

Autumn 02 2023 – 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/be included in this version).



New Millside Pre-school Contact Details

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Website: <https://www.newmillsidepre-school.co.uk/>

Please remember to like our Facebook page!

Committee Chair Contact Email: committee.chair@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk

Hello & Welcome we hope you all had a lovely October half term. We were very fortunate to be able to book Zoolab to visit us last term and we have attached some pictures below of some of the animals they brought along with them. The children really enjoyed seeing and holding all the different animals and said 'I liked the frog and the snail', 'I liked the corn snake' and 'I liked the spider'. Today the children have made and tasted pumpkin soup, the children had lots of fun making the soup but very mixed reviews on the taste!

This term we are looking forward to practising our singing for the Christmas Concert and making our props, and we are also looking forward to Nursery Rhyme week starting the 13th November. We have a few dates for your diary listed below for this term and there is more information on these events further in the newsletter:-

- BBC Children in Need - 13th - 17th November
- Parents Evening 23rd November at 4.30-6pm at preschool
- AGM 30th November 2023 at 6pm via Zoom - link will be sent out nearer the time
- Christmas Concert 8th December at 10.45 at Broughton Infant School

Remember to follow us on Facebook, we have more pictures of what we have been up to in preschool and important reminders.

BROUGHTON INFANT SCHOOL VISITS

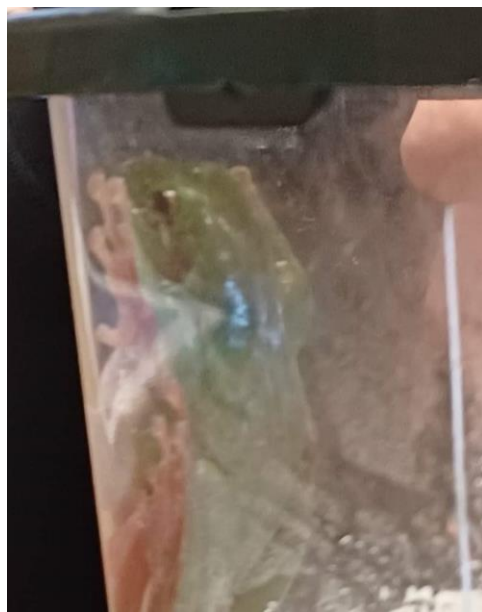
For children going to school from September 2024, Broughton Infant School have visits taking place on 13th, 14th & 15th November 2023. Please call or email Broughton Infant School office for more information –

Broughton Infant School contact details: office@broughtoninfant.bucks.sch.uk 01296 415642

Fundraising for our preschool

At the end of our Newsletter we have small ways you can support and help the pre- school raise money. Thank you for donations of paper, Christmas decorations and money donations that we have

received this term, we are extremely grateful for your generosity. Any money donations go towards the preschool such as resources & activities.



BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need is taking place on Friday 17th November. We will however be taking part for the whole week (week commencing 13th November). If you would like to take part, we are inviting the staff and children to dress up in spotty or yellow clothes across the week for a small voluntary donation to the charity. Donations can be made using the QR code on the poster or via this link - Donate to BBC Children in Need

N.B. We cannot accept cash donations or bank transfers to our account, please donate through the above link, thank you.

Adverse Weather

We try to remain open as much as possible but in the event of a closure the following procedures will be used:

- * Information will be posted on Bucks County Council website: <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>
- * There will be regular announcements on Bucks Radio Station.
- * We will also post on our Facebook page so please make sure you 'like' us on Facebook for updates.

If we open but have to close during sessions we will contact parents/carers who are in session and also notify the above.

If you decide it isn't safe for you to travel to pre-school, please let us know by text/telephone (07928689736 / 01296 489457) that your child will not be attending sessions as we are required to keep accurate registers, even on snow days, and any child that does not attend a session they are allocated to attend on our register when the pre-school is officially open must contact us to explain the reason for absence.

Parents Evening

Emailed out 12th October: - We will be holding our parents evening on Thursday 23rd November.

Booking request and further information please open the link -
The form closes midday 13th November.

At New Millside Pre-school we have an open door policy, we are here to support you and your child so do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff about any queries you may have. Your child's keyperson is also available during their office hour, times copied below, for you to call through with any queries you may have.

Christmas Concert

'Christmas Carols Concert' on Friday 8th December at 10:45 am which will be held in the Broughton Infant School hall. Following our email on the 12th October, thank you for completing the form to confirm attendance, this has now closed and we will confirm seat numbers shortly. Drop off information:

1. If your child attends the AM session, please can parents/carers arrive at 10.40am and line up outside the hall. At the end of the concert, the children can be taken home from the preschool, once signed out.
2. If it is not their usual session, and you would like your child to take part, please confirm to us and bring them along at 10.30am to the preschool main door and we will take them over to the Infant school hall.
3. The show will finish at approximately 11.30.
4. If your child attends an all-day session, they will continue their day as normal.

The children will be making their costumes during sessions, but if you have any Christmas crafts/decorations, please let us know!

We will send out the song sheet shortly and when we have the results of who is attending, we will message you which group your child is in and the song they are singing. In the next few weeks we will be selling reindeer food for £1

DANNY HIGGINS SMILES AT SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

If your child had their photo taken at our photo day, your photo proofs have arrived, and these will be handed out to you at pick up/collection time.

Our photographer Sally has captured some beautiful photos of the children and siblings!

Remember there may be more photos online for you to view as well, you will need to enter the Image Reference Code to log in.

Please order online where possible – best prices are online orders.

If you cannot order online, please download the postal order form, information on this is on the back of the photo proof form.

The **deadline for orders is 13th November 2023**. You can place orders after this date, but you will not receive the Early Bird Discount, and if ordering late with the photo proof card this will incur a £5 late fee for postal order forms, although this fee can be avoided by ordering online. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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!

DAY CARE RECORDS

It is important that our records are kept up to date i.e. contact details, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibility and any health updates etc, please inform us as soon as possible via email of any changes that need to be made and the date the changes are to take place from - office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk

TAPESTRY

There is a section on your child's Tapestry page called 'About Me' and your child's keyperson would be very grateful if you could complete and keep updated where possible, as their likes and dislikes do change all the time. Also feel free to add in pictures or videos of any activities you would like us to see e.g. holidays, outing, things around the house you do together, milestones etc.

Invoices & Xero Schedules

Invoices for Autumn 02 23/24

Invoices 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 asap.

Xero Schedules

If you are fully funded we have sent out your schedule via Xero (comes through as an invoice) for Autumn 02 23/24. Your schedule shows the sessions we have on our register for your child and it also has a suggested voluntary donation on the schedule but this is at your discretion and you are under no obligation to pay this amount. Any donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. If any sessions are incorrect on the schedules, please email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk so we can check our register.

Thank you for your continued support.

Committee

We will be holding our AGM this Autumn Term on the 30th November 2023 at 6.30pm over Zoom. If you are interested in joining our committee, please speak to Karen. We welcome nominations from all interested parties. If you know of any family members or family friends who would be interested in spending a few hours a term to support the pre-school in this capacity, we would urge you to contact us and we can provide you with further details. This is a great opportunity to have input into the workings of the preschool and to support the development and outcomes.

Information and links we have been asked to share



NHS

9 out of 10
unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom/setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.



NHS

flu: 5 reasons
to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and various complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit:
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu immunisation

This year's flu vaccination programme is underway. Children who are aged 2 and 3 years old by 31 August 2023 are eligible for a free flu vaccine which is given as a nasal spray.

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School
Hazell Avenue, Aylesbury

Reception Class
Admissions
2024
Information Evening and Tours

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024?
(Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020)

Admissions Information Meeting & Tour Tuesday 7th November 2023 9.15 am & 7.00 pm	Day Tours Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.00am & 1.40pm Throughout November and December
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Come along and see our happy children, wonderful school and spacious grounds and facilities.

Please telephone 01296 484618 to confirm your visit.
We ask that you do not bring children to the information meeting. Children are very




Starting School
in Buckinghamshire

For children born between
01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020



This leaflet gives you some information on starting school and explains how to apply for a primary school place for your child.

You must make your application for a school place to the Council or Local Authority (LA) in whose area you live. If you live in Buckinghamshire, you will be able to list up to six schools located in any area on your application. If you do not live in Buckinghamshire, you must make your application to your home council even if you want a school in another area. All councils share information with each other where necessary.

What should you be doing now?

Visit our website for information about starting school
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

The 'Find my child a school place' service on the website has additional information about our schools
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Check the website of the schools you are interested in to see whether they offer an open event or other options to learn more about the school. Check to see which is your nearest or catchment school to see if they could meet your child's needs.

How are places allocated

Sometimes schools have more applications than there are places available. If this happens, we use admission rules to decide which children should be offered a place. Information about admission rules is available on our website. You should check the admission rules as different schools can have different rules. If you want to apply for a school in another area you should check their rules.

Some schools have a supplementary form for you to fill in. You must check the School Directory for more information
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

We use distance to help us work out who can be offered a place. Most but not all Buckinghamshire schools use straight line distance, you need to check this. Danesfield School and St Pauls CE School use routed distance.

Buckinghamshire LA operates an Equal preference scheme. This means that the preference number you have given each school (1st - 6th) does not affect how likely it is that your child will get a place. If, during the allocation process, we can offer your child more than one school, we offer the place at the school you listed highest on your application.

You should list the schools in the order you would like them. Once the closing date has passed you will not be able to change your preferences until much later in the process, so please think carefully about the school you list and the order you have put them.

How to apply - Buckinghamshire residents only

Please read the timeline in this leaflet.

You can apply online, using a laptop, desktop, smart phone or tablet. Our system is safe and easy to use. Set up a username (your email address) and password. You can then fill in your details and your child's details and list up to six preferences for primary schools. Your home address and your child's should be the same.

Apply online from 11 am on 01 November 2023 at
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Once we have received your preferences, we will send an automatic email confirming which schools you have applied for.

You can log back in to change your application at any time before the deadline. Please remember to re-submit your application if you make any changes.

It is important that you use the same email address and remember your password. We will use your email address to contact you throughout the process, so it is important that you let us know if you change it.

Make sure you apply by the deadline of **15 January 2024**.

We ask you to send in your council tax reference number as evidence of where you live, when you complete your application. If you can't provide this, please see the website for a list of documents that you can choose from.

If you apply online, you will know which school we have offered your child a day early. You can log onto your account on 16 April to accept the school offer. You will also get this information in an email.

If you apply with a paper form, you will not know the outcome of your application until 17 April.



Home to School Transport

If home to school transport is important to you, make sure you read and understand the rules about free home to school transport. We provide free transport to eligible children. To be eligible for free school transport your child must:

1. Attend their nearest suitable school. The nearest suitable school is determined at the point places are allocated.
2. The nearest suitable school must be over the statutory walking distance of 2 miles for children under the age of eight.
3. Your child must be statutory (compulsory) school age, i.e. the term following their fifth birthday.

For your child to be considered for free transport you must include your child's nearest school as a preference on your application. It does not have to be the highest preference. If your child's nearest school is not listed as a preference on your application, then we will not consider providing free transport to a school further away.

Timeline - What happens when?

You need to know these important dates if you live in Buckinghamshire

Autumn Term 2023

Learn about schools in Buckinghamshire using the School Directory in the 'Find my child a school place' service on our website. Visit schools' websites too. Attend any open days.

1 November 2023

Make your application online [buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

15 January 2024

Application Deadline - do not leave it until the last minute to submit your child's application

16 April 2024

We offer school places. Parents who applied online will receive an email and can log on to accept the school offered.

What you can find on our website

Information about Starting School for the first time including making an application.

You can search for your nearest school using the 'Find my child a school place' service - enter your child's date of birth and postcode [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/find-a-school-place](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/find-a-school-place)

The 'School Directory' gives you details for the schools in Buckinghamshire.

Allocation statistics will help you understand what has happened in previous years. You can view the statistics **on our website**.

More important information

Our website not only covers all the topics in this leaflet in more detail but also includes -

- What evidence we need to see if you are moving house
- How to apply for a school place and things to think about before you do this
- How to respond to the offer of a school place
- What you can do if we cannot offer the school you would like
- Information about Transition Day in July 2024, when children usually spend the day at their new school

Visit our website [buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



How to contact us

If you have a question that is not answered on our website, please fill in the Contact Us form at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/contactadmissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/contactadmissions)

You can write to us at the address below, but our preferred method of contact at this time is via the contact us form using the link above.

Admissions & Transport Team,
Children's Services,
Buckinghamshire Council,
Walton Street Offices, Walton Street,
Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

Office Hours:
9am - 5.30pm Monday to Thursday
9am - 5pm Friday



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



FREE EARLY YEARS WORKSHOPS for PARENTS and CARERS
 Booking is essential. SCAN the QR code below or PHONE 01296 383582

STORY EXPLORERS (4 WEEKS) ✨

ONLINE

- Tuesday 7 November, 9:30am to 11am

📍 SOUTH COURT FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY

- Tuesday 7 November, 1pm to 2:30pm

📍 NEWTOWN FAMILY CENTRE, CHESHAM

- Wednesday 8 November, 10am to 11:30am

SCAN ME 

HEALTHY ACTIVE CHILD (4 WEEKS) ✨

SCAN ME 

📍 HITHERCROFT FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE

- Monday 6 November, 9:30am to 11am

📍 HAMPDEN WAY FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE

- Wednesday 8 November, 10am to 11:30am

 Active

PLAY AND LEARN (5 WEEKS) ✨

📍 CASTLEFIELD FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE

- Tuesday 7 November, 10am to 12pm

📍 PRINCES RISBOROUGH FAMILY CENTRE

- Thursday 9 November, 10am to 12pm

SCAN ME 

BUSY FINGERS (5 WEEKS) ✨

SCAN ME 

📍 ELMHURST FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY

- Thursday 9 November, 10am to 12pm



  buckinghamshireadultlearning  BucksAdLearning  adultlearningbc.ac.uk  

We asked the children...

What did you enjoy at pre-school this week

'I liked playing with all the things in the Halloween corner'

'I liked drawing'

'I liked stamping with stampers'

'I like playing with the toys'

'I liked cutting the carrots'

Useful links & Information

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

[How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#)

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

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) - Please see our Autumn 2023 Newsletter with more information on healthy eating, if you require a new link for this newsletter, please let us know.

EYPP - Do you qualify for Pupil Premium Funding? [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.

30 Hour Code

If you already have a 30 hour code, please remember to check if your code needs reconfirming to ensure the code remains valid. Without the 30 hour code we will invoice for any sessions over 15 universal hours.

If you are applying for the 30 hour code to be used for the Spring term, please do so before 31/12/2023. If you apply after this date the code will not be valid until the Summer Term. You must let us know if you are applying/have applied for the code so we can ensure you are provided with the correct funding form **before** the end of term.

[Information and Applying - 30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[When to apply and information - How to apply for 30 hours free childcare | Childcare choices](#)



Dear Parents/Carers,

Early Years Pupil Premium

Did you know if you qualify and register your child for Early Years Pupil Premium we are provided with extra money to help support your child at our preschool. For every child registered, the Government provides an extra 60p per hour for that child's sessions to Early Years providers. This funding is called 'Early Years Pupil Premium'.

The extra funds we receive for your child can be used to help pay for lunch session fees to allow your child to attend a full day if this would otherwise take them over their funded hours. It can also be used to help pay for resources identified by their keyworker and yourselves that will support your child's development at the setting. We will discuss with you how you would like us to allocate this money so that your child receives maximum benefit.

Please register in the next couple of weeks to make sure this is paid to us for the Spring Term.

If your child attended and had 2 year funding, you could qualify for this.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – search the following link: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/eypp/buckinghamshire> and complete the quick online form, then notify your setting of the outcome.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Do you Qualify:-

Children whose parents/carers receive one of the following benefits will generate EYPP for their childcare provider:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income - based (not contribution-based) Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJAS)
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Income related employment & support allowance or financially supported by National Asylum Support Service
- Universal credit – their annual net earned income must be equivalent to and not exceeding £7,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods
- Child tax credit - except if they meet any of the following criteria:
 - Entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - Have an annual income in excess of £26,100

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to EYPP

Or the child has:

- Been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales.
- Been adopted from care in England or Wales
- Left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales

Please note: For parents accessing their Extended Funding Entitlement, Pupil Premium will only be paid to providers for the Universal 15 hours a child attends. Any additional hours claimed under the Extended entitlement will not attract Pupil Premium funding.

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Deputy Manager: deputymanager@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk SENCO: senco@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk

Charity Registration No: 1033538

Important Reminders:

- We are a **nut free** pre-school.
- **Snack Pots:** - If your child attends all day, send in two named snack pots (veg/fruit only) and a named lunch box. If your child is AM or PM only then please send just one named snack pot (fruit/veg only).
- **Name all items:** - All items must be clearly labelled, including bags, snack pots, lunchboxes, bottles, shoes, hats, gloves etc.
- **Toys from Home:** - Please try to avoid toys being brought in from home. If your child brings something in these may be lost/damaged/mixed in with preschool toys and the preschool cannot replace these. Comforters should be named.
- **No parking in the preschool/school car park,** spaces should not be blocked at anytime and please do not park on the yellow lines outside of the car park. In the event of an emergency, **emergency services need immediate clear access.**
- **Absence, appointments and holidays:** - To notify us of an absence, appointments etc, either text the preschool mobile using WhatsApp if possible on 07928689736 or call 01296489457 before your child's session. Please do not email these through to the office, as these may not be seen until after the register is taken. It is extremely important that you inform us of the reason why your child is absent and that you respond to messages regarding absences as we have a duty of care to note absences in our records. Any unexplained absences become safeguarding issues.
- **No Dogs:** - No dogs are allowed within the school grounds - only guide dogs are permitted.
- **Our Policies:** - [Pre-School Policies \(newmillsidepre-school.co.uk\)](http://newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)
- **Change of details i.e. address:** - Email office@newmillsidepre-school.co.uk of the changes as soon as possible.
- Please line up along the path outside of the preschool, behind the main door and do not allow the children to play behind where the cars park or in the car park. Use our main gate at the side and do not walk through the car park. Buggies and bikes can be stored under the shelter and should not be left in the road.
- 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 straightaway and if you are collecting your child the staff will be collecting their belongings and will bring them to the front as soon as they can.
- **Our staff are here to help you.** We would remind you that violent, abusive or intimidating behaviour towards our staff will not be tolerated. New Millside will take legal action and may withdraw service from anyone who verbally or physically assaults a member of staff.

Small ways you can help and support the pre-school

New Millside Pre-school is a registered charity (1031538) and we therefore rely on donations from parents/carers and fundraising towards essentials such as: Educational visits from Zoolab & Living

Eggs etc, Entertainer/Magician, Gifts to make at Christmas/Easter/etc, Equipment, Consumables, Being able to maintain our garden, etc.

You can help by signing up to the following:

(N.B if underlined, click the header for the link to the website)

Easyfundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at [NEW MILLSIDE PRE-SCHOOL EASYFUNDRAISING](#)

Buckinghamshire Lottery

Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week and for every £1 ticket sold 60p will go towards the Pre-school.

Donations

We would appreciate any items from washing up liquid, A4/A3 paper, batteries, kitchen towel, toilet roll, antibacterial spray, wipes, nappy bags, pens, bulbs and plants for our garden, fruit, soil, sand, flour, salt, gravel etc.

Voluntary Donations

We carry a shortfall i.e. the difference between what the Government pay and our cost to deliver a session, we would therefore appreciate any help in voluntary donations either being an amount paid into our account, your scheduled invoice received voluntary donation or by purchasing consumables.

My Nametags

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

Brigade Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory but may be preferred, i.e. messy play etc. If you wish to purchase uniform please visit www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com. We receive a small commission on all orders.

Available to purchase: hats, bags, t-shirts & sweatshirts.

We also appreciate any donations and consumable donations. Thank you.

Enter our Super Draw
WIN A £1000 JOHN LEWIS GIFT CARD

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Win a John Lewis/Walpole gift card, or take the cash!

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Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for
New Millside Pre-school
with easyfundraising
You shop, brands donate to us. It won't cost you any extra!

How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them

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SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk AND SEARCH FOR New Millside

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<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50185554>