



# Milford News

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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Dear Families,

It's been a busy half-term with so many fun activities taking place – read on to find out more!

The highlights for me have definitely been our enchanting pantomime trip, where the children were absolutely captivated by the performances.

The laughter and excitement in the theatre truly brought the magic of the season to life. Additionally, the heartwarming nativities our children performed showcased their incredible talent and creativity. It was a joy to see their hard work pay off and to witness the pride in their faces.

I must also mention the KS2 sing-along, which brought together the whole school community in a festive celebration of music. The students' voices filled the hall with joy, and it was a delightful experience for all.

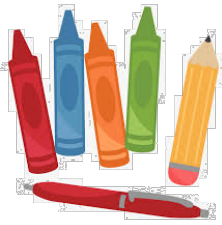
We also held our first Christmas Discos – this was great fun and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces. I think the teachers enjoyed it as much as the children.

A massive thank you to everyone for your continued support throughout this term, as we couldn't have done it without you. As we approach the festive season, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas filled with warmth and cheer, and a very happy New Year.

Enjoy the holidays, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

Mr Turner

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### Reminders

- Children return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**
- Children in Y3-Y6 are now about to book their school dinners in advance on the Relish App. <https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/parents>  
If you would like any more information about this, please speak to our office team.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please remember **we are 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**.
- **Please do not ride scooters or bikes on site**, we have already had numerous accidents which have resulted in us already shutting the gate on the playground



### **Good news!**

Our efforts for Children in Need have resulted in us making £188 for the cause. Thank you for your donations.

The school discos raised over £400 for school funds. This will be used to help us improve our outdoors environment in Early Years. Watch this space for pictures soon! Thank you for your support.



## School Activities

### Nursery

It's been a busy time in nursery this half-term. We've had occupation day, where we even had a fire engine and fire fighters coming to visit! We've also had a successful Stay and Play, where families have joined to take part in Christmas activities. Santa has even been to visit!



### Junior Librarians Trip to the Hope Centre



The Junior Librarians donated books for families who receive help from the Foodbank as part of their commitment to supporting the local community.

Mrs Williams-Rayner arranged for them to visit Wendy and the volunteers at the Foodbank, where they received an introduction to the work they do. Lynne Towle, Project Manager, Literacy Champions from the National Literacy Trust attended and the organisation donated 100 books too. As a Literacy Champion, Mrs Williams-Rayner is encouraged to develop opportunities to empower people with the literacy skills they need to succeed in life through activities such as this.

### PCSO Visit for Y4

The Year 4 children were visited by two Clifton PCSOs. The PCSOs brought along parts of the police uniform including the police vests, shields and hats. The children had great fun trying these on and learning all about the role of the PCSOs. They even parked their police car in school for the children to look at!





### **Sports Hall Athletics Grand Final**

The Milford Academy recently advanced to the Sports Hall Athletics Grand Final. The selected children were very excited and had been working extremely hard during their after-school club, perfecting each skill in preparation for the final. Eight schools across Nottingham qualified, and Milford was one of them.

The athletics team was amazing! Cheering, clapping, and motivating one another were just a few of the many talents our team displayed during the afternoon.

The results are in... 2nd place! What a fantastic achievement! The Milford Academy has now progressed to the County Championship scheduled for March 2025.

Well done team!

### **Equal Access School 2024**

The Milford Academy has been honoured with the prestigious **Barclays Equal Access School of the Year Award for 2024**, recognising its outstanding commitment to providing equal opportunities for both girls and boys to participate in football.

The award celebrates Milford's dedication to ensuring that all pupils, regardless of gender, have access to quality coaching, competitive matches, and extracurricular football activities. The school has set a shining example by encouraging girls to participate in school leagues and tournaments alongside the boys, empowering them to develop their skills and passion for the sport.

### **Jack and the Beanstalk!**

What an amazing day our Year 1 to Year 6 pupils had on their trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk! The performance was captivating, and it was heartwarming to see the children's faces filled with wonder and excitement. The fantastic behaviour exhibited by our students throughout the day truly impressed everyone, showcasing their enthusiasm and respect. This memorable experience not only enriched their fostered camaraderie among classmates and teachers. A huge thank you to all who made this day possible!





## BIG Room Free Family Film Programme

This is a **free** programme of family films, craft activities, **free** refreshments, and a warm, social space over the winter months. Please visit the website below for more information. This has also been shared via email.

<https://www.nottinghamcontemporary.org/whats-on/the-big-room-2025-free-family-films/>

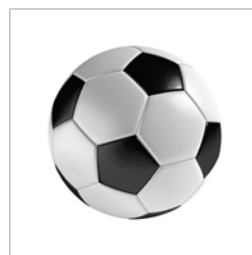
Please see below the list of after-school clubs that will be on offer after half-term

## Spring 1 Afterschool Sports Clubs

	Junior Hall
Monday	<b>Year 5/6 Boys' Football</b> (invitation) <b>Infant Hall</b>
Tuesday	<b>Year 5 Invasion Games</b>
Wednesday	<b>Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics</b> (invitation)
Thursday	<b>Year 1 Football – Notts County Coaches</b>
Friday	<b>Year 5&amp;6 Football</b> (invitation)

Clubs will start on the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

All clubs will be on until February Half Term (clubs will be running for the final week of term).



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Have a great magical festive season everyone!  
We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.



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