



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 24th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another exciting and enriching week at school, with each class diving into new adventures. Year 4 have been refining their art skills, experimenting with new techniques and creating beautiful pieces of work. Year 3 have been fully immersed in the world of The Iron Man, bringing the story to life through their reading and discussions. Meanwhile, our Reception and Mini pupils have been exploring their outdoor areas, noticing the changing season and enjoying the wonders of nature. It's been a week full of curiosity, learning, and growth for all our students!

As we move further into the half term, I wanted to let you know that after half term the swimming pool will be arriving again for the full half term. more details around dates etc will following in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

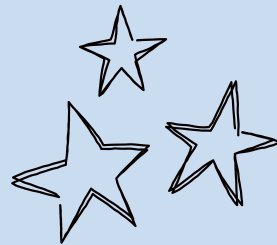
Mrs Pilkington.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Eleanor
Rec - Ella-Mae & Nathan
Y1 - Amara & Daniel
Y2 - Theodore N-T & Alana
Y3 - Roman & Patrick
Y4 - Emma & Oliver
Y5 - Elijah & Hugo
Y6 - Reeva & Andreas

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	85.5%
Total	95.0%

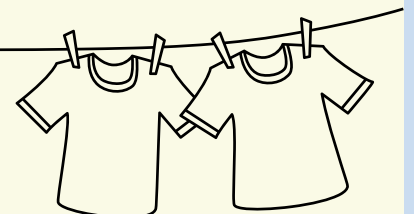
Collective Worship

Half Termly Theme - Perseverance

Jeremiah 38. 1-13

In this week's worship we looked at 'Doing The Right Thing'. We talked about what it meant to persevere to ensure we do the right thing. We had a good discussion about the difference between standing up for what we believe to be the right thing and being stubborn. The children were very honest and shared some thoughtful ideas. The children have been challenged to write on the clothes an example of when they have persevered and done the right thing.

Could you do something similar at home?



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- > Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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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.

Maths

This week, our whole school focus in maths has been on place value, and it's been fantastic to see all our students developing their understanding. In Reception, the children have been learning to recognize numbers and explore their value through fun activities and Year 6 have been preparing for more complex calculations. It's been a week of solid progress and a lot of enthusiasm for maths!



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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We have funded and paid nursery places available!

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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

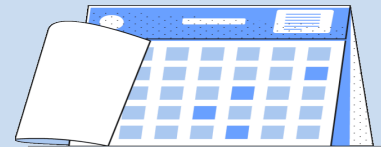


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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