



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 12th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas. It has been lovely to everyone back at school this week. The children are all looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and are wearing them with pride.

We have also welcomed Mrs Wilde and Mrs Powers this week and they have officially joined our Middlefirth family, if you see them don't forget to say hello.

I would also like to remind you all that next half term, we will be having the swimming pool for the whole half term. We will send more information home in the next few weeks with which day your child will be swimming.

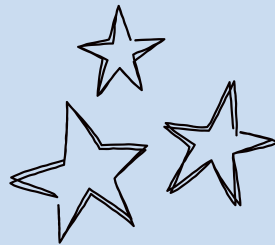
Thank you all once again for all your support and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Joshua
 Rec - Martha & Ivy
 Y1 - Clara & Ilinca
 Y2 - Harper & Ivan
 Y3 - Rhys & Isaac
 Y4 - Toby & Amelie
 Y5 - Parker & Jack
 Y6 - Oliver & Flo



Target 96%

Reception	99.3%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	94.8%
Total	97.1%

Collective Worship



Half termly theme: People Jesus Meets

To start this half term, Fr Nick came into school to deliver worship about Epiphany. He talked about The Magi's visit to see the baby Jesus and the importance of this. Over the half term, we will look at Simeon and Anna, The Teachers in the Temple, John The Baptist and the Tempter.

We will also be following the Diocese worship together series looking at God's Big Story and this will be done in Key Stage worship.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- > Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- > Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- > Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?



Is an e-reader better than a book?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Tuesday 23rd January - Dance from the heart (for those involved)

Thursday 25th January - Whole School Rock Steady Assembly and workshops.

WC 29th January - National Storytelling week.

Thursday 1st February - NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe worship

Thursday 8th February - NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe workshops

Subject Focus - RE



Now that Christmas is over, we are all beginning a new RE Unit. In Year 3 the children are learning about people who have been called by God. They will learn about some of the Prophets and how their lives changed when God called upon them to do an important job for Him. In Year 1, the children will be learning about the Creation. Which of God's wonderful creations is your favourite?



OPAL

Phase 3 began this week and there has been a lot of excitement in school. Children who have brought their waterproofs and wellington boots into school are now able to access the school field at lunchtimes. In addition to our new dig pit, den building and mud kitchen areas on the field, we have added some new barrier divides to the ball yard; giving us three zones. This week we have had handball / cricket, scooters / pedal karts and tyre fun in those zones. Many thanks for all of your donations so far. We are still on the look out for mud kitchen items, pallets, guttering, scooters, pedal karts and tarpaulin. Next time you have a sort out at home, please consider OPAL before you throw away! Ask yourself - does this 'junk' have OPAL 'play value'?

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Happier January 2024

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

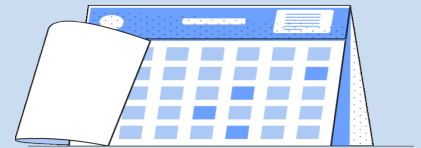
- 30 See how many people you can smile at today

- 31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



School term and holiday patterns

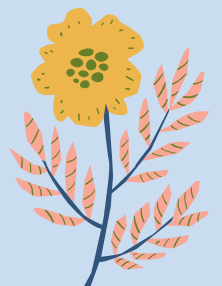
Spring Term 2024

Mid-term closure
School re-opens on

Summer Term 2024

May Day
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024
Monday 19th February 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024
Re-opens on Monday 15th April 2024
Monday 6th May 2024
Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June 2024
Tuesday 4th June 2024
Friday 19th July 2024





Sat Jan 13th

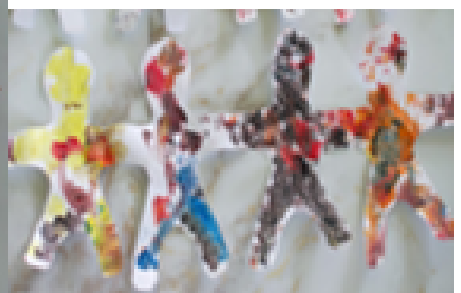
Family

10am-12noon

Craft, Mess, Play, Worship

Eat & Drink

All are welcome



Scouts gives young people #SkillsForLife.

Squirrels (4-6yrs)

Beavers (6-8yrs)

Cubs (8-10 ½)

Scouts (10 ½-14)

Explorers (14-18)

Want to try something new?

Want to learn a new skill?

Want to meet a new group of
friends?

Each week we help young people have fun, go on adventures and develop #SkillsForLife. Why not be one of them!

Register your interest at <https://westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/> and we will match you up with the right group for you.

For further information please contact our team.

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Can you make a difference?

Squirrels (4-6yrs)

Beavers (6-8yrs)

Cubs (8-10 ½)

Scouts (10 ½-14)

Explorers (14-18)

Can you help young people in West Lancashire step up and dream big?

We need volunteers to help our young people develop
#SkillsForLife.

If you can spare some time as a volunteer, please register at <https://westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/> and we will find the perfect role for you.

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