



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School



## Friday 29th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another wonderful week at Middleforth! It has been so lovely watching the children starting to explore the colder weather we have had this week. At break and lunch time, the children have been talking about how the water had frozen into ice and how it had froze into different shapes, they especially enjoyed finding curved sections of ice hidden in all our tyres and looking at the beautiful leaves that were frozen inside too.

Mrs Murphy has been into school this week in preparation for her return in January, it was lovely for her to see everyone and see the parents too.

We have announced our new sports council members who will be meeting with Mr Day and working him to developing sporting opportunities across school, we are looking forward to their contributions. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

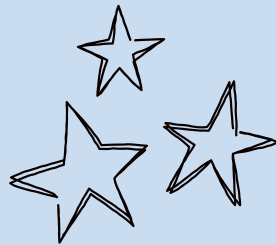
Mrs Pilkington.

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**Stars of the Week**

Nursery - Freya  
 Rec - Isla-Rose & Toby  
 Y1 - Chloe & Joseph  
 Y2 - Beatrix & Jessica  
 Y3 - Jasper & Harriet  
 Y4 - Joseph & Emily  
 Y5 - Hugo & Daisy-Mae  
 Y6 - Orla & Aiden

**WELL DONE**



Target 96%	
Reception	82.8%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	93.0%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	97.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

### Collective Worship

#### Half Termly Theme - Service

This weeks we heard the story of Samuel taken from Matthew 4.18-20.

Jesus taught his followers to live a life of service to others, rather than, each one living for him or her self. His Followers Simon and Andrew found that it wasn't easy. They left their jobs as fishermen, they left their families and they left the place where they had lived their whole lives.

Jesus doesn't expect everyone to leave their homes and families behind to follow him but he does ask his followers to live lives of service to others.

#### **What would you like to do when you get older?**

A few parents have shared with us how they help to serve the community. If you haven't already why not talk at home this weekend about how you all help to serve our community.



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# TAKEHOME

23rd November  
- 1st December



## In the news this week

### How can we raise awareness of important issues?



This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

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

- > Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- > Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- > Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Parliament Members

**Head of Parliament** - Parker

**Year 1** - Noah and Louie

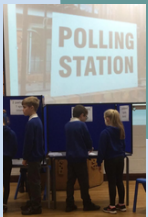
**Year 2** - Lyla and Isaac

**Year 3** - Jasper and Olivia Holmes

**Year 4** - Max and Jasmyn

**Year 5** - Sid and Ethan Hasting

**Year 6** - Benjamin and Jody-Rose.



### Year 4 - Shared Reading

In shared reading in Year 4, we have been reading and learning about Malala Yousafzai and her fight against the government, for girls to be able to go to school, in her home country of Pakistan. This week it has led to an interesting and mature discussion about governments, democracy, religious beliefs and fighting for justice. Children were able to make links to other inspirational people we have learnt about, such as Rosa Parks, Terry Waite and Nelson Mandela.

### What has 3C's been up to this term?

3C's have been very busy since September. The first few weeks of term were taken up with creating and planning the harvest service in church which was led throughout by members of 3C's. We then had a session on giving thanks to God and another on how the celebration All Souls and All Saints Day's is tied in to Halloween and some of the traditions that continue at that time of year. Since half term 3C's have worked to produce a Chrismon tree for St Leonards Church Christmas tree festival which was held last week. The word "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram". Chrismons are handmade decorations that feature Christian symbols, such as crosses, crowns, doves, and stars. They are always white and gold, the Church's colours for Christmas.

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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



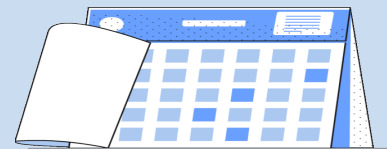
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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