




I hope you enjoy this bumper filled Christmas news letter celebrating our amazing children and their tremendous amount of learning they have achieved with lots of fun along the way! A huge thank you goes to the staff and governors of Milford School who work tirelessly to do the very best for our children. Thank you to Becky and the PTA team for organising a triumphant Christmas fair which was a wonderful event bringing our special Milford community together. Being a headteacher is a diverse job and I never know what the day what might bring, I am always prepared for the unexpected. Such an example arose this week when this feline fella walked into school and made himself a bit too comfy on my desk! A welcome guest he was too as he made me pause to share a moment of affection, which was just lovely! With the busy Christmas season upon us I hope you all manage to pause also and spend some much needed time to reconnect with your loved ones. Thank you so much for your continued support this term. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year Miss Cox 

Christmas Lunch

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the kitchen staff for providing a delicious Christmas lunch last week. 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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MILFORD TEAM!

Christmas Fair



The children sang beautifully at the Milford lights switch on and also at the Samson Centre Christmas event. Thank you for coming along!



Christmas Lunch





**Christmas Tree Decorating competition at St John's Church
which Milford children won!**



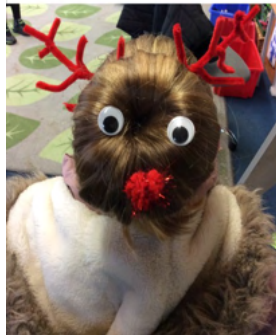
A huge thank you to Ryan (Louis' Dad) for providing crocus and daffodil plants which the children have planted. We can't wait to see the cheery spring flowers growing. Please keep off the grass!



Rocksteady Concert



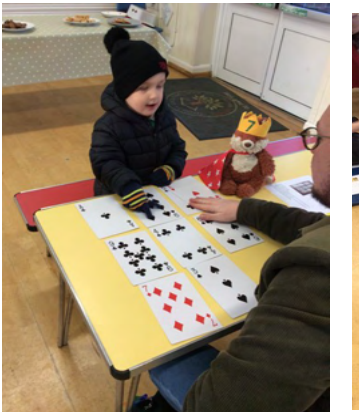
Crazy Hair Day



Look at these sleepyheads at Sleepy Storytime!



Thank you to Mrs Hearsom for organising the MATHS CAFÉ



Official Opening of The Octagon and The Smallest Things (Premature Babies)



As the flagship school for The Smallest Things premature baby aware organisation, Catriona organised for local MP Jeremy Hunt to come to Milford School to learn how we support children born prematurely. The Smallest Things are aiming for all UK schools to be 'prem-aware' and Catriona is hoping Mr Hunt will champion this worthy cause in parliament.

We took the opportunity to share our amazing approach to 'active learning' along with opening our wonderful Octagon with Natalie Soden. All enjoyed a lovely roasted marshmallow, yummy!



YEAR R NEWS

A bang, a crash and a sprinkle of magic!

What a fantastic term we've had in reception, filled with laughter, creativity and a touch of mischief!

We started with a bang, crash and pop as we celebrated fireworks night. The children loved using their gross motor skills to create dazzling firework dances, twirling and leaping like sparklers. Our role play sessions took us to a cosy campfire, where we shared stories and pretended to toast marshmallows – what a blast!

Next, the gingerbread men caused quite a stir, we spotted them on CCTV in the playground and found crumbs everywhere – the cheeky little things! They inspired us to read and write about the classic tale, and the children had a wonderful time baking their own delicious gingerbread treats. We also explored other magical stories like Biscuit Bear and The Magic Porridge Pot, which sparked lots of imaginative conversations and storytelling.

Of course, it wouldn't be a festive term without plenty of arts and crafts. One of our favourite activities was painting our hands to create beautiful robins for our Christmas cards, each one was a masterpiece!

It's been such a fun filled half term filled with learning, creating and special moments with our friends. We can't wait for what's to come next!





YEAR 1 NEWS

How can I join it?

We have been learning how to make joins in DT this half term. The children have experimented with flanges, tabs, braces, L braces, slots and concertinas. They have been evaluating designs around us such as water bottles and door handles and using their materials knowledge from science. They loved putting their skills together at the end of the unit to make trees structures.



Geography and our local area

We have been learning about our local area and understanding that Milford is a village and Godalming is a town. We talked about the different landmarks we know in our village and also went on a walk to see them.



Jack and the Beanstalk

We have loved immersing ourselves into the story of Jack. We have practised our retelling in different ways: using stick puppets, acting on our stage (and using the tree as a beanstalk!) and drawing story timelines. When talking about the giant's castle we have used different describing words. One of the words was gigantic! We also made huge castles with Duplo and beanstalks which we measured to see whose was the tallest!



Marvellous Maths

The children have been learning their number bonds to ten through matching activities, practical work and a lot of singing! They have enjoyed making and writing number lines and writing their own 100 square. They are starting to notice patterns in numbers which is wonderful to watch! We have now made the snack table a shop. The children are quite happy to pay for their snacks after learning about money and the different coins.



Materials

This half term we have been learning about materials. We have learned about different types of materials and investigated the properties of different materials, finding out that we can sort them into groups such as those which are smooth, spiky, rough and transparent.



Woodland day

We had another successful woodland day. The children did some watercolour paintings of their surroundings and enjoyed building dens for the woodland animals. They were happy to go on a longer walk and loved looking for animal clues, such as footprints and burrows.



YEAR 2 NEWS

English

Year 2 have become experts in writing character descriptions, learning how to extend sentences with adjectives and verbs and resulting in them writing their own wonderful versions of 'George and the Dragon'.



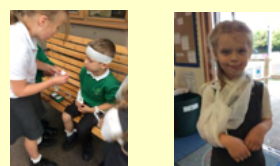
Enterprise Week & Christmas Fair

The children of Year 2 had a business project in our 'Enterprise Week', to think of, design, make and run a stall at our Christmas Fair. The business skills of teamwork, negotiation and voting that the children displayed were fantastic! Including recording their pitches for why we should pick their group's idea. We really do have some budding little entrepreneurs!



History

We have been learning about two very famous people in History; Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We learnt about the impact they had on the world. We also had time to remember and show respect for so many soldiers who gave their lives for our country.



'The Inn-spectors' Christmas Production



Maths

We have been adding and subtracting with two 2-digit numbers and learning all about money, spending it in our pretend shop and giving change.



Science

Keeping healthy has been our focus in science. We know all about the importance of exercise, healthy diet, clean teeth and good personal hygiene. We had great fun investigating how exercise affected our bodies.



Woodland School

Our second Woodland School of the year was great fun! More den building, finding springy beds of heather on our walk, making mini-homes (and play parks!) for the woodland animals and finding lots of newts when pond dipping.

