



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 15th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fantastic week with so many activities going on. We had our PTFA KS1 Movie night which was a huge success, thank you to everyone for supporting school events. If you haven't already signed up to the Key Stage 2 Movie night, make sure you do.

I know there has been a lot of messages and information shared on class dojo recently and this can be confusing. We are reviewing this and looking at ways to make this information clearer and less overwhelming and hopefully can find a way that works for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our book fair afterschool last night, it was incredibly well attended. If you didn't get chance to make it, it will be here again on Tuesday 19th November after school.

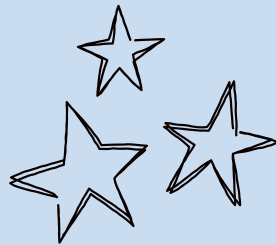
Mrs Pilkington.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Elijah
Rec - Hunter & Maxwell
Y1 - Brodi & Matilda H
Y2 - Teo & Mara
Y3 - Jasmine & Darcey W
Y4 - Sam & Muhammed
Y5 - Ethan C & Amelie
Y6 - Jorja-Lily & Alex

WELL DONE



Target 96%

Reception	93.8%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	96.1%
Total	95.6%

Collective Worship Half Termly Theme - Service



This weeks worship was launched by Year 6 leading a very powerful worship on Remembrance and a copy of this will be added to the school website shortly. so please take a look. The children were incredible and they clearly delivered a very difficult message to the rest of the school as to why we have remembrance day and a 2 minute silence, well one Year 6.

On Thursday Key Stage 2 went to church and Fr Nick spoke about giving with no strings attached from Matthew 20:28. The children went on to discuss what it felt like to do things with no strings attached.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11th-15th November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique. There are many other ways schools are raising awareness and taking action to tackle bullying, including several pupils working towards becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you know about Anti-Bullying Week?
- > This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home.
- > This week's story explores the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?



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 -MfL

Across school, the children have been learning how to greet each other in Spanish. In year 3, every morning Miss Turner asks the children how they are and they respond with "bien, mal or regular". In year 5, they have been learning how to order different flavours of ice-cream although it may be getting a little too chilly now! In year 6, we reviewed and expanded on our Spanish greetings from previous years and added questions to find out more about people. We then wrote our own role plays to perform in class. As a school, we use Language Angels to support our Spanish teaching and each child as a login which they can access from home if they download the app. I cannot wait to hear all the classes singing Christmas songs in Spanish soon!



Parliament Week

We are going to elect new parliament members by the end of next week.

The process:

Those who wish to run need to let class teachers know by the end of the day on Monday.

Children will give speeches in their own class as to why they would like to run for parliament and why their class should vote for them before Friday. On Friday we will hold an election where each class will be able to vote for someone in their own class.

There will be two children elected from each class from Year 1 to Year 6.

Reception children will be elected in the New Year.

Alongside this, we are also going to run a Sports Council. Again, children are able to give a speech and be voted in. They will work with Mr Day to discuss sports/games at playtimes, clubs they would like etc.

One person from each class will be voted as part of the Sports Council.

This will be a part of the ballot so please ensure that children know whether they are running for Parliament or the Sports Council.



Brake, the Road Safety Charity, have placed road victims at the forefront of the Road Safety Week. Their primary goal is to raise awareness about the impact road crashes have.

In addition to raising awareness about these tragic events, they are celebrating the tireless efforts of the individuals and organizations who support victims and their families during their most challenging times.

The "Heroes" theme promoted by Brake, offers valuable resources to also enhance educational experiences across several important areas of the National Curriculum.

For further information and resources

[Road Safety Week | Brake](#)

[Resources | Brake](#)

You can learn more about the services offered by the Road Safety Education and Engagement team by visiting the following link:

[Road Safety Education and Engagement - Lancashire County Council](#)

This website provides an overview of our programs, along with contact information should you wish to engage with us further.

Please could we ask that you share (with permission) any photographs and examples of pupil's work with us so we can celebrate your successes. Please share at #LancsRoadSafety



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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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Middleforth 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



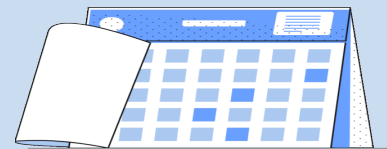
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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