splash-safely-at-home or scan here.

Spread the word     @RLSSUK #SplashSafely

Enjoy Water Safely | Free From Drowning



July 2026 Leavers Questionnaire



If your child is starting school this September, their time with us is coming to an end. We would be very grateful if you could complete our leavers' questionnaire below, as we value all feedback and suggestions.

[New Millside Pre-school Leavers Questionnaire 2026 – Fill in form](#)

We hope your child has enjoyed their time with us and wish all of our school starters the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter!

We asked the children.....

'What have you enjoyed at pre-school'

'I enjoyed Zoolab, tarantula, frog, snake'

'I like playing hairdressers'

'I like the playdough'

'I like playing monsters with my friends'

'Hatching the eggs, getting chicks'

'I like playing outside on the bikes, going really fast'

'I like playing football outside'

'I like the new water thing with the buckets and pouring water' *(Please see the photo below*
- a big thank you to Mia who built this for the children 😊)

'I like the bubble machine'



Useful Links / Information

[Love your lunchbox](#)

[Love your Lunchbox - Simply Veg](#)

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



Best Start in Life: Screen time guidance for under 5s

Digital screens are a part of modern life, but finding the right balance between screen time and other activities for young children can be tricky. That's why this guide has been created using evidence-informed guidance to support parents and carers in shaping healthy screen time habits for little brains - [Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)



Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

[Early Years Pupil Premium \(EYPP\) | Early Years \(buckscc.gov.uk\)](#)

If you qualify and register your child for EYPP we are provided with extra funding to help support your child at our preschool. Please go to the link above to check eligibility and complete the quick online form, then notify us of the outcome.

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

If your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and they are accessing Early Years funding, their childcare provider can claim an extra £938 for the year.

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is a one off payment, per child, per year paid to the provider nominated by the parent and is used to support the inclusion of eligible children from the age of 9 months to 4 years old through reasonable adjustments.



Speak to your early years provider today or scan the QR code for more information.



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Early Years Pupil Premium

If your child is 9 months - 4 years old, childcare providers can claim up to £570 per year to spend on enriching your child's education. This funding is called Early Years Pupil Premium, or EYPP for short.

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding for Early Years providers to help them improve the education they provide for families with 9 months - 4 year olds who are in receipt of certain benefits.



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Other useful links:

[Wellbeing for parents - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS](#)

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

[Find a dentist - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Homepage | Best Start in Life](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Apply for free childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

[Pre-School Policies](#)

[Job Vacancies](#)

Free from falls

*“A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family.
And that's just very tragic.”*

Paediatric Neurologist (a doctor who specialises in child brain injury)

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That's because babies' heads are much heavier than their bodies, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact.

It doesn't make sense trying to stop all falls. But there are some serious ones you can easily stop once you know how and why.

 **Cots, beds and changing tables** – now I can wriggle and roll!

- Even small babies can wriggle off a bed or changing table – so change their nappies on the floor and avoid leaving them on a raised surface
- As soon as your baby can stand, remove any large toys they might climb on to get out of their cot, preventing serious falls.

 **Stairs** – I can shuffle and I'm off!

- Even before they're mobile, babies are injured when the person carrying them falls. So keep a hand on the rail going up and down stairs
- As soon as your baby starts moving around, fit safety gates to stop them climbing or falling down the stairs.

 **Highchairs** – is that my drink?

- Children may try to get things that are out of their reach
- They may lean over the side and topple out or push themselves up and try to climb out
- Get into the habit of using the straps on the highchair every time you use it.

 **Windows** – what's that I can see?

- Small children are curious and want to see what's happening outside but have no real understanding of danger
- Keep low furniture away from windows, especially in children's bedrooms
- If you can, fit restrictors or locks on your windows
- If you opt for a lock, keep the keys somewhere you can find them, in case there's a fire and you need to get out.

 **Trampolines** – how high can I bounce?

- The biggest risk from trampolines is having two people with very different weights
- Let children take it in turns and avoid adults and children jumping together
- Use a safety net or cage so children can't be thrown onto the ground.



 capt.org.uk

 [@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](#)

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child accident
prevention trust



1 in 10 children are admitted to hospital every day after falling from a building

With the weather getting warmer, it is lovely to open windows and balcony doors to let the fresh air in. But toddlers and young children can and, too often, do fall out of windows or from balconies and suffer serious injuries.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust have free resources to help keep children in your communities safe from falls.

Invoice & Xero Schedules

Invoices 01 for Summer 01 25/26 have been sent via Xero, if you have not received your invoice and you are a fee payer/pay for sessions over the funding hours, please email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk as soon as possible. If you have an outstanding invoice, please make payment as soon as possible. If invoices are not paid and a payment plan is not in place, we reserve the right to apply a late payment fee and your child may not be able to attend sessions until the invoice has been paid.

Xero Schedules If you are fully funded your schedule via Xero (comes through like an invoice) for Summer 01 25/26 have been sent out. Your schedule shows the sessions we have on our register for your child, if any sessions are incorrect on the schedules, please email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk so we can check our register.

Please see our Fees Policy and Educational Funding Policy re information on our fees, invoicing and Funding:-

[Pre-School Policies \(newmillsidepre-school.co.uk\)](http://newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)

Working Parent Code

If you have a working parent code, please ensure you reconfirm this code every 3 months for the code to remain valid.

HMRC should prompt you via email when you are due to reconfirm your code.

WOW Moments



At Pre-school we enjoy watching your children grow and develop and like to celebrate their achievements. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoyed or achieves at home or when out and about with friends and family. Please message these in so we can celebrate these moments!

Reminders

- **If you need to speak to a member of staff at drop off, please wait to one side by the main door until ALL of the children have entered, a member of staff will then be able to assist you once we have all the children safely in the building.**
- With so many children entering, it can be challenging to remember all messages communicated at the door while ensuring everyone gets in safely. We kindly ask if you need to inform us about things like, early collection for medical appointments or if someone else will be picking up your child etc, please just drop us a quick message or WhatsApp before the session. Please do not email in case of staff absence. Thank you. Reminder of mobile number 07928689736.
- We operate an open door policy & wish to work in partnership with you at all times.

- If you wish to discuss the progress your child is making, or would like more information about where your child is at developmentally please call their keyperson during their office hour (timings below) or call to arrange a meeting if that time is not convenient to you.

Keyperson office times 2025/26

Keyperson	Office Day	Available Time
Nandini	Monday AM	09:30-10:30
Jenny	Monday PM	13:00-14:00
Aneeka	Tuesday AM	09:00 - 12:00
Maariya	Tuesday AM	09.30 -10.30
Mia	Wednesday AM	10.30 – 11.30
Mahdia	Wednesday AM	09:30 - 10:30
Nazia	Thursday PM	12:30 - 15:30
Georgina	Thursday AM	09.00 - 12:00
Steph	Friday AM	09:00 - 12:00

If you buzz the main door, please be patient and the staff will be with you as soon as they can. Staff cannot always leave the room/office straight away and if you are collecting your child for an appointment a member of staff will be collecting their belongings and will bring them to the front as soon as they can. Thank you for your understanding.

Car Park / Road Safety

Do not park in the preschool/school car park unless you have a medical or specified reason to do so that has already been agreed with preschool.

Please remind your children of road safety and the importance of staying on the path and not running around the car park/playing behind where the cars park or where the bins are. Children must remain with you.

Please ensure that your children are transported safely when in cars and have their seatbelt properly secured at all times while the car is moving. Please also ensure they are in correct age appropriate car seats - Halfords can help you for free if you would like advice - [Free Child Seat Consultation | Halfords UK](#) **(It's a legal requirement for children to use a car seat until they are 12 years old or 135 cm tall, whichever comes first - [Child car seats: the law: Using a child car seat or booster seat - GOV.UK](#)).**

Illnesses

It is crucial to keep your child at home if they are unwell, this would include if you have felt the need to give them Calpol prior to coming into preschool. This helps protect our vulnerable staff and children from illness. We want to remain open and avoid closures, but high staff sickness could force us to close. Your cooperation in keeping children who are unwell at home is greatly appreciated and helps us maintain a healthy environment for everyone.

Our Infection Control Policy and when to stay home and for how long: - [NEW MILLSIDE PRE-SCHOOL POLICIES](#)

Belongings

To help the staff allocate belongings quickly, or return these to you if they are misplaced in the setting, please **label all items, including snack pots, lunch bags and individual pieces of fruit**, please label the bags on the outside, this helps staff quickly grab the bags if they need them for a change of clothes/nappies etc. Water bottles also need names on them, sometimes children have the same water bottles.

Please also remember to put extra nappies in your child's bag and change of clothing, thank you.

Late Pick Up

If you know you will be late to collect your child, please notify the pre-school asap before the collection time and, where possible, arrange for the emergency contact to pick up and notify us who that will be. We have a late collection policy in place and if we are not informed this will be enforced at a cost of £10 plus £1 per 5 minutes. Please ensure that anyone picking up your child for the first time is aware of the child's password.

How you can help and support Pre-school

During Autumn 2025 we have raised: -

Smiles at School Photo Commission = £29.80

Parent/Carer donations = £24.00

Buckinghamshire Lottery = £44.50

Reindeer Food = £21.10

Christmas Photos = £121.50

During Spring 2026, we have raised: -

Parent/Carer donations = £6.00

Buckinghamshire Lottery = £37.50

During Summer 2026, so far, we have raised: -

Parent/Carer donations = £0

Buckinghamshire Lottery = £27.00

Eid Photo = £58.50

Easyfundraising = £22.24

Thank you all for your donations and items bought for the setting, including donating your time to help us build resources we are very grateful, a special mention to Matt. We have had some wonderful books and toys/resources brought and donated for the children.

New Millside Pre-school is a **registered charity** (1031538) and relies on **donations** and **fundraising** to support essential activities and resources, including:

 **Educational visits** – Zoolab, Living Eggs & more

 **End-of-term parties** – Summer & Christmas celebrations

 **Entertainers & magicians** – Bringing joy & excitement

 **Equipment & consumables** – Resources

 **Garden maintenance** – Creating a fun & engaging outdoor space

How You Can Help

 **Sign up** through the links below to support our fundraising efforts.

 **Donate essential items** such as washing-up liquid, A4/A3 paper, batteries, kitchen towel, tea, coffee, toilet roll, antibacterial spray, wipes, nappy bags, pens, bulbs, plants, fruit, soil, sand, and gravel etc...

 **Make a voluntary donation** via **bank transfer** – every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

Bank Details: **Bank Name:** The New Millside Pre-School **Sort Code:** 40-08-39 **Account Number:** 01557858 **Reference:** Child's name or schedule number (if using the schedule sent via Xero)

 **Corporate Support** – If you or someone you know works for a corporate company, they may be able to support our charity-run pre-school by donating items. **Please keep us in mind!**

 **Leftover Materials** – Occasionally, we need extra supplies such as gravel, soil, or plants for our outdoor space. If you or someone you know has leftover materials from a project or job, we would greatly appreciate any donations.

Your support directly impacts and helps the preschool - Thank you for being part of our journey!

Buckinghamshire Lottery

Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week and for every £1 ticket sold 60p will go towards the Pre-school. <https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/support/new-millside-pre-school>



Amazon Wish Lists

Amazon Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/ayxeWnN>

Amazon Books Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/akAFEuz>



Easyfundrasing

You can raise FREE donations for New Millside Pre-School EVERY time you shop online.

Just use easyfundraising!

Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

Please support us [LINKED HERE](#)



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For every order placed we receive 24%. Please use our School ID: 77689

<https://www.mynametags.com/>



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1 - Our Ofsted Report - [LINKED HERE](#)