



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 23rd February Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a week. Our swimming pool arrived and the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even the getting undressed and dressed again. If your child didn't have a swimming hat, please can you ensure that one is provided and a bobble to tie all hair back. We are incredibly lucky to have the swimming pool for 6 weeks and I cannot wait to see how much the children progress this half term. We are currently looking for a play leader/welfare support at lunch time and a cleaner. If you are interested in any of these post, please give the office a phone call for more information. More information on the cleaning post can be found here.

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=63176](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=63176)

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Pilkington

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Toby

Rec - Martha & Ocean

Y1 - Orson & Lana

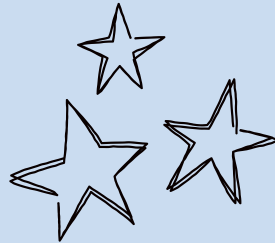
Y2 - Seren & Sam

Y3 - Sophia & Chloe

Y4 - Dolly & William

Y5 - Chloe & Theo

Y6 - Freya & Mia S



<b>Target 96%</b>	
Reception	100%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	93.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

### Collective Worship



**Half termly theme: Holy Week and Easter**

**Focus this week: : Jesus entering Jerusalem on a Donkey**

This week Fr Nick started off by sharing the passage from Matthew 21.1-9. Jesus deliberately chose to ride into the city on a young donkey to communicate a clear message about himself. In Christian churches all over the world, this is a joyful occasion. It is remembered on the Sunday before Easter Day. It is called Palm Sunday to recall the palms that were cut from trees.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

In countries across Europe, including Romania, Belgium, France, Hungary, Poland and Greece, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union (EU) rules. Their concerns include falling incomes, rising red tape, and competition from imports. Both national governments and the EU are now under pressure to stop the demonstrations. One protesting farmer, Hugo Auge from France, told news reporters for CNN that the current system, 'makes a mockery of both farmers and consumers'.

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

- > Talk about the actions that farmers across the EU are taking and why you think they chose to block roads as one of their actions.
- > What are some of the other ways you can take action if you don't agree with something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Key Dates



**Tuesday 27th February** - Three pupils attending Children conference in Chorley

**Tuesday 5th March** - Parents Evening Rec-Year 6

**Wednesday 6th March** - Parents Evening Nur-Year 6

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day

**Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th March** - Y6 Residential

### New Parent Governor

We would like to announce that we have now appointed a new parents Governor, congratulations to Emma Castle. We are excited to continue to move the school forward with a full compliment of  
\*Governors.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

### OPAL

We have made full use of our grounds this lunch time and a few children have become very muddy but they have had lost of fun. If you haven't already, please can you ensure that your child has waterproof and wellington boots in school. These are needed even in nicer weather as the children are still accessing the mud pit, mud slide and sand pit. We are also in the process of building a huge sand pit on the field which will also be used all year round. Once again, if you have any old waterproof or wellington boots which no longer fit your children please could you donate these to school for those children who do not have access to them.



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# Friendly February 2024

MONDAY



5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

TUESDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

WEDNESDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it

FRIDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

SATURDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

SUNDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

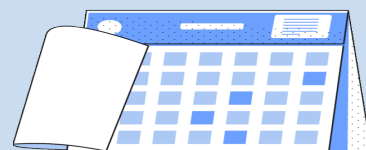
25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why



**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

**Happier · Kinder · Together**

## School term and holiday patterns



### Spring Term 2024

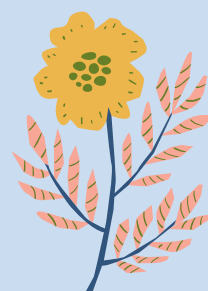
Mid-term closure  
School re-opens on  
School closes on

Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024  
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024  
Monday 19th February 2024  
Thursday 28th March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

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

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



### 2024-2025

### Autumn Term

School re-opens  
Mid-term closure  
School re-opens  
School Closes

Tuesday 3rd September 2024  
Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024  
Tuesday 29th October 2024  
Friday 20th December 2024

