



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 14th March Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,
 What a fantastic week it has been at school! It has been wonderful to see everyone making the most of our OPAL playtimes, with so much creativity and teamwork on display at lunch and break times. Year 2 have been incredibly inquisitive in their maths lessons, exploring mass and making great discoveries. Year 3 have been fully immersed in their learning about the Romans, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been diving into the world of Romeo and Juliet, bringing Shakespeare's words to life with brilliant discussions and drama. Well done, everyone—keep up the amazing work!

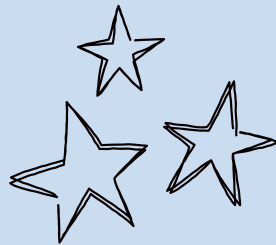
It has been lovely talking to everyone at lunchtimes this week and finding out their thoughts and feelings about what school is doing well and how they could see school improved.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
 Mrs Pilkington.

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Rory
 Rec - Oliver & Toby
 Y1 - Chloe & Joseph
 Y2 - Ivy & Lyla
 Y3 - Jasmine & Poppy
 Y4 - Esmee & Ava
 Y5 - Sid & Harrison
 Y6 - Conrad & Andreas

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	86.5%
Total	94.4%

Collective Worship

Half Termly Theme - Thankfulness

This weeks worship on Thankfulness was all about remembering to count our blessings. We talked about remembering to be thankful for the small things in our lives e.g. having toast for breakfast, having a comfy bed to sleep in and having some clean clothes to wear.

Our challenge was to count 3 blessings each morning as we wake up and 3 at night time before bed.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Thank you chain

Think about how an everyday item reaches you: Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you thank?

Make a thank you chain and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.

TAKEHOME



Is it important to feel proud of where you come from?



In the news this week

The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures, drawn by herself, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis, of each other. The artworks, shared on social media, are part of the Shaping Us campaign, which highlights how we develop skills to connect with others from a young age. The pictures also aim to raise awareness of an exhibition, launched by The Princess, at the National Portrait Gallery in London, encouraging children to explore their relationships and feelings.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on the drawings. Have you ever drawn a portrait of someone? Do you think this type of activity could help build connections with others?
- > Can you think of any other ways you can connect with others around you?
- > Talk to someone at home about some of the people you are connected to.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Notice from the Office

Just a reminder to please keep all online scopy bookings and payments up to date. We still have a number of children who do not have pre-booked school lunches, particularly after a weekend or school holiday.

We are also receiving a large number of last minute, on the day bookings for after school club. As we approach the summer term, we will be sending out debt reminders for balances outstanding, that must be settled before the end of the school year.

Subject Focus -Music

EYFS have been working on music and movement this week. They have been using Makaton to support their learning of songs. In Year 4 they have been practising singing songs ready for the Lancashire sings performance in June.

All children in school have enjoyed listening and appraising different genres of music in singing workshops and are becoming more confident using musical vocabulary, such as pitch, dynamics, texture and structure.

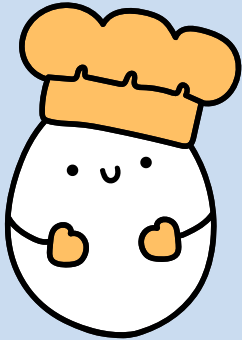
Donate and Take Box

Here is a reminder about 'Middleforth's Donate or Take initiative.' Times are pretty difficult at the moment in terms of cost of living so this new idea may be of help to a few people. You will find in the Reception area, a flowery box and this is our 'Donate or Take' box. The idea is simple really - if you have any spare food or toiletry items at home, or could possibly buy an extra item during your weekly shop, please pop it in the box. If you are in need of any items yourself, please feel free to help yourself to what you need.

Please remember, if you are ever in need of anything else, then ring or email myself on 01772 746024 or email me at sknight@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk
Many thanks, Mrs Knight, Family Support Worker



Come and Join St Leonard's Messy Church



"Spring Session"

on Saturday 15th March



at St Leonard's Church Marshall's Brow Penwortham PR1 9JA

An "egg-cellent" range of activities and crafts for all the family, particularly the younger members. Including a short act of worship and refreshments.



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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PENWORTHAM FOOTBALL
ACADEMY



FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP

MONDAY 7TH - FRIDAY
11TH APRIL 2025

9AM - 3PM
(WITH WRAP-AROUND AVAILABLE)

Join us on the PFA Football Camp
at Penwortham Priory Academy.

With a daily price of £20 a day,
£75 for 4 days or £85 for the full
week.

- ✓ Skill Development Practices
- ✓ Ability-Set Tournaments
- ✓ Small-Sided 3v3 Games
- ✓ Fun-Filled, Active Days!!



SAVE THE DATE

Summer Camps
w/b 4th & 26th Aug

[Book on here](#)



<https://www.penworthamfootballacademy.co.uk>

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Mindful March 2025

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

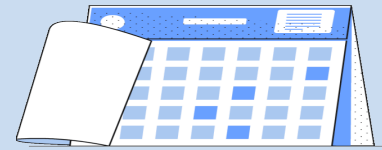


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns

2024-2025



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

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