



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 7th February Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

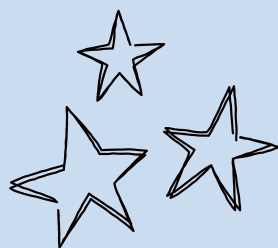
It has been another week full of exciting and creative learning across the school! Year 6 have been immersing themselves in the magical world of The Wizard of Oz, producing some truly impressive writing that has left us all amazed. Year 3 have been exploring diaries, learning how to ask insightful questions, and developing their writing skills. Meanwhile, Year 2 have taken their learning to the next level by creating a fantastic video all about owls, complete with a brilliant voice-over. Well done, Year 2! It's wonderful to see all our children so engaged and excited about their learning.

Next week is the last week before we finish for half term and the swimming pool will be being build ready for after half term. A letter will be coming out today with the swimming days on for each class. If anyone has any questions, please get in touch with your child class teacher. Finally it is parents evening week, if you haven't already requested an appointment one will have been provided for you. Have a lovely weekend everyone. Mrs Pilkington.

### Stars of the Week

Nursery - Lenny  
Rec - Isla-Rose & Holly  
Y1 - Neave & Ocean  
Y2 - Akhil & Jasmine  
Y3 - Vincent & Darcey W  
Y4 - Florence & Daisy-Mae  
Y5 - Edward & Amber  
Y6 - Jody-Rose & Beckett

WELL DONE



### Target 96%

Reception	95.3%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	93.9%
Total	95.4%

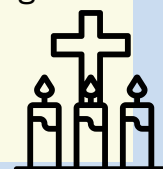
### Collective Worship

#### Half Termly Theme - Perseverance

##### Candlemass

Fr. Nick led a thoughtful and reflective collective worship this week, focusing on the theme of Candlemas. He shared the story of Simeon and Anna, who welcomed Jesus into the temple, symbolizing the light of Christ in our lives. The children had the opportunity to reflect on how they can be a light to others through kindness and love. It was a beautiful service that reminded us all of the importance of faith, hope, and the light that Jesus brings into the world.

We also presented Fr Nick and Mrs Mansfield with a painting which has everyone's finger print on to take with them to their new home.



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## TAKEHOME



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## In the news this week

Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Littler, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

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

- > How do you think Luke Littler felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- > Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home. Can they recall a similar time?

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.

### Staffing Update

This week we have been interviewing for a Teaching Assistant to replace Mrs Mansfield when she retires at February half term. We have successfully appointed Miss Killingbeck who will start with us after half term. She will be in Year 1 in the morning and then across school in the afternoon the same as Mrs Mansfield.

Mrs Partington will also be starting her Maternity leave on Thursday 13th February and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best with her impending new arrival.



### Family Support and Early Help

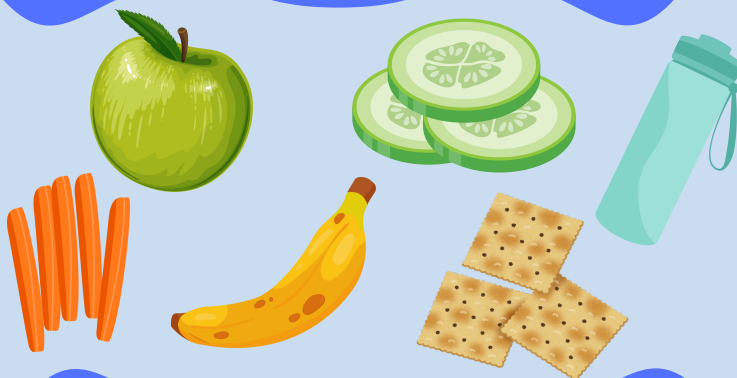
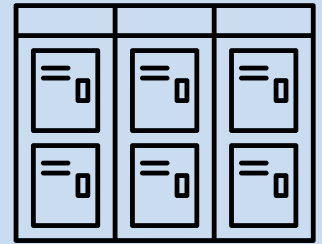
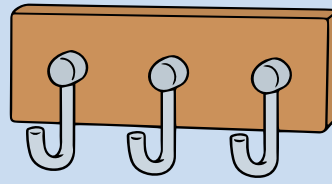
Just a polite reminder that I have altered the 'Family Support' section on our school website. At the bottom, there is a list of current courses, which are running in the area. These courses may benefit a lot of our families. They include support for ADHD, ASD, wellbeing and anxiety. I will continue 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

# School Expectations

## Lockers and Pegs

As the year has gone on, children have been coming to school with new beautiful rucksacks, however these are not fitting properly into the Key Stage 2 lockers and are causing Key Stage 1 cloakrooms to be full and therefore coats are not staying on the hooks. Please can you ensure that children are only bringing essential items to school in a small suitable bag or school book bag.

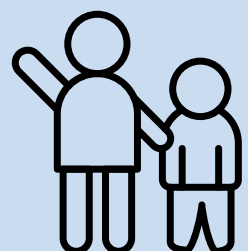


## Snacks, Lunchboxes and Drinks

The children in Key Stage 1 all have access to free fruit each day for snack. If you want to send in an additional snack or a snack for a pupil in Key Stage 2, please can this be a small healthy snack. Along with this children can bring in a small water bottle which seals so that drinks are not spilt around school. Please can these only have water or sugar free cordial inside to help keep our teeth healthy.

## Dropping off and Picking Up

At the end of the day, older siblings can come down to Key Stage 1 classrooms to be collected to help with picking up. However in the morning, Key Stage 2 children need to go up the path to their classrooms. This will ensure that the class teacher can greet everyone with a personal greeting to start their day.





# February Half-Term



17th - 21st February 2025  
PRESTON - Walton-le-Dale

HOLIDAY CLUB

AM

PM

Mon	Crafty Creations	Football Camp	Playful Painting	Sports Action
Tues	Down in the Jungle 3-7 Bonkers Bingo 8-12	Sports Action	Jewellery Making	Wacky Races
Weds	Movie Magic	Fun Fit 3-4 Benchball 5-12	Mystical Creatures	Sports Action
Thurs	Imagineering 3-7 Dream Makers 8-12	Sports Action	Around the World	Fun Fit 3-4 Dodgeball 5-12
Fri	Lego Adventure	Movie Magic	Fun Day Friday	

HAVE  
FUN

## Choose fun at



HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted Registered

17th - 21st  
February

7:30am -  
6:00pm

A menu  
of 50+  
activities

3-12  
years

HALF TERM

St Leonard's C of E Primary  
Walton Green  
Walton-le-Dale  
PR5 4JL

Book online at [www.fun-fest.co.uk](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk)

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## 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:  
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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



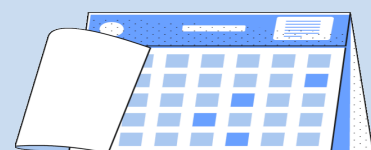
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others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

Happier · Kinder · Together



## 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