



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 3rd May Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

With some nicer weather this week, it has been lovely to get more spaces open as part of our OPAL at break and lunch times. The children have been very creative with their den building and courageous with some of the obstacle courses too. Year 3 have been learning about all the different layers of soil in a creative way using marshmallows, make sure you ask them all about it. I have seen some amazing writing in Year 4 this week, they have all tried incredibly hard with their narrative writing, well done. Oscar, our school therapy dog has been enjoying some much needed sunshine on the field with our children learning how to take turn throwing the ball and calling Oscar back with it too.

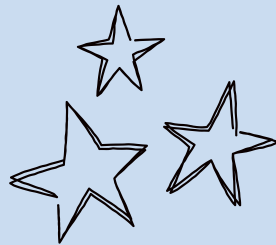
I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and we will see you all on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Pilkington

**Stars of the Week**

**Nursery - Ollie**  
**Rec - Molly, Sophie & Neave**  
**Y1 - Sienna & Mara**  
**Y2 - Patrick & Henry**  
**Y3 - Reggie & Samanta**  
**Y4 - Ethan C & Theo**  
**Y5 - Emily & Joe**  
**Y6 - Keegan & Mia**

**WELL DONE**



Target 96%	
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	91.3%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	93.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.5%</b>

### Collective Worship

**Half termly theme: The Parables of Jesus**

**Focus this week: : The Wise and Foolish Builders**



On Monday Fr Nick led worship from Matthew 7.24-27. In this parable Jesus likens the wise man, who listens to his teaching and puts it into practice in his life, to a house that is built on a solid rock. When the howling wind and torrential rain came, the house that is built on these foundations will stand firm.

The man who builds on sand, however, will see his house collapse when the inevitable storms arrive. In the same way a person whose life is built on shaky, insubstantial foundations will struggle to withstand the challenges and temptations that are bound to present themselves.



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# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in northwestern Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today. It was thought that Neanderthals' lives weren't as sophisticated as this or as similar to those of modern humans. The researchers looked at sites of both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens and compared how things like tools and animal bones were positioned in the living area. They found Neanderthals organised their items depending on the different tasks and activities they were doing.

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

- Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- Think about how organised or tidy people at your home or school are. Is everyone the same?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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### Key Dates



**Tuesday 7th May** - Y2 trip to the Mosque.

**Wednesday 8th May** - May Day Performance at 1:30 (EYFS and KS1)

**Thursday 9th May** - May Day Performance at 1:30 (EYFS and KS1)

**Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May** - Year 6 SATS all week.

**Monday 20th May** - Year 1 Trip **Thursday**

**23rd May** - Outdoor Classroom Day

### Subject Focus - RE



Since the Easter holidays, James from Walk Through The Bible has been into school each week working with Year 5 and Year 6, learning about The Bible and journeying through the Old Testament. They have learnt key parts and related actions to each story starting with Genesis. There have been some very thought responses and questions asked from all the children and we cannot wait to learn more.

### 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/>



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# Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

THURSDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

FRIDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

SATURDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

SUNDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



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## School term and holiday patterns

### 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 at 2pm

### 2024-2025

#### Autumn Term

School re-opens

Mid-term closure

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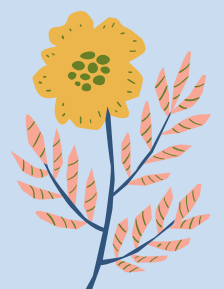
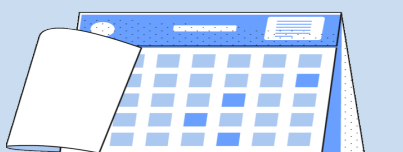
School Closes

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Friday 20th December 2024



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