



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School



## Friday 19th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a cold week this week with some exciting opportunities to play in the snow which everyone has loved. If you haven't seen the pictures on Dojo then please have a look. Reception even had a turn in a Kayak down the banking on the school field!

In other news, our school kitchen had its food hygiene inspection this week and received a huge well done to Carole and the rest of the kitchen team.



On Thursday next week we will have a whole school assembly from Rock Steady and all the classes will have a workshop to follow. The children will then come home with letters about a club in school from Rock Steady where the children perform in a band for the rest for the rest of school and can work towards grading in the instrument they are playing without the exams.

Once again, thank you all for you continued support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

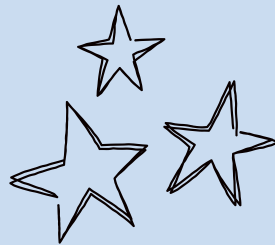
Mrs Pilkington

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**Stars of the Week**

**Nursery - Darcie & Poppy**  
**Rec - Myles & Amara**  
**Y1 - Robyn & Elsie**  
**Y2 - Poppy & Olivia**  
**Y3 - Lily & Joseph**  
**Y4 - Jordan & Sid**  
**Y5 - Jody-Rose & Andreas**  
**Y6 - Marissa & Aarav**

**WELL DONE**



Target 96%	
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	91.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.9%</b>

### Collective Worship

Half termly theme: **People Jesus Meets**

Focus this week: : **Luke 2.41-50 The Teachers In The Temple**



This week we talked about when Jesus parents were extremely anxious when they found that he was not in the group that was making its way home at the end of the Passover festival. Like all 12 year old Jewish boys he had been taken to the temple to begin preparing to take his place in the religious community the following year. Jesus felt completely at home in this environment, calling it 'my Fathers house', indicating a deep awareness of his unique relationship with God. The teachers were amazed by the wise questions Jesus was asking.

We then challenged ourselves to spot other children this week asking wise questions and nominate them for our What Would Jesus Do (WWJD) awards.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



## Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?



## In the news this week

Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted. He believes that fully autonomous vehicles, in which people become passengers in their own cars, will arrive in the UK that year and follow a gradual rollout. The government introduced a bill in a speech by King Charles III that paved the way for autonomous cars, without a safety driver, after pressure from industry, MPs, and Sir Patrick Vallance in his recent review of technology regulation.

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

- > Do you think you would like to travel in a self-driving vehicle?
- > Make a list of the positives and negatives of self-driving vehicles.
- > Do you believe we will see more self-driving vehicles on the roads over the next few years?

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 - Maths



This week, it has been lovely to drop into the children's maths lessons across school. Seeing how resilient our children are and their positive attitude towards their learning has been wonderful. I caught up with a few of our pupils to see how they feel about maths and lots of them commented on how much their confidence has grown since September and how much enjoyment they get out of this subject. Well done to everyone for continuing to work so hard!

### OPAL

Phase 3 began last 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, this included playing in the snow this week. 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. Last 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

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

TUESDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

WEDNESDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

THURSDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

FRIDAY

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

SATURDAY

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

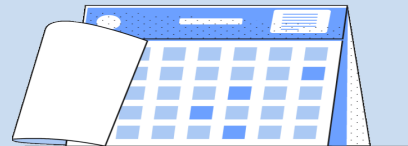
30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## School term and holiday patterns

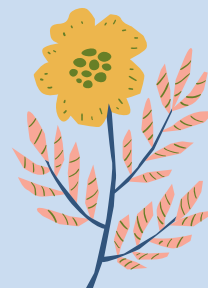
### Spring Term 2024

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





# 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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