



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 7th March Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

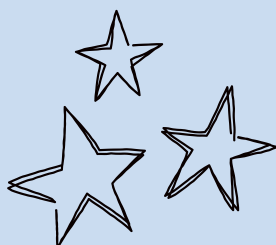
Wow! What an incredible week it has been at our school—I am absolutely blown away by the kindness, teamwork, and perseverance I have seen. Year 3 have amazed us with their sewing skills, carefully stitching their cushions together with patience and enthusiasm. Year 6 have had an unforgettable three days at Dobroyd Castle, showing fantastic resilience and support for one another as they tackled new challenges. And to round off the week in style, we have celebrated girls' football ahead of International Women's Day! Year 6 represented us brilliantly in a tournament this morning, and it has been wonderful to see girls across the school getting involved in football this afternoon. Well done to everyone—you make our school such a special place!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,  
Mrs Pilkington.



**Stars of the Week**  
**Nursery - Kamden**  
**Rec - Ella-Mae & Margot**  
**Y1 - Chloe & Joseph**  
**Y2 - Isaac & Harley**  
**Y3 - Seren & Finlay**  
**Y4 - Sam & Marty**  
**Y5 - Freddie & Kora**  
**Y6 - Whole Class**





Target 96%	
Reception	88.3%
Year 1	88.0%
Year 2	92.8%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	89.7%
Year 6	94.2%
Total	93.3%

### Collective Worship

#### Half Termly Theme - Thankfulness

This weeks worship on Thankfulness was all about 'Remembering to say Thank you' Mrs Murphy spoke to the school about how mealtimes are important times of the day and a group of children led a little drama which led the school into talking about being thankful for the food we have. The children looked at the words from St Paul's letter 'Always give thanks for everything to God the Father' Ephesians 5.20

# THANKYOU



**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 **thankyou** chain and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.

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# TAKEHOME



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



## In the news this week

The Times newspaper recently asked young people, aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z'), what they thought about their lives and life in the UK. The survey showed lots of views, including that 4 out of 10 young people are proud to be British, and around half feel that people in the UK are accepting and welcoming towards others.

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

- > Share your response to this week's news. Are you proud of where you are from? Share your response with an adult at home, and ask them the same question.
- > Can you think of some ways people might show they are proud of their heritage and where they are from?

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 scopay 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 -Reading

This week we celebrated World Book Day it was amazing to not only see everyone's costumes but also learn new vocabulary linked with our books and discover new books and share books with each other. It is very rare that we get the opportunity to just enjoy reading and on Thursday, everyone did this. Most classes linked up and the older children read stories to the younger children.

Thank you to everyone!



### 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.

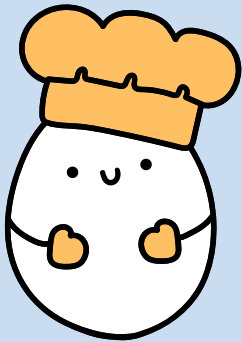
You will find in the Reception area, a flowery box and this is our 'Donate or Take' box. The idea is simple really - if you have any spare food or toiletry items at home, or could possibly buy an extra item during your weekly shop, please pop it in the box. If you are in need of any items yourself, please 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](mailto: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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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

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

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

