



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 27th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Mrs Allton took 4 children from year 1 and 2 to Priory to take part in a multi sports festival. They took part in several activities including dodgeball, curling, bowling and tennis. The children had a fantastic time and represented school very well. They were particularly good at the curling and played some very tactical moves. They each got a certificate for their participation at the end of the evening. Well done everyone!

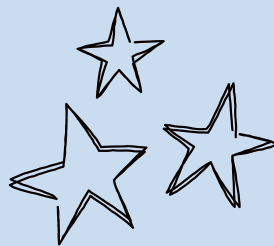
In school there has been a lot of exciting things happening and some amazing writing right through school, I am incredibly proud of everyone.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to get some fresh air and make some lovely memories.

Mrs Pilkington

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

- Nursery - Molly
- Rec - Laney & Bella
- Y1 - Oliver & Reuben
- Y2 - Yash & Oliver
- Y3 - Freddie & Sophie
- Y4 - Tia & Beckett
- Y5 - Charlotte & Mia
- Y6 - Ethan & Osca



### Target 96%

Reception	94.3%
Year 1	83.7%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	99.7%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	90.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

### Collective Worship

#### As our value this half term is: Perseverance

On Monday we talked about doing the right thing. We looked at how Jeremiah continued to spread the word of God even though he was punished for doing this. We discussed how difficult it can be to stand up and persevere with something when we are told not to.

#### Challenge - Home School Challenge

Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of perseverance. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture. All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.



# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Brazil's new president has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest. In his first speech, Luiz Inácio da Silva (also known as Lula), promised to make climate protection a priority and explained he wanted to reach zero deforestation in the Amazon. Scientists often call the rainforest the 'lungs of the planet', because of the role it plays in absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen, saying that preservation of the Amazon is vital to stopping climate change.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about the Amazon rainforest with others at home and talk with others about what they know.
- > Do you believe enough is being done to protect the Amazon rainforest? Do you think the natural habitats close to where you live are protected?
- > Whose responsibility do you consider it is to protect natural habitats?



Does the natural world have rights?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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### Key Dates



**Monday 30th January - Young Voices**

**Friday 3rd February - National Number Day**

**Monday 27th February - Year 6 SATS and Robinwood Parent Meeting**

**Wednesday 1st March - Parents Evening 3:30-6:00**

**Thursday 2nd March - Parents Afternoon 1:30 - 4:00**

### Subject Focus - EYFS



This week Reception have been under the sea! We have been enjoying our new focus book in English 'The Rainbow Fish' and have been writing some wonderful character descriptions. In RE we have been exploring the bible story of Jonah and the Whale. The children have even made their own egg box whales!

### Walk and Talk



Walk and Talk is about inspiring families to go outside and communicate with each other. Talking to young children during everyday activities can help them learn communication skills such as; listening, attention, turn taking in a conversation, learning new words.

Being outside is good for their wellbeing as well as your own and in Lancashire we have lots of beautiful places to walk and talk. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/walk-and-talk/>

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# Happier January 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

- 1 Find three things to look forward to this year
- 2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself
- 3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day
- 4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why
- 5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths
- 6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe
- 7 Learn something new and share it with others
- 8 Say positive things to the people you meet today
- 9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)
- 10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why
- 11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime
- 12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat
- 13 Take a different route today and see what you notice
- 14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
- 15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful
- 16 Contribute positively to your local community
- 17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes
- 18 Get back in contact with an old friend
- 19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough
- 20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge
- 21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
- 22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you
- 23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment
- 24 Take a small step towards an important goal
- 25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down
- 26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today
- 27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside
- 28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
- 29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better
- 30 See how many people you can smile at today
- 31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## School term and holiday patterns

**Spring term 2023** Re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School closes on Friday 10th February 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

School re-opens on Monday 20th February 2023

School closes on Friday 31st March 2023

**Summer Term 2023** Re-open on Monday 17th April 2023

May Day & Coronation Monday 1st and 8th May 2023

School closes on Friday 26th May 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 29th May – Wednesday 7th June 2023

School re-opens on Thursday 8th June 2023

School closes on Friday 21st July 2023

**Autumn Term 2023** Re-open Monday 4th September 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023

School re-opens on Wednesday 1st November 2023

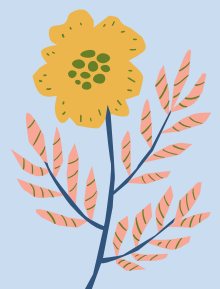
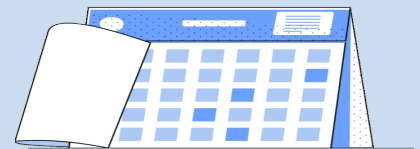
School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023

**Spring Term 2024** Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024

Mid-term closure Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024

School closes on Thursday 28th March 2024



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