



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 17th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week it has been at school, filled with new learning, exploration, and growth! Our classrooms have been buzzing with enthusiasm as children have embraced fresh challenges, asked brilliant questions, and made wonderful progress across all subjects. It's been a true joy to witness their curiosity and energy in action. This afternoon, during our worship, we came together to say a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Trice, who has been such an important part of our school family. We shared memories and stories which brought a smile to our faces, knowing he will always have a special place in our hearts. It's been a week of reflection, learning, and celebration, and we look forward to the many more exciting moments the coming weeks will bring.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Pilkington.



**Stars of the Week**

**Nursery - Ollie**

**Rec - Grace & Freddie**

**Y1 - Georgia & Eric**

**Y2 - Kodet & Annabelle**

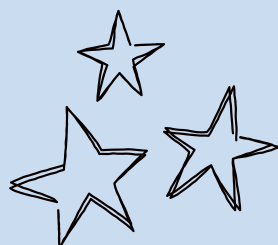
**Y3 - Sam & Olivia W**

**Y4 - Kenton & Alex**

**Y5 - Theo & Thomas**

**Y6 - Elsa & Eduards**





### Target 96%

Reception	93.7%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	89.0%
Year 6	94.2%
Total	94.0%

### Collective Worship

#### Half Termly Theme - Perseverance

##### Matthew 2.13-15

In this week's worship we looked at a painting by the artist James Tissot called 'The Flight to Egypt.' We discussed how Mary and Joseph had a duty to keep Jesus safe and they had to flee their homes to find safety. We discussed how scary it must have been but how they kept on going. We then reflected on what it must be like to be a refugee, leaving things behind and finding a place where you feel welcome.



We talked about how we make people feel welcome when they come to Middlefirth and how huge a smile can be to someone.

Think about how you make others feel welcome.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



## Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.

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

- > What type of home do you live in? What are the advantages of where you live? Is there anything you find difficult about it?
- > Talk about the area around your home. What facilities are there?
- > Ask an adult whether they know of the nearest 'green belt' areas close to where you live.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

### 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.

### Geography

In Year 1 they have started to explore around the world thinking about places they have visited and then they have started to look at Europe in more detail. In Year 2 we have been on a flight to Nairobi, Kenya and explored the climate and weather there! In Year 5 have been looking at how important the water cycle is to our planet.



### 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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## 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

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



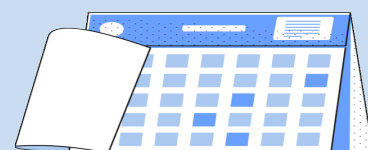
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others 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