



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 18th October Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic half term we have had. We have had everything from Tots on Tyres, Scootsafe, Bikeability to Year 4's trip, baking, Flamenco dancing and so much more. We also had our first SEN coffee morning and would love to see more families at our next one.

On Wednesday, members of Year 6 gave their leadership speeches in front of the whole school. They did a wonderful job and we are very excited to find out who our Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains will be on our return after half term.

This morning was our first Parent's Exhibition morning, we hope you thoroughly enjoyed your time in school and saw some of the amazing work your children do each day. I also hope they were amazing teachers and taught you well. Thank you to those who were able to attend.

Reminder that Monday 28th October is an INSET day and we will welcome everyone back on Tuesday 29th October, ready to start another busy half term.

Have a wonderful, restful half term break.

Mrs Pilkington.



Target 96%



Reception	97.5%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	88.3%
Year 6	98.1%
Total	95.3%

Collective Worship

Half Termly Theme - Respect

On Thursday, Year 6 led our end of term service in Church on Respect. They did an incredible job collating together all our thoughts and understanding. Well done Year 6!



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

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 - Phonics

It has been great to see the progress across EYFS and Key Stage 1 this half term with their phonics. This week nursery were focussing on the **S** sound and were finding items beginning with S all around the room. Reception have been working hard on reading and writing Tricky Words and signing them with great enthusiasm. Year 1 continue to focus on tricky vowel digraphs and Mrs Allton even had the pleasure of teaching in there this week.

Keep up the great work everybody.

OPAL

If you haven't already, please can make sure that you send into school this week, labelled wellington boots and waterproofs so that OPAL can be accessed at all times. These will also be used to ensure that we can all get outside as the weather turns more autumnal too.

If you have any old wellington boots or waterproofs which no longer fit your children and you are happy to donate them, then please send them into school and Miss Bobb will sort through them.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Exhibition Morning



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**We have funded and paid
nursery places available!**

Call the office to book a visit
and enquire about a place:
01772 746024



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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

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Optimistic October 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month

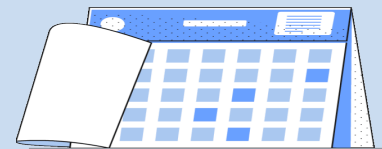


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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