



Dear Parents,

It is an exciting week here at Milford with our Book Week in full swing. Two lovely authors are visiting on Friday to share some stories they have published and to do some work with our children. At the end of the day, there will be an opportunity for you to purchase (and get signed) a copy of one of their books. They are giving up their time for free to visit us and we are very grateful to them both.

As you will see from the Governor Update below, the recruitment of my successor is well underway and I know you will all be keen to hear more. As soon as the process is complete and we are in a position to notify you of the outcome, rest assured we will do so at the earliest opportunity. What I can divulge is that our school has attracted really strong candidates who I know are fully committed to our shared vision that we all "Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve". We are in the process of recruiting a teacher to work alongside Mrs Wigley until Easter time to provide some consistency and stability for Willow Class whilst Miss Jones is unwell and we will update you shortly.

Huge thanks go to our wonderful community once again for the amazingly generous donation of paper we received. We hope to be able to invite Carol and David to an Art Exhibition at the school at some point during the Summer term to see what we will have done with some of the paper we were gifted.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Andrew Stear  
Headteacher

## Governors Update

As Governors, we have been busily showing prospective candidates round the school for the role of Headteacher. We have been really happy with the strength of response to our advertisement and are excited to be interviewing on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We are determined to get the right successor to Mr Stear, who as you know is leaving us at Easter and hope to have further news in due course. We have a range of contingency plans in place, dependent upon the possible start date for the new Headteacher and want to reassure you that this will all be shared as soon as the recruitment process is complete.

We are grateful for your support and patience during this time.

Mrs Maureen Holland and Mrs Melanie Isherwood (Co-Chairs of Governors)

### Star of the Week 10.02.23

Beech: Kash and Sam  
Cherry: Maggie, Robyn and Aaron  
Elm: Joshua and Orla  
Lime: Lucinda and Ellie  
Oak: Marnie and Isaac  
Willow: Austin and Isla

### Star of the Week 24.02.23

Beech: Ted and Margot  
Cherry: Aidan and Eva  
Elm: Alexander and Isaac  
Lime: Heidi and Ava  
Oak: Jack and Addison  
Willow: Hudson and Leo

### Diary Dates

Fri 04.03.23	Booking for Parents Evening opens at 11am
Tues 06.03.23	Year 2 visit to The Mosque, Woking and Guildford Cathedral
Fri 10.03.23	School Disco
Tues 14.03.23	Year 1 to Haslemere Museum
Mon 20.03.23	Oak Parents Evening (in-person) 4—6.15pm
Weds 22.03.23	Parents Evening (virtual) 4.15—7pm
Thurs 23.03.23	Parents Evening (in-person) 3.45—6pm
Fri 31.03.23	Last day of term
Mon 03.04.23—14.04.23	Easter Holidays
Mon 17.04.23	Inset Day
Tues 18.04.23	First day of Summer term
Mon 01.05.23	May Bank Holiday
Mon 08.05.23	Coronation Bank Holiday
Mon 22.05.23	Year R to Bridworld
Fri 26.05.23	Inset Day
Mon 29.05—Fri 02.06	Half term Holiday
Tues 11.07.23	Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
Thurs 13.07.23	Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
Mon 17.07.23	Lime Class to Henley Fort (Climbing)
Wed 19.07.23	Elm Class to Henley Fort (Climbing)
Fri 21.07.23	Last day of term

## MILFORD SCHOOL BOOK WEEK!

We have had an amazing Book Week at Milford this year with so many book-related activities and such overwhelming support and engagement from our Milford School family. It is wonderful to see that we are all developing an incredible love of reading.

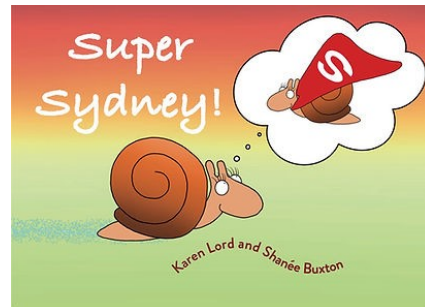
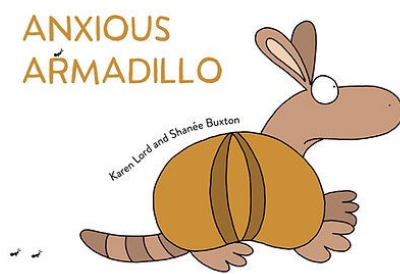
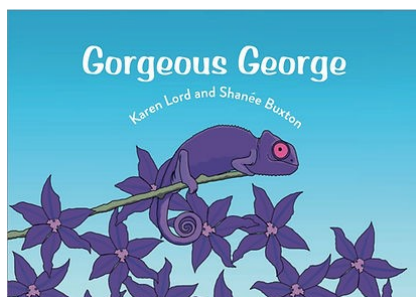
Many thanks to those of you who brought in books for our Great Milford Book Swap. Thanks to you, all of our children went home proud owners of a new-to-them book this week. We shall try to continue this throughout the year with the simple rule—one in, one out i.e. donate one you no longer want to then take home a different one.

Special Book Week thanks as well to our lovely parent helpers who give up their time each week to help with guided and individual reading as well as kick-starting class visits to our wonderful school library again! We are so very grateful and lucky to have you!

### Creative Chameleon Books author/illustrator visit

Author and illustrator duo, Karen Lord and Shanée Buxton, visited today for an assembly and workshops for each year group based upon a different book (see below). If you haven't already ordered a copy of one of their books, there is still a chance to purchase as well as to collect pre-ordered books and get them signed after school today, Friday 3rd March. Please do support this wonderful duo who have kindly provided this opportunity for the children without charge. All of the children have enjoyed their activities immensely. Many thanks Karen and Shanée!

<https://www.creativechameleonbooks.co.uk/>



### Year R and 2 Book Buddies

It was so lovely to see the oldest and youngest in our school sharing books together this week....





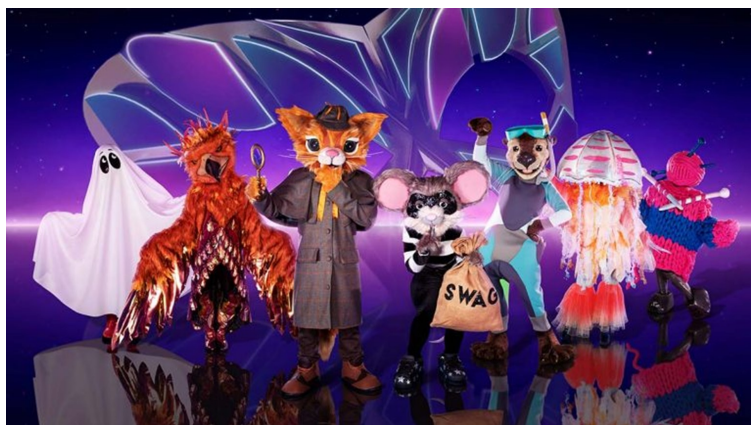
## Reading Cafes

The children were spoilt for choice for their starter, main and dessert courses...



## Milford Masked Reader competition

There was a great buzz of excitement and lots of great detective work prior to the big reveal this afternoon! Did you guess correctly?

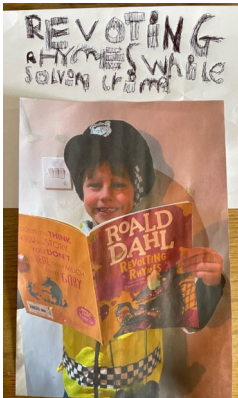




## Rhyming Reads Competition

We have had an overwhelming response to our Rhyming Reads Competition with approx. 70 entries! Well done to all of the children who took part. They will all collect a small prize from Mrs Heslop after assembly on Monday.

### I am reading...



'Snow White' while having a bite.

'There's a Wocket in my Pocket' beside a socket.



'Don't Go There' whilst holding a bear.



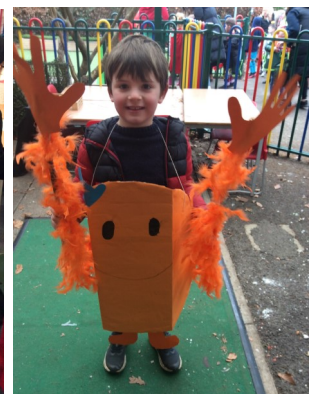
'Zog' with a frog!

'The Enormous Crocodile' on a pile.



## Book Character Dress-Up Day!

We have paraded in style today in our super costumes. Congratulations to: Grace and Thomas (Willow); Birdy and Callie (Oak); Florence and Otis (Cherry) Otis and Emily (Beech); Benjamin, Isaac and Thea (Elm) and Esther and Savannah (Lime) for winning our best home-made costume competition this year! Mrs Heslop will be presenting you with your prizes on Monday. Here are a few of the hundreds of photos that have been taken today!





## Book Character Dress-Up Day (cont'd)!



Many thanks to all of our parents, children and staff for making this our best Book Week yet!