





🛕 🔆 Christmas Newsletter 🔆 🎄



Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Miller House Community,

I am proud to be able to write this letter as we head toward the end of our first full term at Miller House School. Since our official first day on 30th September 2025, we have all achieved so much, and it makes me very proud to see the progress that our students are making.

There have been so many highlights so far this school year, but a few have stood out in particular for me, as I truly feel the ethos, "can-do" attitude and values shown by our community have shone through.

Our students have shown real respect and support for others through Anti-Bullying Week, as well as giving back to our local community by delivering cakes for Children in Need. They have explored important ideas around the future and sustainability through learning about green careers, and they have shown impressive teamwork through our collaborative experiences – from achieving success up in the trees at Go Ape to building trust and connections at Saffron Acres.

It really has been a wonderful term, and I am proud to be the Headteacher at Miller House, supporting you and your children through their education. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and belief in what we are building together.

I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas. We look forward to welcoming our staff back on Monday 5th January 2026, and our students on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Warmest wishes,

Gaynor Donley-Williams

Headteacher

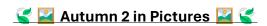


We nurture dreams to build futures through care, compassion quality and impact!

Miller House School, Est 2025

# m 🍀 Date(s) for Your Diary 🍀 📺

\*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in an INSET day. Students start the new term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.





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'We'd love you to follow us on Facebook, where we share updates, events and all things new at Miller House School.'



"A big well done to our amazing Stars of the Week—what a brilliant half term it's been!"

Week 1 – Adrian

Week 2 - Tommy S

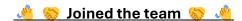
Week 3 - Adrian

Week 4 - Isabelle

Week 5 - Zachary

Week 6 - Tommy B

Week 7 - Isabelle



A big welcome to Sarah Robinson - our Clinical Lead and trained Occupational Therapist. Sarah is looking forward to getting to know all the families.

We are also delighted to welcome the following new members of staff who will be joining us from January 2026: Amelia Daly, Tara Dempsey and Alice Kirk, who join us as Teaching Assistants, Ross Kirk, who joins as a Teacher of SEND, Miles Marr, who joins as our Outdoor Education Instructor, Rebecca Giblin as a Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) and Kerry Harris Assistant Headteacher. We look forward to them becoming part of the Miller House community and contributing to the supportive and positive environment we are building together.



- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Twycross Zoo
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

\*More trips and activities to be announced soon

### **III** Updated School Day Timings – From January 2026

From January 2026, we will be making **some small changes to the structure of the school day**. Please be reassured that **arrival times remain the same**, and these adjustments are
designed to support learning and smooth transitions throughout the day.

Arrival: 8.45am - 9.00am

Breakfast club/Registration: 9.00am - 9.15am

#### Lessons:

• Lesson 1: 9.15am - 10.05am

Lesson 2: 10.05am – 10.55am

**Morning Break:** 10.55am – 11.10am

#### Lessons:

• Lesson 3: 11.10am – 12.00pm

• Lesson 4: 12.00pm – 12.50pm

Lunch / Break: 12.50pm - 1.30pm

#### **Afternoon Lesson:**

Lesson 5: 1.30pm – 2.20pm

**IEP Time:** 2.20pm – 2.30pm

Tutor Time, Reflection and transition to taxis: 2.30pm – 3.00pm

**End of Day / Home Transport:** From 2:55pm, students will transition to taxis ready for home.

If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.



Your child's school report is now ready and has been included in the newsletter envelope for you to read.

## 🍍 🔖 Christmas Jumper Day 🔖 🥤





Last week, as part of our Christmas Jumper Day and our ongoing focus on British Values and Personal Development, our boys were treated to a fantastic afternoon of professional grooming and haircuts.

This experience supported pupils' personal development, helping to build confidence, self-esteem and positive relationships, while also strengthening our community links. It was a great opportunity for pupils to engage positively with professionals beyond the school environment.

A huge thank you to our new friends at L'Homme Barbers for being so welcoming and for providing such a positive experience for our pupils. We really appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you all again very soon

## 🌻 🎳 From Seed to Success 🞳 🌻

We're excited to share that our new school polytunnel is currently being built and will be ready to use from January. A polytunnel is a large, covered growing space — like a walk-in greenhouse — that protects plants from the weather and creates the perfect environment for gardening all year round. Once it's open, students will have hands-on opportunities to grow fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers, learn about nature, and enjoy the calming benefits of outdoor learning. The space will be used for science projects, sensory experiences, teamwork, responsibility and wellbeing activities, offering a safe and supported environment for students to explore, nurture and watch things grow. We can't wait to see what they plant — and how they flourish alongside it.





### 📫 🎄 Need Support This Christmas — Where to Turn in Leicester 🎄 📫

If you or your family need help over the festive season, Leicester has several community organisations and services offering food, shelter, warm meals, and support to make sure no one has to struggle alone.

- Open Hands Compassion Centre 19 Lower Willow Street, LE1 2HP provides a
  food store (with free or reduced cost food), clothing, bedding and household goods
  (on referral), and sometimes hot meals.
- Foodbanks and community pantries: There are many across Leicester depending
  on your postcode (for example run by churches, community groups or local
  charities). If you're short of food particularly around Christmas these are often
  a first port of call.
- Family support & holiday activity scheme If you have children who receive free school meals, there's a Christmas holiday scheme providing food and fun activities so children aren't left without support over the break.

Wishing you a warm and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year — from all the staff at Miller House School.