



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 23rd May Newsletter

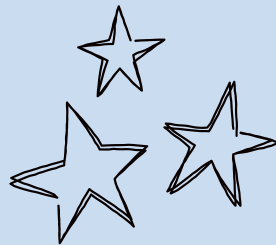
Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half-term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a wonderful term filled with learning, growth, and exciting opportunities for our children. Year 6 have shown incredible determination during their SATs, and we are so proud of the effort they've put in. Year 5 have been enjoying sessions from Blackburn Rovers Community Trust, further developing their teamwork and sportsmanship, while Year 4 have been curious scientists, exploring the importance of looking after our teeth. Year 3 have immersed themselves in history, designing and creating their own castles, and Year 2 have been transforming their drawings into 3D relief maps, bringing their artwork to life! In Reception, our youngest learners have been honing their physical development skills in PE, and the Mini class has been making the most of our beautiful outdoor spaces to extend their learning while welcoming new children to our Middlefirth family. We have seen so much progress and creativity across the school, and we couldn't be prouder of all our pupils.

Over the past two weeks, we've also been recruiting for a new teacher for Middlefirth, and I am excited to announce that we have appointed Mr. Day, who has now completed his teacher training. Additionally, Miss Turner will be staying with us in September! Please join me in congratulating both of them on all their hard work and achievements.

Finally, a special congratulations to Miss Lewis in Year 1, who will be getting married tomorrow! We wish her all the happiness in the world, and when she returns, she will be known as Mrs. Walls. I hope everyone has a well-deserved, restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday, 3rd June.

Thank you
Mrs Pilkington



Target 96%

Reception	90.0%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	90.0%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	92.6%
Total	94.1%

Collective Worship

Half Term Value - Trust

Isaiah 49.16 - Trusting God

Thank you, Mrs Pilkington

This week we spoke about our hands being the most expressive part of our bodies. We can communicate with them without using words. Several children came to the front and gestured words for the children to guess. Mrs Allton then taught us how to sign a few key emotions, try and test your children at home and see what they can remember.

We used the verse from Isaiah to show that God will never forget us, the Bible uses picture language and tell us that it is as if your name is written on the palm of His hands. Think of someone special to you and trace their name on the palm of your hand with a finger from your other hand. Close your eyes and imagine that person's face. Close your hand, holding that person safe, and say a silent prayer to thank God for them.



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?



A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts.
- > Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you?
- > Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates for Next Half Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Friday 6th June - Pentecost Party

W/C 9th June - Year 1 Phonics Screener and
Year 4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th June -
Life Education Van

W/C 16th June - Year 2 SATS

Monday 16th June - Year 4 Lancashire Sings

Thursday 19th June - Sports Day

Thursday 26th June - Sustainability
Conferenced KS2

Subject Focus - Science

This half term Y2 have been looking at *Living Things and their Habitats*. They have learnt about life cycles and how to care for living things, particularly Oscar our school dog who will be coming to visit Y2 after the holidays.

Reception class have been investigating *Light and Shadows* and have made shadow puppets. They've also been outside and drawn around their shadows on the playground. The children have had great fun!

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



Parents Exhibition Morning



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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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Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

FRIDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why



26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

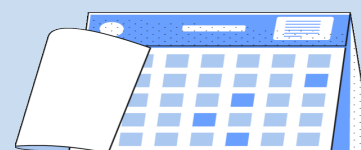


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School term and holiday patterns



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

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Re-open on

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Mid Term Closure

Monday 26 October- Friday 30 October 2026

Closure after school on

Friday 18 December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027

Re-open on

Monday 4 January 2027

Mid Term Closure

Monday 15 February-Friday 19 February 2027

Closure after school on

Thursday 25 March 2027

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