



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 8th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Middleforth. Thank you to all of you who attended parents evening, it was a huge success and it was lovely to hear so many nice comments from staff and parents. There has also been a lot of independent writing happening this week across school and the teachers have spoken so highly of all the children's efforts. I even listened to Year 5's persuasive speeches this morning.

Our Year 6 children, who have been selling poppies have been highlighted by several members of staff on how they have approached this job with all the children. They have carefully explained the reasons why we buy poppies and supported the younger children with their money. Today, all the children have taken part in a small dance session with South Ribble and they have all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I hope you all have a lovely weekend everyone.

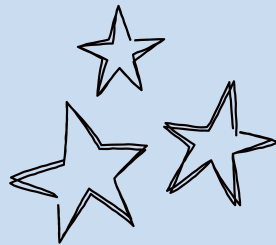
Mrs Pilkington.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Eleanor
Rec - Rudy & Poppy
Y1 - Olivia & Kairo
Y2 - Robyn & Elsie
Y3 - Poppy & Felix
Y4 - Charlie & Hattie
Y5 - Toby & Sophia
Y6 - Lily & Jacob R

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 6	96.1%
Total	96.7%

Collective Worship Half Termly Theme - Service

This week in worship, we talked about Service and how we can 'Receiving As Well As Giving' 1 Kings 17. 7-16. We talked about how relationships and friendships should have give and take in them. We read through through Bob Hartman's poem Jugs and Jars about a widow who served by giving all she had.

The children then over the week and written examples of when they have served other or when they have been served.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



How can our hopes and dreams help us to succeed?



In the news this week

A 23-year-old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on 9th October. She is only the second Briton to complete the feat, after quitting university to begin a career in mountaineering.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to Adriana Brownlee's achievement. Talk about some of the challenges she will have faced and sacrifices she will have made to reach her goal.
- > What goals and aspirations do you have for the future? Ask someone older at home about theirs. Have their dreams changed over time? Have they fulfilled any of them?

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 - Art

Across school, children have been creating poppies to recognise Remembrance Sunday.

In nursery, they have been creating firework pictures, using chalk and paint and Year 3 have been developing their drawing skills and practising the skill of line drawing.



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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Outdoor Learning Day

Yesterday was outdoor learning day and all the children had a great time.

In Minis we explored ways to create our very own bubbles, by making our own bubble solution and investigating which objects would make the best bubble shapes.

In Reception they have been making prints with leaves, which I'm sure you will all see tonight when they come home. They have also practiced a letter formation with natural materials.

In Year 1 they practiced their number bonds to 10 with chalk outside and set challenges for their partners.

In Year 2 they created their character descriptions in English outdoors and enjoyed an afternoon of Art in our outdoor area! Their poppies are now ready to go on the school gates today!

In Year 3 they learnt about recycling and how to keep our environment clean so we can enjoy the outdoors! They recycled plastic bottles into plant pots and decorated them in. Watch this space for some home-grown plants!

In Year 4 they thought about their learning in DT and created some pavilions for animals, using natural materials.

In Year 5 we explored climate change by creating the world and using beanbags as the sun rays.

The children were the greenhouse gases and had to stop the rays from leaving the earth.

In Year 6 we took our PE outside and created some dance routines where we had to interpret facts about planets into a dance routine. Then we had an introduction to algebra where we collected natural objects and gave them a value. By solving the calculations other children had to work out the values each group had given their objects. It was a great morning.





Sat Nov 9th

SPACE

10am-12noon

Craft, Mess, Play, Worship

Eat & Drink

All are welcome



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



**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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New Ways November 2024

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

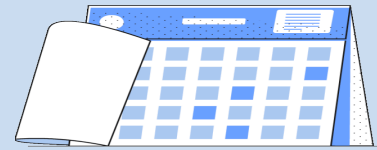


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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