




Just wow! What a term it has been. The children and staff have worked so hard and all deserve a rest! Your support of the PTA has raised an incredible £8000, thanks to you and to Natalie and the team of helpers. We hope all families will enjoy our new half termly newsletter which is a celebration of events and learning. Wishing all the Milford Families a very merry Christmas. Miss Cox and the team. 

Grandparents Day

We had over 120 attendees at 'Grandparents morning on 3rd November. They visited their grandchildren's classes to participate in activities. It was wonderful to hear them sharing the stories of their school days and how it has changed!



Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Milford Village Hall

Our wonderful years 1 & 2 sang fabulously at the lighting of the Christmas tree at Milford Village Hall. Dame Penelope Keith was super impressed by their gorgeous singing of 'Away in a Manger'. Dame Penelope was delighted with her flowers presented by Erin and Briana.



School Development Plan

The school team have reviewed our school's strengths and areas for improvement. We have identified 4 key intents for this year, which you can see below. Much work has already begun and you will have noticed a big change in our learning environments which have been decluttered and are very child focussed. Our Early Years has had a huge revamp and we now have a fabulous workshop, role play and very cozy book corner. Thanks to a £4000 donation from the PTA Friends all classes now have attractive reading areas to foster the love of reading.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

QUALITY OF EDUCATION	QUALITY OF EDUCATION	LEADERSHIP AND	EARLY YEARS
INTENT 1 To ensure that adaptive teaching is consistently used by all practitioners to ensure that all learners make good progress.	INTENT 2: To develop assessment processes so that teachers are confident, clear and knowledgeable on measuring achievement of all groups.	INTENT 3: For subject leaders to further develop the curriculum to ensure greater precision, and enhanced cultural capital for disadvantaged pupils.	INTENT 4 To further develop the Continuous Provision in Early Years so that opportunities for learning are embedded.

Governors' Christmas Message



Dear Parents & Carers

This Autumn Term seems to have whizzed by and here we are at the end of term and Christmas and a New Year beckoning.

The energy and buzz from the pupils and within the School has been palpable, especially this week with Nativities, the Christmas Lunch and I am sure the Carols will end the term with real festive cheer.

Thank you for your support for the School and for your warm welcome to Miss. Cox who, I am sure you will agree, has hit the ground running to great effect. We are so fortunate to have her and our fantastic team of teaching and support staff and, of course, the privilege of your wonderful children.

We wish you all a peaceful time at Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Melanie, Maureen and the Governors.



Diwali Workshop

All classes took part in a Diwali workshop on 17th November. This was part of the RE curriculum and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning something new.



Rocksteady Concert

The children who attend Rocksteady put on a performance for parents and children last Friday 8 December. Shotgun and We Will Rock You were some of the hits that were blasted out!



Sleep Storytime

Sleep Storytime on 6th December was a great success with all those who attended for a story with their teachers. Children and staff were dressed in onesies and pyjamas and they had hot delicious chocolate and cookies. Thanks you for the Friends helpers!



Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to Natalie and The Friends for their hard work in making the Christmas Fair a huge success. Both children and parents had a great time and they raised approximately £3,000 for the school which is fantastic!



Reception News

This term in Year R, our topic has been 'Once Upon a Time' and we have been learning about lots of different traditional tales. We focused on 'The Gingerbread Man' and used the story (as well as some suspicious-looking gingerbread characters caught on our 'CCTV') as a hook to create 'wanted' posters, learn the tale, create a story map and come up with our own version.

We have also continued to develop our phonics, creative and mark-making skills!



No learning about the Gingerbread Man would be complete without making some of our very own.

★ Year R proved to be 'star bakers' ★
and even cracked eggs without incident!





We have explored pattern, sorting, 2d shapes, capacity and subitising to 5 in Maths.



We have also developed our problem-solving, engineering and technology skills, not to mention some terrific teamwork!



Finally, we've kept physically active too—moving and balancing with more control.



Year One News

This term in Year One we have been learning about Castles. We have designed and made our own shields, we know about every day life, the different jobs in a castle and castle defences. The children had a lot of fun exploring symbols and colours which are used on a coat of arms and then used this knowledge to create their own.



We had a thoroughly enjoyable morning on Grandparents Morning—thank you to all those who came along and answered the children's questions about school life in the past. The children were, at times, surprised to learn how different school life was.





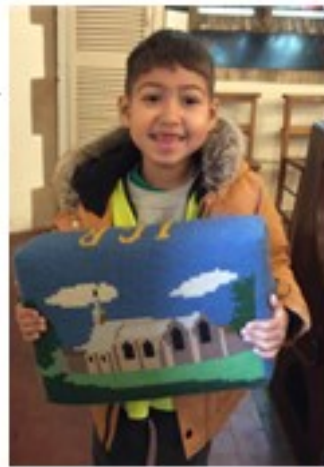
Rodborough School invited us to take part in Multi-skills. We had a great time participating in the many activities the students had organised.



During Dīwali, not only did we have a special assembly led by one of our parents but we also took part in a Dīwali Dance Workshop. The children were respectful and thoroughly enjoyed making many dance shapes, including the peacock.



As part of our RE learning we visited our local church. The children were able to explore the church and identify the different symbols they had learnt about at school.



We have loved all of the practical maths learning this half term which has really supported our learning of addition and subtraction.





Sleepy story night...being able to come to school in pyjamas was a very exciting occasion! We read stories together, drank some delicious hot chocolate and ate a biscuit (or two!). Our soft toys and teddies enjoyed it too!

Finally, we couldn't not mention the fantastic singing and dancing at our Christmas Performances. Our snowflakes, robins, stars and presents worked incredibly hard to learn their words and dance moves and absolutely sang and danced their hearts out! Well done Year One, you are all super stars!



Year 2 News

We have had lots of fun learning together in Year 2.

A big, huge, colossal dragon who was terrified of mice inspired the children to write their own stories of unexpected heroes. We then wrote instructions explaining how to trap unwanted creatures! This term also saw our entrepreneurs collaborating to design, make and run a class game at the Christmas Fair. We have explored maths in the real world looking at money including giving change. Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole were our history focus, with additional learning around Remembrance and the experience of an evacuee child in WWII.





Christmas Lunch

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the kitchen staff for providing a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. All the children had lunch in the hall together and were served by the staff.



Carols Around the Christmas Tree

The children and adults sang a selection of carols and Christmas songs around the Christmas tree today which finished off the term beautifully.



End of Term Christmas Snowstorm!



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT MILFORD SCHOOL

