



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 13th December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what an amazingly busy week at Middleforth. We started the week with our Ley Stage 1 Nativity and they all shone brightly and put on an amazing performance. On Thursday our Reception and Minis delivered their amazing nativity and I am sure you will all agree it was a huge success. Well done everyone on their Nativities so far.

I also had the pleasure of being in Minis for the afternoon on Wednesday and they were all super stars, they made sure I stuck to all the routines and expectation whilst also having lots of fun.

Year 6 went to Priory this week to watch their performance of High School Musical and the children were blown away by the performance and even enjoyed seeing some of our ex pupils as well. Well done Year 6 for setting a great example to everyone.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

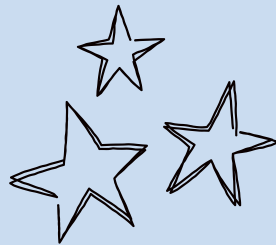
Mrs Pilkington.

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**Stars of the Week**

**Nursery - 'Everyone!'**  
**Rec - Niamh & Rudy**  
**Y1 - Sophie & Eric**  
**Y2 - Artemis & Eliza**  
**Y3 - Harper & Paige**  
**Y4 - Rhys & Sophia**  
**Y5 - Eva & Amirali**  
**Y6 - Chloe & Scarlett**

**WELL DONE**



Target 96%	
Reception	85.9%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	93.4%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	96.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.6%</b>



**Collective Worship**  
**Half Termly Theme - Service**  
**Luke Chapter 1**

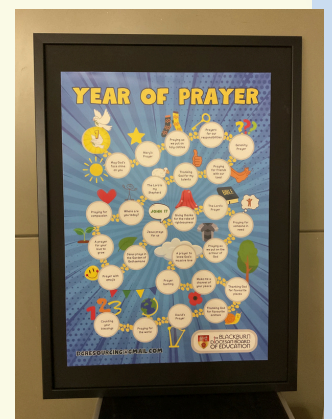
This week we lit our second advent candle.

We thought about the word 'brave' what it meant to us and the brave people we know. We thought about how we were brave and showed courage and bravery.

Bishop Philip told us about Mary and how he thinks she is one of the bravest people, how she prepared for Jesus. and how she listened to the Angel Gabriel and trusted God's word. We heard how God had a plan for our lives and how we should trust that God and share Jesus's love.

We also added our second sticker to our Year of Prayer poster.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

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

- > What have you heard about the film Wicked? Is it something you have seen or would like to see? Ask someone at home. Are they familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz?
- > Do you like performing on stage? Do you like other roles or responsibilities in plays or performances? Talk about the importance of each role and how our different strengths can all be celebrated.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Whole School Church - Thursday 19th December at 9am

To end our half term, Fr Nick will be leading our service up in Church on Thursday morning. This will be a full eucharist service with some carefully chosen hymns from our various performances and our Choir will also be signing a song for us all. Please come and join in our special service together, everyone is welcome.



### Picture News

Each week during class worship, our children deliver a session called Picture News. This is to ensure that all our children learn about current issues including political, religious, cultural, environmental, social, moral, spiritual. We carefully link our British Values in a relevant and meaningful way and develop links between personal, school and community values. The picture above is always linked to our learning and an opportunity for them to discuss this further with you at home.

### Family Support and Early Help

Just a polite reminder that I have altered the 'Family Support' section on our school website. At the bottom, there is a list of current courses, which are running in the area. These courses may benefit a lot of our families. They include support for ADHD, ASD, wellbeing and anxiety. I will continue to keep this page updated and add any new courses or services I hear about on there. On the page you will also find a summary of my job role in school, for those of you who may not have fully spoken to myself yet.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Knight

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**Sat Dec 14th**

**Nativity**

**10am-12noon**

**Craft, Mess, Play, Worship**

**Eat & Drink**

**All are welcome**



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# Christmas in Middleforth

**Come and join Penwortham Firefighters for a caroling event!**

THE SWEET SPOT

Special Guests

- Santa & Elves
- The Ghostbusters
- The Town Mayor
- Local Schools
- Your Local Firefighters

Christmas Stalls

- Cake Sale
- The Sweet Spot
- Raffle & More

With thanks to our sponsors below!

**WEDNESDAY - 18 DECEMBER, 16:00-19:00**

Penwortham Fire Station, Leyland Rd, PR19QD

Gift Drop Off Point @ Fire Station



## Middleforth 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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# 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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# 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

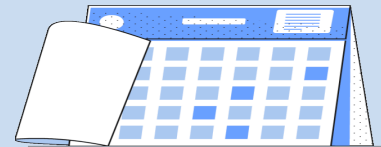


**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

**Happier · Kinder · Together**

## 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