



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



Friday 2nd May Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a beautiful week it has been! The glorious sunshine has brought an extra sparkle to everything we've done in school, and it's been a real joy to see the children making the most of it. Our Minis have thoroughly enjoyed lots of water play in the outdoor environment—there's nothing quite like splashing about in the sunshine to spark smiles and laughter! Over in Reception, the children have been busy exploring 3D shapes and learning all about the 2D shapes that make up their faces—some fantastic early geometry going on there! Year 4 have been getting stuck into science, focusing on the importance of looking after our teeth. They've even set up an investigation to observe what might happen if we don't... I'm sure they'll share their findings with us soon! Meanwhile, in Year 5, we've seen some brilliant perseverance as pupils tackled multiplying decimals by 10, 100, and 1000 independently. What a fantastic achievement—well done to them all!

Wishing everyone a peaceful and relaxing Bank Holiday weekend. Just a quick reminder that school will reopen on Tuesday 6th May—we look forward to seeing everyone back then, refreshed and ready for another great week of learning.

Thank you, Mrs Pilkington

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Freya

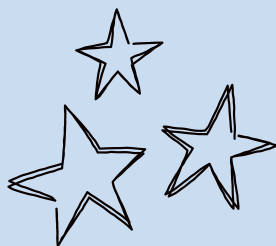
Rec - Peyton & Rudy

Y1 - Piper & Eric

Y2 - Kaya-Mai & Harley

Y6 - Benjamin & Reeve

WELL DONE

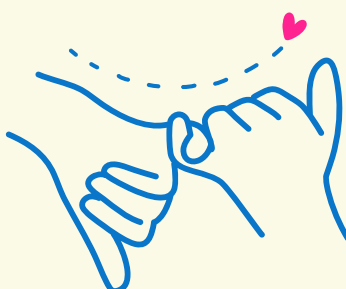


Target 96%

Reception	97.1%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	96.4%
Total	97.3%

Collective Worship Half Term Value - Trust

This week we launched our first worship on one of key values, TRUST. We talked about what it meant to trust someone and what we think is important. We used a few volunteers who were blindfolded and they had to trust their partners in various tasks.



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TAKEHOME

28th April
- 6th May



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In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- > Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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 breakfast and after school club which impacts the resources and staff ratios required.
From September, we will be introducing an additional charge for all same day bookings other than Early Bird drop offs.

Subject Focus - Singing Practice

As a school we are trying to develop and broaden our children's experience with music. Each week in singing practice, Mrs Parker shares music from a different genre and the children will appraise this and discuss it with their peers. We also learn new songs each week to support of whole school worship value.



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





Well done!



A huge thank you again to everyone for all your support last week raising money for Cash for Kids, whether it was with your dressing up efforts, donations, walking part of our 692,800 steps or 'volunteering' to get wet sponges thrown at you. A huge thank you to Miss Stritch for organising such a successful event. Yesterday, Cash for Kids came to school so we could present them with our cheque for £620.



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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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Active April 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today

2 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today

3 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do

4 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water

5 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today

6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels

7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening

8 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh

9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise

10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement

11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge

12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside

13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time

14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation

15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)

16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things

17 Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth

18 Try out a new exercise, activity or dance class

19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often

20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today

21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day

22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it

23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting

25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil



28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in

30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today



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:

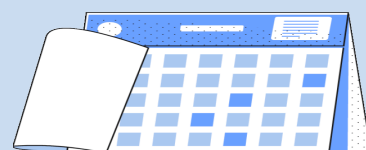
Monday 26th May – Monday 2nd June 2025

School re-opens on:

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

School closes on:

Friday 18th July 2025 at 2pm



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