



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 20th September Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see some much needed sunshine again this week and all of the children have been making the most of our beautiful outdoors, make sure you check the photographs on Dojo if you haven't already.

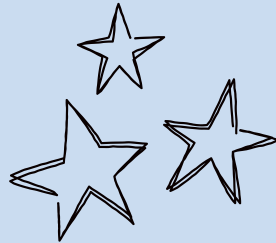
This week, reception have had their 'Tots on Tyres' Sessions and they have all been showing off their amazing balance skills. Year 3 had their 'Scoot Safe' session too and learn not only to ride but a lot road safety and scooter safety too, thank you South Ribble for coming in to deliver these sessions. Just to keep you all updated with Forest school, unfortunately due to the storms in the summer, one of our large trees collapsed and has caused a lot of damage in forest school. We are in the process of ensuring it is all tidy and safe and then we will need to find new posts to attach the canopy for our base camp onto. We will resume our forest school sessions as soon as it is safe to do so. Have a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Pilkington.

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### Stars of the Week

**Nursery - Henley**  
**Rec - Elsie & Vinnie**  
**Y1 - Kai & Eva**  
**Y2 - Lyla & Emma**  
**Y3 - Harry & Isla M**  
**Y4 - Emma & Nevaeh**  
**Y5 - Dolly & Harrison**  
**Y6 - Jessica & Lexi**

**WELL DONE**



Target 96%	
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	91.3%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	96.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

### Collective Worship

**Half termly theme:** Respect

**Focus this week:** Valuing Difference



This week we talked about what made us all unique and how we can value each others differences. We set the children a challenge of a game to play with their friends or family, maybe you could try it at home too.

### **Game**

**Sit in a circle with one child in the middle. That child calls out a statement about themselves, such as 'I like to ride my bike' or 'I have a younger brother.' If the statement is true for any of the other children, they should stand up and say, 'Me too' and swap places with another child who stood up. The person who has not found a new place stands in the centre and continues the game.**

# TAKEHOME

16th - 22nd  
Sep/October



## In the news this week

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year shortlist has recently been announced, with just 100 photos left in the competition, following a record-breaking 59,228 entries! The winners will be revealed on 8<sup>th</sup> October and displayed in the Natural History Museum in London. To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this year, the competition has also introduced a new Impact Award to recognise conservation successes and stories of hope.

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

- > Can you think of any wider benefits of people learning about the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?
- > Do you enjoy photography? Do you prefer looking at or taking photos?
- > Do you have a favourite photo? What is it of, and who took it?



How can photos shape the world?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Attendance

Changes in the law have now come into effect regarding school attendance. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends every day, except if your child is too ill to attend school.

More information can be found on our school website. We will also be sending out some further information in due course.

### Subject Focus - English

We have had a very exciting week of English across school! In Year 2, they have created their own diary entries as Wilf in the story 'The Way Home for Wolf!'

In Year 3, within the last week they found peanut butter/jelly sandwiches and some bear footprints... I wonder who that could be?

Also, in Year 6 they are fully immersed into 'The Nowhere Emporium'... a favourite book of Miss Howarth and Mr Noblet!

### Bishop's Harvest Appeal - Harvesting the Love of Learning

This year, we are encouraging our parishes and schools to learn about the lives of Christians in Pakistan. The Diocese of Multan is made up of 75 parishes with 52 priests and a number of church primary schools. Islam is the predominant religion (98.99%) with Christians making up 0.86%. Christians are free to worship and Bishop Leo reports that churches are growing. He asks us to pray for the security of Christians. One of the priorities of the Multan diocese is to improve the low levels of literacy that exist especially for women and children. The Harvest Appeal, this year, will go towards a literacy programme to assist in this important aim. **See below for more details.**

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16



Get an adult to sign off when you have done and don't forget to post videos or pictures on Dojo. The blank spaces are for ideas of your own. If you get some sponsorship money or even 50p an activity. Anything will help!

Read 7 books

Make a hat from recycled materials

Decorate a cake

Use OPAL equipment to set up an obstacle course.

Learn a new dance routine

Collect for a Foodbank

Teach your friend a new skill

Plastic Bottle Craft

Lead a worship in school

Help to garden an area of school

Bring in a tin for the Harvest Service

Write to your MP about a local issue

Take a photograph in 7 different places

Make a card for someone in the local residential home.

Build 7 Lego models

Create a giant collage on the theme of Harvesting the Love of Learning

Litter Picking

Complete an hour of silence



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School 2024/2025 Yearly Planner



## SEPTEMBER

9th - Fairtrade Fortnight  
11th - Meet the Teacher  
11th, 18th & 25th - Reception Tots on Tyres  
18th - Year 3 Scoot Safe

## OCTOBER

3rd - SEN/Family Support Coffee Morning  
3rd - 2.15pm Harvest Service - Church  
4th - Reception Afternoon Tea Party  
7th - Whole School Flamenco Day  
8th & 17th - Reception 2025 OPEN DAYS  
2nd & 9th - Year 5 Bikeability  
10th - Year 4 Trip to Abbeystead  
11th - Flu vaccinations  
17th - Whole School church  
18th - Parents Exhibition Morning

## NOVEMBER

5th - Individual photographs  
5th & 6th - Parents Evening  
7th - Outdoor Classroom Day  
14th - KS2 Church - Year 6 leading  
18th - School Parliament Week

## DECEMBER

5th - Year 3 Journey to Bethlehem  
9th - KS1 Nativity  
12th - Minis/Reception Nativity  
13th - Christmas Jumper Day  
16th - KS2 Christmas Carols in Church  
18th - Christmas Parties and Christmas Lunch  
19th - Whole School Church  
19th - Pantomime (In School)

## JANUARY

13th - 3.30pm Year 6 SATS and Robinwood meeting  
16th - Parents Coffee Morning

## FEBRUARY

4th - KS1 Church - Year 2 leading  
11th - Safer Internet Day  
12th & 13th - Parents Evening  
14th - Parents Exhibition Morning  
24th - Young Voices concert (Co-op Live Arena)  
24th - Swimming Pool arrives

## MARCH

3rd - 5th March - Year 6 Residential to Robinwood  
6th - World Book Day  
27th - Whole School Church

## APRIL

24th - Parents Coffee Morning

## MAY

8th & 9th (PM) - May Day festival  
12th - Key Stage 2 SATs week  
21st - Class photographs  
23rd - Parents Exhibition Morning

## JUNE

2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Window  
9th - Phonics Screening Check week  
19th - Sports Day  
26th - Back up Sports Day  
23rd - Key Stage 1 SATs week

## JULY

8th - Year 6 Performance  
10th - Reports home  
14th - Reports drop in for parents 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
16th - Year 6 Prom  
17th - AM - Whole School Church  
17th - PM - Year 6 Leavers service  
18th - Finish for Summer

As a caring, Christian community, we aspire to 'let our light shine'. We will open up the world to celebrate God's wonderful creation and foster a sense of awe and wonder. We will nurture our God given talents to ensure that everyone reaches their full potential academically, socially and spiritually.

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'

MATTHEW 5.16





PENWORTHAM  
TOWN COUNCIL

# Christmas Card Competition!

Calling all young artists... Would you like to design a Christmas card for the Mayor of Penwortham?

Penwortham Town Council are holding a Mayoral Christmas Card Competition aimed at primary aged school children (4-11) in Penwortham. The chosen winner will receive a prize and see their design in print.

Please return all entries to:

**Penwortham Town Council, Penwortham Community  
Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, PR1 9EQ**

or email your entry to

**[daniel@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:daniel@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk)**

Closing date: **Wednesday 20th November, 2024**

Thank you for taking part!



# Self-Care September 2024

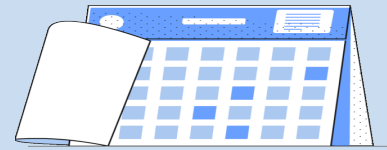
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

## School term and holiday patterns

2024-2025



### Autumn Term

School re-opens Tuesday 3rd September 2024  
 Mid-term closure Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024  
 School re-opens Tuesday 29th October 2024  
 School Closes Friday 20th December 2024 at 2pm

### Spring Term

School re-opens Monday 6th January 2025  
 Mid-term closure Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025  
 School re-opens on: Monday 24th February 2025  
 School closes on: Friday 4th April 2025 at 2pm

### Summer Term

School re-opens Tuesday 22nd April 2025  
 May Day: Monday 5th May 2025  
 School closes on: Friday 23rd May 2025  
 Mid-term closure: Monday 26th May - Monday 2nd June 2025  
 School re-opens on: Tuesday 3rd June 2025  
 School closes on: Friday 18th July 2025 at 2pm