



Millfields Moments 2022/23

We come to the end of another school year, what a busy one it has been again! It has been an absolute delight to be able to invite you back into school this year.

We have really enjoyed having you back for the lantern walk, nativities, carol concert, the Easter celebration, Mother's Day, and Father's Day breakfasts, sharing days, class assemblies, sports day, the forest school open sessions, the summer fete. Looking back, we have crammed such a lot into this year, especially this last term! Didn't the Y4 Carnival Club do well, winning the trophy last Saturday? I must say a huge thank you to all the staff and children who gave up their time to be a part of this.

We have been able to run many more school trips this year and have been able to have visitors into school once again. Years 1-4 went to the pantomime in Redditch where we saw Beauty and the Beast. We have already booked for the Palace theatre again for December to see Aladdin! Willow and Acorns went to Atwell's farm to meet Father Christmas and to the butterfly farm in Stratford. Acorns and Y4 have taken part in Bikeability which they thoroughly enjoyed. Acorns and Willow have also had lots of exciting visitors for their "People who help us," including the police, firefighters, dentists, and nurses. Year 1 have been to the Safari Park, Year 2 have had the animal man and have been out to the Bromsgrove school sports event, Y3 have been to Dudley Zoo and Lakeside and Year 4 have been on their residential in Malvern, to the Black country museum and to Bromsgrove Museum.

We also celebrated Millfields' Golden Jubilee. We marked the occasion by planting a fruit tree at forest school, learning about schooling over the 50 years and looking back at old photographs and memorabilia. Mrs Brown and Mrs Crane talked to the children about all of the changes they have seen over the years they have been at Millfields. All of the children and staff helped to create the wonderful mosaic which you can see a picture of here. It is displayed near the school office if you want a closer look. The children also enjoyed a street party with picnic food.

We want to thank all of our pupils for their hard work over this last year— we're so proud of each and every one of you. Parents and Carers, thank you for your continued support and co-operation. We appreciate your comments and feedback and are committed to delivering the best for your children. To the staff at Millfields - thank you! We're so lucky to have such a dedicated and talented team.



A look back at some highlights from this year!



A message from the Governors

On behalf of the governors at Millfields, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, children, and families for another fantastic year. No year goes without its challenges but the resilience and kindness of everyone at Millfields means we can get through anything together.

This year governors have had more opportunity to visit the school, see some learning in action and hear from the children. Governors are always impressed by the students' positive attitude to learning and know that this is thanks to the hard work and support from staff and families. We're looking forward to more visits next year.

Governors attended Millfields 50th jubilee assembly and were privileged to hear the live version of Millfields new song. It was interesting to hear from the children how Millfields has changed over the years. Governors also attended the summer fair, which was fantastic. A huge thank you to the Friends Committee for all their hard work.

There will be some changes in governors next year as we are welcoming new governors, including two new parent governors. We wish everyone leaving Millfields this year all the best and hope you all have a wonderful summer.



Bromsgrove Carnival

Saturday 15th July saw Bromsgrove Carnival return to town, and along with it their fiercely contested float competition!

This year the theme was “Magic of the Movies”, and Millfields were allocated The Lion King. Our Year 4 Carnival Club set to work decorating our float with lots of wonderful Safari themed decorations (a big thank you to everyone who lent us Safari animal stuffed toys!). It looked fabulous!



The very heavy downpours didn't dampen our spirits on Saturday, and the pupils were absolutely fantastic— so enthusiastic and did a brilliant job singing along to “Hakuna Matata”!

We were all over the moon to find out we **WON!** We were so pleased that everyone's hard work and enthusiasm had paid off. We even got the treat of having our award presented to us by Mark Williams (aka Arthur Weasley from Harry Potter!).

Thank you must go to all the students who helped decorate the float and participated in the parade, as well as the teachers who organised everything and got soaked walking alongside the float in torrential rain!

And of course a big big thank you to everyone who cheered and waved the float, and for donating in the buckets during the parade— we managed to raise over **£80**, which will go back into the school and help provide further opportunities for children to enjoy at Millfields.



Forest school open mornings.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the opening mornings. We all had a wonderful time despite the weather. See you all again next year!







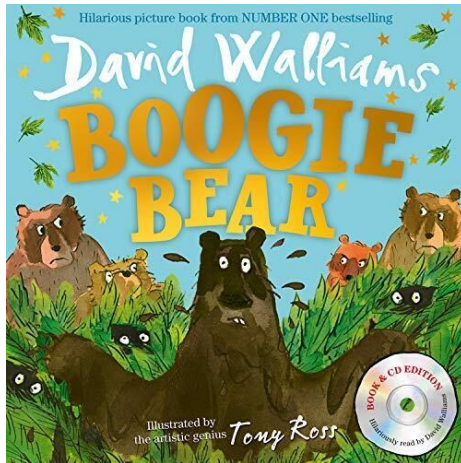
Whether we were indoors due to rain, or outdoors, we still found plenty of activities to do together.







Book Recommendations



Cedar Class– Boogie Bear by David Walliams

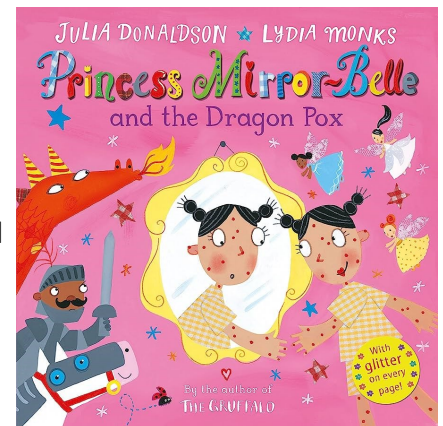
We really enjoyed this story about a polar who accidentally travels South after falling asleep on her iceberg and meets a big, brown, furry bear. They are afraid of each other to start with but soon realise they aren't that different and learn to love each other. It has some really funny parts which made us laugh out loud and we liked how David Walliams also included some real facts about polar bears and climate change alongside the story. It also repeats lines throughout which we like to join in with when reading it aloud. We think this is a great book for everyone to enjoy!

Don't forget to keep reading over the Summer Holidays! If you need some more inspiration, please follow the link below for a really handy book guide sorted into relevant age groups:

[Great Books Guide: 100 best new books for children | BookTrust](#)

Imogen N (Cedar)- Princess Mirror-Belle and the Dragon Pox by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

A girl comes out of the mirror to try and cure her chicken pox but she calls them dragon pox. This is my favourite book because it is funny and you can see a goblin sleeping in Mirror-Belle's slipper.





Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during July 2023



Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 7th July 2023

Maple: Nancy for being a good friend to others and always showing kindness.

Beech: Seth C for his fantastic attitude to learning on our school trip. You enjoyed every moment and asked some super questions! Well done!

Forest School: Amelia in Cedar for always being kind and helpful to everyone.

Hazel: Elouisa for having the most amazing and positive personality and for making Mrs Watkins and Mrs Brookes laugh all the time! What a superstar!

Oak: Poppy D for wonderful politeness at all times and for being so lovely.

A special mention from Mrs Cartwright to the whole of year 2. Their behaviour was excellent on our school trip and Severn Valley said that we are welcome back any time!

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Rowan: Seth for his excellent attitude and listening skills whilst on our school trip. You kept this up all day and participated really well in all of the activities. Well done!

Cedar: Isla R for having an excellent sporting attitude and team spirit when at the sports competition this week. You were encouraging and helpful towards others which was lovely to see. Thank you Isla.

Cherry: Layla for always being enthusiastic with your learning, you put your hand up to share ideas and work with a great independent attitude. Well done!

Acorns N: Sabariyah for always following school rules and being respectful to others.

Acorns C: Lewis for always being a kind friend, following our school rules and setting an excellent example to oth-

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 14th July 2023

Holly: All of Holly class for fantastic behaviour on our trip to the Safari Park last week. They showed great resilience too, dealing with the heat and the long journey home.

Maple: The whole class for their excellent behaviour on our trip to the Safari park. Despite the heat they were very sensible and made us proud.

Beech: Mark S for being a fantastic role model to others this week. Your attitude to learning has been brilliant. Keep it up!

Forest School: Josef in Acorns C for being such a kind and thoughtful friend.

Oak: Leo R for showing confidence and teamwork when working with others

Hazel: Harper for being an absolute superstar in class and for being a kind and supportive friend. Well done Harper.

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Rowan: Lacey for her exceptional manners and attitude to learning. Thank you Lacey you are a role model to the class.

Cedar: Imogen N for being incredibly helpful and supportive of others this week, especially when making our photo frames in DT. Thank you for your help Imogen!

Cherry: Oscar for being a fantastic independent worker! You're always focused in lessons and try your best!

Acorns N: Dylan for being sensible and grown up and showing he is ready for year 1.

Acorns C: Lilly-May who is showing more independence and confidence in herself. Well done Lilly-May!

A special mention for everyone in Oak from Mrs Crane! Well done for showing beautiful manners, working really well as a team and for helping each other during our biscuit making. Mrs Crane was really impressed with you all!



Reader Of The Week!

Teachers will now nominate a child in their class to be reader of the week- well done to this months readers of the week who have really impressed us with their reading skills!

7th July 2023



Oak: Oscar C for reading a very complex, historical biography. I'm impressed Oscar.



Cedar: Spencer M for having a great attitude to his reading at home. You work hard to keep developing your knowledge and further your comprehension skills. Great work Spencer!



Rowan: Grayson for always being enthusiastic during Guided Reading and sharing your responses to the text confidently.



Maple: George for reading a poem out loud to the class and trying hard to use expression.



Cherry: Elijah for reading with great confidence in our assembly.



Beech: River W for always being enthusiastic to read and for her use of expression! Well done!



Acorns C: William A for being an excellent fluent reader who is also able to use great expression in his reading.



Acorns N: Kate for reading sentences fluently and independently in front of the rest of her class.



Holly:



Hazel: Leo for always making sure he reads at home and for working hard and making good progress in guided reading. Well done Leo!

14th July 2023



Oak: Billy Kimber for always taking an interest in reading and learning new knowledge



Cedar: Emily S for working hard to develop her reading skills and always being excited for guided reading.



Rowan: Noah for his enthusiasm in reading and showing a great understanding of what he has read!



Maple: Fletcher for recognising more and more words by sight and using his phonics well. He is becoming more fluent with his reading.



Cherry: Louie for being a super reader, using great expression and always reading at home!



Beech: Zach for enjoying our class story so much that he is now reading it again at home. Well done!



Acorns C: Lottie Frizzell for super fluent reading and starting to use lovely expression.



Acorns N: Abigail for using excellent expression in her reading.



Holly: Edith H for super expression when reading. She has come on leaps and bounds in her reading this year!

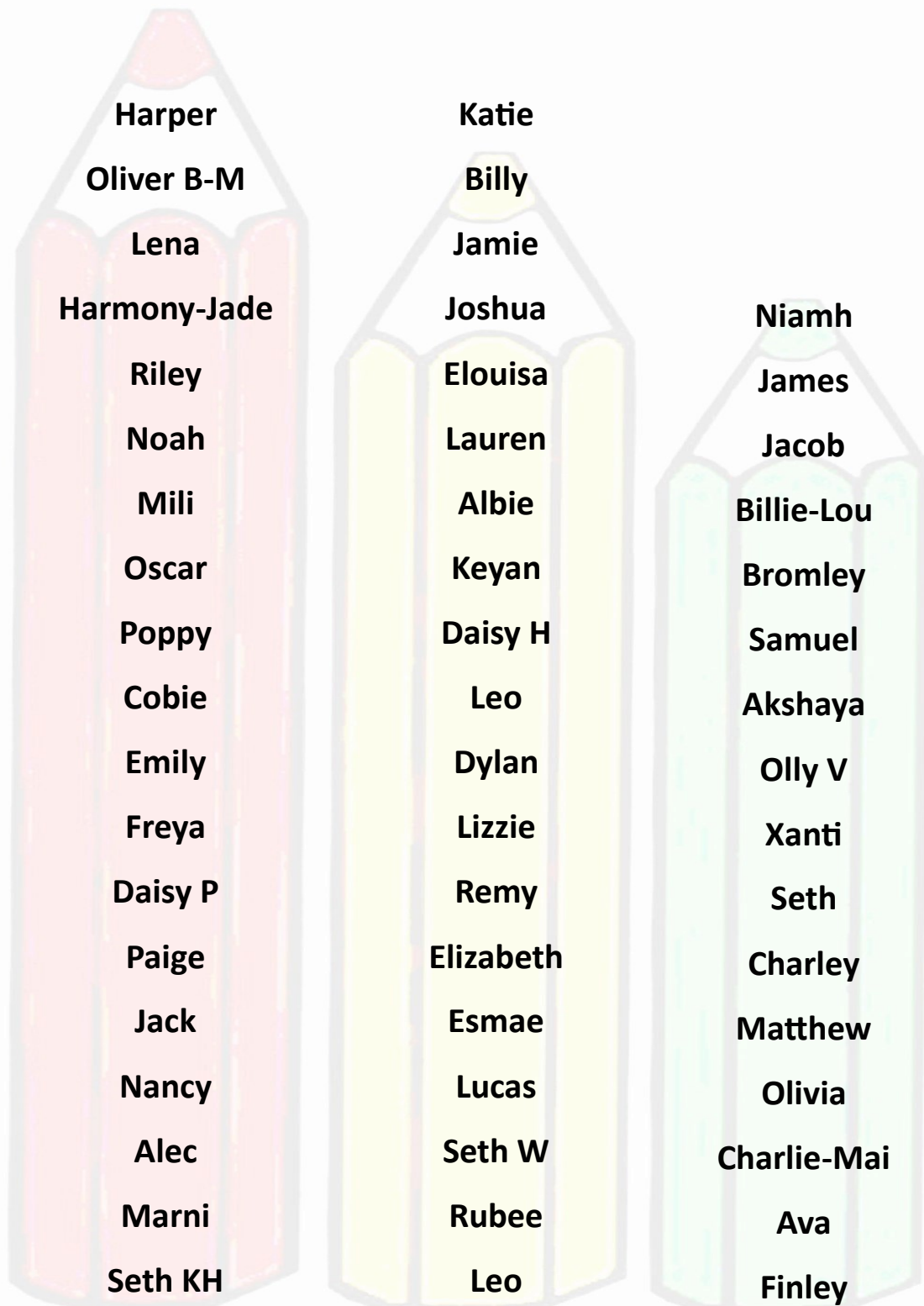


Hazel:



Year 4 Leavers

Good bye and good luck to all our Year 4 leavers, we wish you all the very best in your new school!



We hope you treasure your Millfields Memories forever and that you look back at your time here fondly.

We are extremely proud of each and everyone of you and are confident that you are well prepared to take this next step in your educational journey. We'll miss you!



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 9th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 8th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
Whitsun: Monday 27th May 2024