



# Milford News

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Dear parents, carers, and friends of Milford,

What a wonderful year it has been! The children have been absolutely brilliant this year, showcasing their incredible talents and growing in ways that leave us all beaming with pride. The progress every child has made has been nothing short of fantastic, as we have watched them navigate challenges and celebrate their achievements with enthusiasm. It has been a true privilege to be part of their educational journey.

This year, we have performed exceptionally well in our published data, which you'll find detailed later in the newsletter. I am thrilled to announce that we have achieved the best SATs results the school has ever seen! This outstanding success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our children and staff. A heartfelt well done to everyone involved, but particularly to our remarkable Year 6 team, who have expertly guided our students through what has undoubtedly been a tricky year.

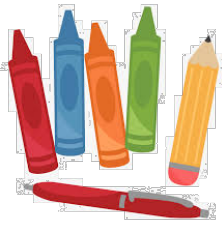
The summer term has been bursting with memorable trips, fun, and sunshine! Our Year 2 and Year 4 classes had the opportunity to enjoy a residential experience filled with adventure, teamwork, and lifelong memories. Pictures of their magical time away will be shared later on, so do stay tuned!

As we prepare for the summer holidays, I hope you all take some well-deserved time to relax and recharge. The children have truly earned this break, and I encourage them to enjoy every moment of their summer adventures. We have a few staffing changes to share as well, including the exciting news of Mrs Birch joining the Year 4 team – she will undoubtedly be a fantastic addition to the Milford team. We have also appointed Mr Bramall as our new School Business Manager – so watch this space with Milford as there are exciting things planned in the near future – he's got some great ideas to ensure Milford really is the school of choice in Clifton.

Thank you all for your support throughout the year, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready to embark on another exciting chapter together. Enjoy your summer, and see you all soon!

Mr Turner

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### Reminders

- Children return to school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – as Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are INSET days.
- **All children in school** are now able to book their school dinners in advance on the Relish App. If you would like any more information about this, please speak to our office team. This really helps the smoothness in the morning if you are able to do this.
- The office staff would like to say a huge thank you to parents for ensuring payments are coming through. There have been a lot of changes in the last few months so thank you for bearing with us.
- If you are booking school dinners or onto clubs, **you need to book and pay in advance**. Payment takes 24/48 hours to transfer from Arbor to Relish.
- If you are **updating any details** (such as phone numbers) please update on the **Arbor App or in the school office**
- Thank you for those parents who are **phoning school on the first day of absence for a child**. This really helps us as we don't have to make as many phone calls and allows us to use our time making the school a better place.
- **LATES** – arriving just 5 minutes late everyday adds up to 2 and half hours over a half-term *This is a significant amount of lost learning time*. Please try and arrive on time!
- Please remember **we a dog-free site**. This is for the safety of all on site, as well as some members of our school community having allergies. **This includes carrying dogs too**
- **School uniform has been slacking a little bit across school**. Please no hoodies or any trainers that are not black! We will be coming down on this in September. If you have any issues please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.





### Year 4 Residential

The Year 4 children went on a 2-night residential to Castleton. The children took part in den building, fire making, rocket building, climbing, abseiling, weaselling and exploring caves. We were so impressed with the effort and determination shown by the children. The activities were challenging but so much fun and the children did us proud!



### Year 2 Camp

Our Year 2 children had an unforgettable adventure on their residential trip to Wollaton Park! From exploring the ponds and discovering fascinating creatures (including a real water scorpion!) to building dens in the woods and seeing the deer. In the evening, they experienced the joys of camping, gathering around the campfire to share stories and toast marshmallows. It was a fantastic experience full of fun!



### Rocksteady

What a fantastic time we had at the Rocksteady assembly this morning! It was the second time we've had the pleasure of witnessing such brilliant performances, and I must say, the level of talent on display was absolutely mind-blowing.

It's truly great to see their hard work and achievements celebrated outside of the classroom too. Music has a special way of bringing out the best in our students, and today was no exception. A huge shoutout to Miss Morris for organising this wonderful event – it takes a lot of effort to pull something like this together, and it certainly paid off!





## Library Club

12 Junior Librarians from Year 3 & 4 took part in a special project funded by Harper Collins Publishing and The National Literacy Trust. 'Our Big Little Book Club' participants received up to 4 brand new books each and took part in Literacy themed activities facilitated by Lead Literacy Champion Stephanie Williams-Rayner. Parents were invited to attend to encourage shared reading for pleasure experiences.



### Year 1 enjoyed their visit to Bluebells Dairy!

The children learned lots about how farms are run and how the animals are looked after. They got to feed lots of different animals too, including Highland cows, goats, sheep, alpacas and pigs. We also got to see the dairy cows being milked and learned how the milk is used to make ice-cream. We then very much enjoyed tasting the ice-cream!



### Our EYFS family visit to White Post farm was a huge success!

It was wonderful to see how well the children behaved throughout the day. They showed great enthusiasm and curiosity, and their kindness towards the animals was particularly heartwarming. It was a perfect opportunity for them to learn about nature and develop their understanding of the world around them.





### Focus Provision

We are thrilled to announce that our new focus provision will be opening this September! The building work has now finished, and the space has been handed back over to us, all set for the children to start their journey with us. This fantastic addition truly showcases our commitment to being a fully inclusive school here at Milford.

We can't wait to witness the progress of every child in this specialist provision and provide them with the support they deserve. Even more exciting is the news that we will be naming the building 'Milford Milestones - in memory of Anna Cooke'. Anna was truly a legend at Milford, and by honouring her in this way, we hope to keep her spirit alive in our school community. Get ready for a fantastic September; we cannot wait to see all the incredible achievements that lie ahead!

### Nursery Raffle

Thank you for your support with the Nursery easter raffle. We raised £800! We have used the money in nursery to create a sand shed, along with lots of other resources to support us with our mark making and maths provision outdoors.



### Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair was again, a huge success. This year we managed to raise £997! This is a fantastic achievement – thank you so much for supporting the school. The money will be re-invested into equipment at school, predominantly new playground equipment for lunch time and for our outdoor provision across school.



## Amazing Outcomes!

I just wanted to take a moment to share the amazing outcomes that our children have achieved this year! It's truly inspiring to witness their hard work and dedication paying off. In primary schools, data is nationally published at key stages: we assess children at the end of **Foundation Stage (Reception)**, **Year 1's Phonics Screening Check**, **Year 4's Multiplication Tables Check**, and, of course, the **SATs in Year 6**.

I can't wait for you to see the tables below showcasing our results. They clearly demonstrate how well we fare compared to the national average, and I'm absolutely thrilled with what our students have accomplished. A massive well done to everyone involved—teachers, parents, and, most importantly, the children!

### F2 – GLD

National average = 68%

Milford = 73%

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

National average = 80%

Milford = 81%

### Year 4 Multiplication Check

National average achieving full marks = 34%

Milford = 38%

### Year 6 SATs

	<b>National Average</b>	<b>Milford</b>
<b>Reading</b>	75%	83%
<b>Writing</b>	72%	75%
<b>Maths</b>	74%	86%
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	73%	83%
<b>Combined – achieved the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths</b>	62%	71%



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### **MOOSE (After-school club)**

We're thrilled to announce that our After School Club will be transitioning over to Premier Education! All the details have been sent out, so do check your inbox. Don't worry, MOOSE, as we know it, will still take place in 'The Den' and will run just like before. The only change is that you'll now need to book through the link provided by Premier Education. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We can't wait for this exciting new chapter!

### **School Dinners**

We can now also share some news about our catering service! From now on, we will be outsourcing our catering to Relish. But don't worry, nothing is changing in the way you order food. You'll still be able to order your meals just as you always have, and the three-week menu remains exactly the same. The fantastic difference will be that Relish will be managing the kitchen staff.

This new partnership opens up a world of possibilities! We hope that it will bring in more exciting meals and inspire a burst of creativity in the kitchen. So, watch this space – great things are coming to our dining hall! Happy eating, everyone

### **Job Opportunities**

Exciting news, everyone! We're on the lookout for enthusiastic cleaners and midday supervisors to join us from September. If you have a passion for ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for our children, we would love to hear from you!

We seek individuals who are dedicated to making our school the best choice for families in the area. We truly believe that the right team can make a world of difference in our children's experience, and we want people who will share that vision with us.

Please keep an eye out for job adverts coming soon! As soon as we have more information available, we'll be sure to share it with you.



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