

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements, special moments, and community efforts that have made this year so memorable. One of the highlights has been the impressive range of enriching learning opportunities beyond the classroom. From trips and themed days to special visitors and clubs, our children have embraced every experience with enthusiasm and curiosity. These activities have not only deepened their learning but also helped them develop confidence, teamwork, and a wider understanding of the world around them.


Our Woodland School has been a particularly significant hit this year. The sessions have provided rich and meaningful learning experiences, where children have built resilience, developed a deep love and respect for nature, and grown in character. It has been a joy to see them thrive in this natural environment, working together, solving problems, and learning in a hands-on, creative way.

Academically, we are incredibly proud of the children's progress. Their determination, hard work, and love of learning have shone through, and it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow. None of this would be possible without our wonderful and dedicated staff, who consistently go above and beyond to support every child, nurture their potential, and provide a caring and inspiring environment in which they can flourish.

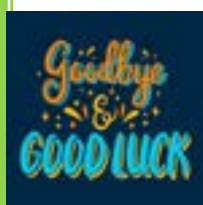
A huge thank you must also go to Bex and the FRIENDS team, who have worked tirelessly this year to bring our community together through events like the after-school cake sales, quiz night, and the wonderful summer fair. Their energy and commitment have made a real difference, and we are so grateful for all they do.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Mel Isherwood (Chair of Governors) and our governing body, who work quietly and diligently behind the scenes to ensure that our school continues to deliver the very best education for our children. Their support, challenge, and commitment are truly appreciated.

As always, the end of the school year brings a mix of celebration and farewell. We say a fond and heartfelt goodbye to our lovely Year Two children. It has been a privilege to be part of their early learning journey, and we send them off to their new schools full of pride, knowing they are well-prepared for this exciting next chapter.

Finally, I'd like to wish all our families a wonderful summer holiday. I hope you find time to relax, make special memories together, and enjoy a well-earned break. Much love Miss Cox 

Goodbye and Thank You



Sadly we are saying goodbye to three members of staff today. Sarah Mortimore, our office assistant, Sasha Wigley, Y1 and Sam McPherson who helped run our breakfast club. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of them for their contribution to Milford School and wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

First Day of Term

Please note that the first day of term for Year 1 and Year 2 is Thursday 4th September. The first day for Year R will be Monday 8th September.

Summer Fair

Thank you to Bex Flint and The Friends for organising the Summer Fair which raised the amazing amount of £1,229.61. A lot of hard work went into organising this and it is very much appreciated by the School.



School Dinners For September

Can you please order your school meals for the Autumn term before midnight on Saturday 30th August.



Highlights of First Half of Autumn Term



1st Prize—Ben (Elm)

2nd Prize—Kaitlyn (Lime)

3rd Prize—Jackson (Elm)



Scariest —Brody (Lime)



Most Creative—Tamsin (Willow)



Cutest—Amelia (Cherry)



Highlights of Second Half of Autumn Term



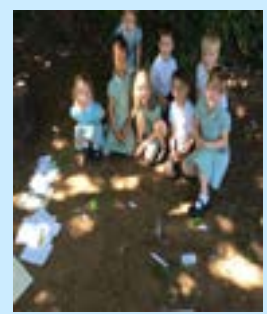
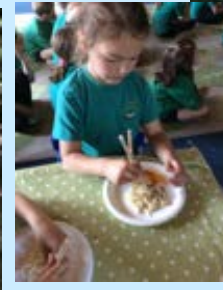
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Highlights of First Half of Spring term



Highlights of first half of Summer Term First Half



YEAR 1 NEWS—Summer Term 2

Hayling Island Beach Trip

This was a highlight of our half term! Our day at the beach was (in the words of the children) “awesome, fun and brilliant!” We found shells, pebbles and crabs! We buried each other, made sandcastles, moats and rivers. The post lunch surprise ice lolly was lovely on such a warm day!



Outdoor learning

In maths we have been learning about measuring length and height in centimetres. We have compared heights of our plants in the veg patch, how far a car can travel off a ramp and how tall towers are. We have practised our sight words on the play-ground and different yoga poses and balances as well as creating our own poses and sequences.



Parachute fun

In PE, we have been working as part of a team and playing collaboratively with the parachute.



RE

We have learned about Shabbat and the different symbols associated with it. We made our own Shabbat table.



Rodborough sports events

Year 1 took a walk down to Rodborough School, where we took part in a wide range of sports. The sports leaders taught us lots of different activities including long jump, relay and sprinting. We particularly enjoyed using the sand pit for long jump.



Woodland School

This half term, Beech and Cherry had a very enjoyable but hot day in the woods. We went on long walks and played on our favourite sandy path with buckets and spades. We built dens, played hide and seek and created collages using natural resources we found. We love our Woodland days!



YEAR 2 NEWS—Summer Term 2

English

We have been inspired to write stories, letters and recounts. In particular, there was lots of excitement when we acted out our versions of “On the way home” and then wrote our own crazy stories about “Why I didn’t do my homework!”



Maths

Maths this term has been all about recapping our knowledge and making sure we are secure in our times tables ready for Year 3



Science Week

Our Year 2 scientists explored change through experiments and observation.



Art & DT

Look at our cardboard automaton! We designed and built them to move using a rotating cam. It also took the whole class team to build the props and stage we needed for our end of year show.



Outdoor learning

We have made the most of the sunny summer weather and taken our learning outdoors as often as possible. From the woods to the school field we had a great time learning together outside.



Sports Day and Rodbough Mini-Olympics

Milford Sports Day challenged everyone to use the skills we have learned in PE across the year and work together to support our team. The Sports Leaders at Rodborough provided lots of different activities which tested our skills across a range of sports at their Mini-Olympics. We even got to try out the long jump sandpit!



Henley Fort

We had a fantastic day using our problem solving and team work skills on the low ropes challenge course; then testing our bravery and courage on the high climbing wall.



YEAR R NEWS—Summer Term 2

Year R – Food, Glorious, Food!

What an exciting and adventure-filled half term we have had in Reception! The children have been busy learning, exploring, and growing in so many wonderful ways.

We began our journey with the much-loved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children were fascinated as we watched real caterpillars munch their way through leaves and transform into beautiful butterflies right before our eyes! This sparked many lovely conversations about life cycles, healthy eating, and the magic of nature.

Next, we travelled all the way to sunny Africa through the vibrant story of *Handa's Surprise*. The children had the chance to taste a variety of exotic fruits—some sweet, some sour, and all very exciting! It was a brilliant way to explore new flavours and talk about different cultures and where our food comes from.

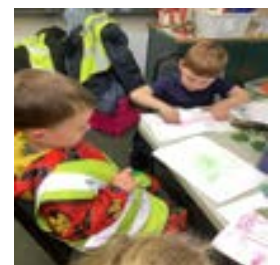
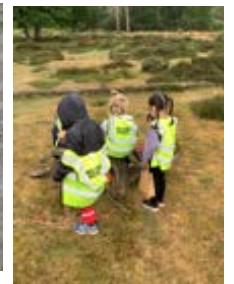
Our visits to Woodland School have been a big hit too! Whether it was building dens, going on bug hunts, or simply enjoying the fresh air and freedom of the outdoors, the children have loved getting muddy and making memories in nature.

And of course, the highlight of the half term was our fantastic trip to Tuesley Farm! The children had a brilliant time picking juicy strawberries and raspberries, learning about how fruit is grown, and enjoying a bumpy, laughter-filled tractor ride through the fields. It was a day full of sunshine, smiles, and sticky fingers!

This half term has been bursting with curiosity, creativity, and confidence. We are so proud of how much the children have learned and how enthusiastically they've embraced every new experience.

Well done Reception for a super first year at school!





DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPT

3	Inset Day 1
4	First day of term for Y1 and Y2
19	Cherry Woodland School
25	Meet the Teacher all classes
	Y1: 4.00—4.30pm
	Y2: 4.15—5.15pm
	YR 7-00—8.00pm
26	Beech Woodland School

OCT

3	Lime Woodland School
10	Elm Woodland School
16	Harvest Assembly donations to School
17	Harvest Assembly (Parents welcome) 9am and 2pm performances
21	Parents Evening 3.30—7pm book via Arbor
23	Parents Evening 3.30—5pm book via Arbor
27-31	Half-term

NOV

3	Inset Day 2
7	Grandparents Afternoon Time TBC
11	Remembrance Service Assembly—9am
14	Cherry Woodland School
17-21	Maths Week
19	Maths Café
21	Beech Woodland School
26	Sleepy Storytime
28	Lime Woodland School

DEC

5	Christmas Fair
5	Elm Woodland School
11	EYFS Christmas Performance—9.15am
12	KS1 Christmas Performance— 9am ad 2pm
15	Rocksteady Concert
17	Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
18	Parent Helper Afternoon Tea - 2pm
19	Carols Around the Christmas Tree - 9am
19	Last day of term—1pm close

JAN

5	Inset Day 3
6	First day of Spring term

FEB

13	Inset Day 4
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