



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 10th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing start to the half term, the children have come back with a really good attitude to learning. This week we have had tots on tyres in reception and the whole school took part in the Dance From the Heart today and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves dancing, make sure they teach you some of their new moves. Year 5 have their bike fix session and start their bikeability next week.

Miss Stritch popped into school today and went into year 3 as part of their RE unit, and discussed about how to prepare for a new baby.

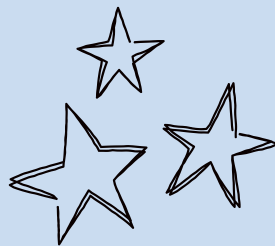
Thank you all so much for your support at parents' evening this week, it was so lovely to see you all and hear how happy you all are with how well your children have settled into their new year groups.

Mrs Pilkington

★ **Stars of the Week** ★

**Nursery - Joshua**  
**Rec - Evie & Eric**  
**Y1 - Kaya-Mai & Teo**  
**Y2 - Oliver & Seren**  
**Y3 - Florence & Chloe**  
**Y4 - Dolly & David**  
**Y5 - Parker & Emily**  
**Y6 - Luke & Amelia**

**WELL DONE**



Target 96%	
Reception	100%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	99.7%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.9%</b>

### This half term our focus will be on: Advent and Christmas

This week in worship we focused on Luke 1.5-25 and the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth an dhow they hoped and prayed for many years to have a child, but most of all they wanted to serve God and live his way. The children then shared their own hopes and prayers for the future, our community and the wider world.

Last week, we also had a special visit from Archdeacon David Picken, who came to lead a worship and had a tour of our wonderful school from our head boy and head girl.



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# TAKEHOME



Are there some jobs robots could never do?

## In the news this week

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon. The robot is in its first few weeks of trials at Amazon's facility in Seattle, USA, as the company tries to improve automation in its processes. To begin with, the robot is being taught to pick up and move empty boxes to ensure that they are ready for reuse. The yellow boxes, or totes, are used throughout the company's fulfilment process.

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

- > Do you think that robots will be used more and more in workplaces and homes? If so, what do you feel they will be used for? Why?
- > Make a list of jobs that you think robots would be good at and a list of those that you think people will always be needed for.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Key Dates

- Monday 13th November** - Odd Socks Day
- Friday 17th November** - Children In Need
- Monday 20th November** - KS2 Parent Reading and Writing workshop
- Thursday 14th December** - EYFS inc Nursery Nativity 9:30 and 2:30
- Monday 18th December** - Key Stage 1 Nativity 1:30 and 3:30
- Tuesday 19th December** - Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 20th December** - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carol Concert 2pm and 4pm at Church

### PTFA Dates

- Friday 24th November** - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Hand In Date
- Friday 1st December** - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale 3:30pm.
- Thursday 7th December** - Christmas Disco
- Tuesday 12th December** - Movie Night Y2-Y6
- Thursday 21st December** - Christmas Raffle

### Reminder for Secondary School Applicants

Year 6 parents! As your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 - apply for their school place now! [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) (Closing date 31 October 2023)

For guidance and eligibility for school transport see:

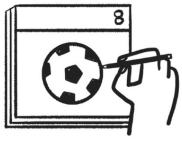
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# New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- 1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month
- 2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way
- 3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you
- 4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community
- 5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel
- 6 Try out a new way of being physically active
- 7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
- 8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week
- 9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"
- 10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea
- 11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way
- 12 Find out something new about someone you care about
- 13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax
- 14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
- 15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."
- 16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective
- 17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself
- 18 Connect with someone from a different generation
- 19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site
- 20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before
- 21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
- 22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them
- 23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love
- 24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently
- 25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way
- 26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show
- 27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
- 28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card
- 29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen
- 30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## School term and holiday patterns



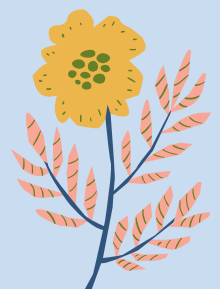
**Autumn Term 2023** Re-opened on Monday 4th September 2023  
Mid-term closure Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023

School re-opens on Wednesday 1st November 2023  
School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023 at 2.00pm

**Spring Term 2024** Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024  
Mid-term closure Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens Monday 19th February  
School closes on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2.00pm

**Summer Term 2024** Re-open on Monday 15th April  
Mid-term closure Monday 27th May- Monday 3rd June 2024  
School closes on Friday 19th July 2023 at 2.00p



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