



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 21st March Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an incredible week it has been! I have been so proud to see the huge improvements in swimming across the school, with children pushing themselves to swim further than ever before—what an achievement! The sunshine has brought out so much creativity, with wonderful den building and imaginative play in the large sandpit. Year 2 have been putting the finishing touches on their fantastic Ferris wheels, while Reception have absolutely blown me away with their phonics knowledge and how confidently they are applying it to their writing. Yesterday, Year 5 had a fantastic experience at Church, taking part in a hands-on workshop exploring the Journey of the Cross in preparation for Easter and Lent.

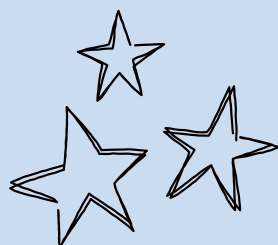
What a wonderful week of learning and achievements—well done, everyone! I can't wait to see what next week brings. Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Pilkington.



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Corey
Rec - Elsie & Niko
Y1 - Sophie & Brodi
Y2 - Sienna & Emma
Y3 - Jasper & Olivia H
Y4 - Joseph & Sophia
Y5 - William & Jimmy
Y6 - Chloe & Phoebe






Target 96%	
Reception	93.7%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	95.2%
Total	93.5%

Collective Worship

Half Termly Theme - Thankfulness

This weeks worship on Thankfulness was all about giving thanks when times are difficult. We shared the story of when Paul and Silas were in Jail for telling people about Jesus and how they still trusted in God and were thankful for everything He had done for them. They were so thankful that they continued to sing, even when they were in jail.

We talked about which songs make us feel better when times are difficult. Do you have a favourite song you play when times are difficult?



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.

TAKEHOME



Is it important to have a morning routine?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

In the news this week

750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools. Starting in April, the schools will provide breakfast and activities for children. Schools are encouraged to offer healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts, such as wheat cereals, porridge, fresh fruit and yoghurt, as well as activities, including educational puzzles, reading and crafts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you attended a breakfast club? Would you like to?
- > What do you like to have for breakfast? What about others at home?
- > Share your morning routine with someone and ask about theirs. Do you feel it's important to have a routine? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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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 -Neurodiversity

This week as part of Neurodiversity week we have focussed on British Sign Language, as it was also sign language awareness week. Children across school have been practising their morning and afternoon greetings, Year 6 have been led by Lily and learnt the signs for animals and Year 4 have been singing and signing. It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm and recognition across school. A special mention to Chloe in Year 4 for her amazing effort and signing every time she has seen me this week.

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



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - GREETINGS



HELLO



GOOD



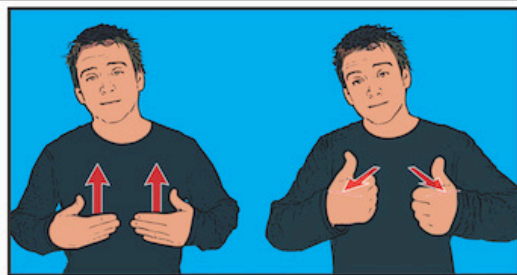
MORNING



AFTERNOON



NIGHT



HOW ARE YOU?



THANKS/PLEASE



SORRY



GOODBYE



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**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

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

Book on here



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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

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



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