



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 10th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a start! I can't quite believe this is only our first week back. This week we have welcomed Mrs Murphy back from her maternity leave and she has had a wonderful first week with Year 5. Everyone has been so busy and have made a fantastic start to the New Year. Children have been outside enjoying the snow and ice, embracing all that the snow has to offer. During lunchtime they have been being creative making ice phones, ice cakes with snow toppings. Year 1 and 2 have been exploring their outdoor environments to support their learning. Year 3 have started their Iron Man topic and have produced some amazing writing already. A little reminder as we start the New Year to ensure you child is wearing the correct school uniform, which is available on the school website. Please also make sure you are familiar with your child's PE days to ensure they are wearing the correct PE kit.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Pilkington.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Rory

Rec - Bryanny & Joshua

Y1 - Chloe & Evie

Y2 - Kaya-Mai & Finley

Y3 - Ivan & Reuben

Y4 - Isaac & Daisy-Mae

Y5 - Sophia & David

Y6 - Orla & Scarlett



Target 96%	
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	95.8%
Total	96.6%

Collective Worship

Half Termly Theme - Perseverance

This weeks worship was about Running the Race of life. We heard from Hebrew 12 1-2 where it says "Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end." We talked about the word perseverance, what the word means and how that links to our life.

We talked about how we need to persevere throughout lots of different challenges. We each discussed a personal goal or target and shared that with a partner. We then said a silent prayer for ourselves and our partner asking God to help us achieve our goal.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



Is it our responsibility to protect local wildlife?

In the news this week

Birdwatch is an annual UK-wide citizen science project held every January, inviting people to gather data to support the work of scientists. Both the Big Garden and the Big Schools' Birdwatch offer people the chance to count birds visiting gardens, playgrounds or school outdoor spaces. This simple activity helps identify bird populations and the most common species. The data collected then helps scientists monitor bird numbers and deduce whether any species are in decline.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Tell someone at home about Birdwatch 2025. Is it something your household would like to take part in?
- > Discuss with someone at home about your local area and the wildlife found there.
- > Do you know whether there are any schemes in place where you live to protect wildlife or nature?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Wrap Around Care

Just a reminder to please ensure that you are making your breakfast and after school club bookings as far in advance as you possibly can. We need to ensure that we have the correct staff provision each day to the ratio of children expected/booked in to attend.

School Meals

Please ensure that you are keeping your school meal bookings up to date and ideally at least a week or two in advance if possible.

EYFS

In Early years this week, they have thoroughly enjoyed the snow and ice and used this as a learning opportunity. Looking at how ice freeze and melts. They have even been sledging down the hill in school. They have also looked at Oi Dog and started to apply some rhyming words to their writing. Well done everyone.



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



SEN/Family Support coffee morning.

Thursday 16th January 9.15am

Sue Payne

&

Claire Dilworth

Behaviour Specialist Teachers



Answering your questions and
offering support.



**Autism
Central**

Mrs Allton and Mrs Knight will be
there for the morning.

Refreshments available and younger children are welcome.

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celebrate God's wonderful creation and foster a sense of awe and wonder.
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socially and spiritually.
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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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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

16th - Parents Coffee Morning
20th - 3.30pm Year 6 SATS and Robinwood meeting
28th - KS1 Church

FEBRUARY

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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Happier January 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



- 1 Find three things to look forward to this year
- 2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself
- 3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day
- 4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why
- 5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths
- 6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe
- 7 Learn something new and share it with others
- 8 Say positive things to the people you meet today
- 9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)
- 10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why
- 11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime
- 12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat
- 13 Take a different route today and see what you notice
- 14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
- 15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful
- 16 Contribute positively to your local community
- 17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes
- 18 Get back in contact with an old friend
- 19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough
- 20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge
- 21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
- 22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you
- 23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment
- 24 Take a small step towards an important goal
- 25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down
- 26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today
- 27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside
- 28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
- 29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better
- 30 See how many people you can smile at today
- 31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

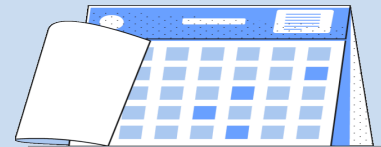


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns



Spring Term 2025

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 2025

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

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open on: Wednesday 3rd September 2025
 School closes on: Friday 24th October 2025
 Mid-term closure: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
 School re-opens on: Tuesday 4th November 2025
 School closes on: Friday 19th December 2025 at 2pm