



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 6th December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another amazing and busy week at Middleforth. On Monday it was the PTFA Christmas Disco which was a huge success. All of the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event. School has been taken over by Christmas, there have been Nativity dress rehearsals and Carol Service Rehearsals taking place, the classrooms are sparkling and children have written some thoughtful prayers for our school tree. Tickets for all Christmas events have been sent home today, please check your children's bags. Finally, a huge thank you for all of your donations towards the PTFA Christmas raffle, your generosity is hugely appreciated. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week, Mrs Boughey has sent a message via Dojo regarding payment for tickets.

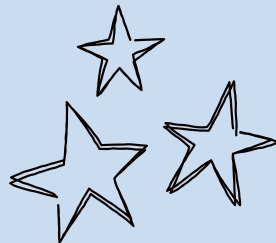
Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Pilkington.

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Alice
Rec - Niko & Hunter
Y1 - Georgia & Matilda
Y2 - Kodet & Orson
Y3 - Isabelle & Ashton
Y4 - Lola & Esmee
Y5 - Florence & Edward
Y6 - Charlotte & Benjamin

WELL DONE



Target 96%

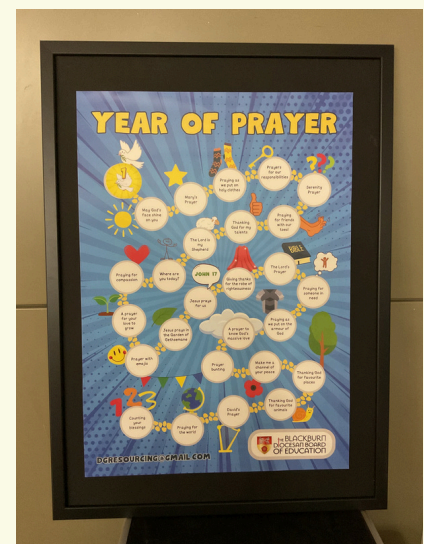
Reception	86.2%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	97.4%
Total	94.9%

Advent

Collective Worship Half Termly Theme - Service

This weeks we started to look at Advent and what that means. As a school we shared ideas that Advent was about preparing and counting down to the birth of Jesus. We talked about how this was a special time to spend time with family and friends. We looked closely at our Advent Wreath and what each candle represents.

Finally we launched our Year of Prayer with the Diocese and shared a prayer of peace and out our first sticker on our poster.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5-11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- > Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- > Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

What does it mean to feel included?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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What have Parliament been up to?

During their first meeting Parliament had some great ideas about things they would like to do this year. This week we have spent time making Christmas cards that we are going to deliver to some of the local nursing homes.

Parliament would like to raise money and suggested charities like the Salvation Army, Cash4Kids and Cancer Research. We have elected Behaviour MPs, Eco MPs, Inclusion MPs and Worship MPs. I can tell we are going to have a very busy year.

English

This week we have looking at English books across school. It has been wonderful to see the amazing writing that has been taking place and the progress children have been making this term. From early letter formation and writing simple words in Reception to planning and writing Biographies in Year 6. Children across school are embedding their learning and producing some fantastic pieces. We definitely have some budding authors at Middleforth.



What have our Minis been up to in nursery this week?

In Minis this week we have started to decorate around nursery, creating our own wreath from all our foliage that we collected on our forest walk. We also have been practicing our fine motor skills, threading ribbon through baubles, creating our own group artwork. As well as all this, we have a story tuff tray set up, of our new book 'Dream snow'.



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Nursery



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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December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025

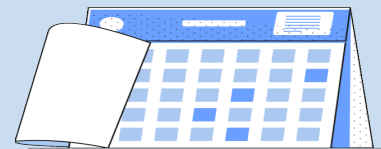


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns

2024-2025



Autumn Term

School re-opens
Mid-term closure
School re-opens
School Closes

Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024
Tuesday 29th October 2024
Friday 20th December 2024 at 2pm

Spring Term

School re-opens
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on:
School closes on:

Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025
Monday 24th February 2025
Friday 4th April 2025 at 2pm

Summer Term

School re-opens
May Day:
School closes on:
Mid-term closure:
School re-opens on:
School closes on:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025
Friday 23rd May 2025
Monday 26th May - Monday 2nd June 2025
Tuesday 3rd June 2025
Friday 18th July 2025 at 2pm