



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! It has been absolutely wonderful to see our school full of energy and smiling faces once again after the half-term break. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, and the classrooms and playgrounds have been filled with joy and laughter. A special thank you to Guardians of Nature for their incredibly generous donation of flowers – they will bring even more life and colour to our school grounds and help us continue to nurture a love of nature in our children. We are truly grateful for their ongoing support and partnership.

As we head into our final half term of the year, let's keep up the high standards we're so proud of. Please ensure children continue to arrive in the correct school uniform each day – it really sets a positive tone and helps them start each day ready to learn. Over the coming weeks, we'll also be spending time thinking about transitions and helping the children prepare for their new year groups in September. Change can be exciting, and we'll be doing all we can to make sure every child feels confident and ready. Please find the full staffing list for September below.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Pilkington

### Staffing September 2025

**Nursery** - Mrs Cowell and Mrs Whiley

**Reception** - Miss Stritch, Mrs Makepeace and Miss Monk

**Year 1** - Miss Turner, Mrs Smith and Miss Killingbeck

**Year 2** - Mr Day, Mrs Powers and we are recruiting for a new TA.

**Year 3** - Mrs Gordon and Mrs Laithwaite

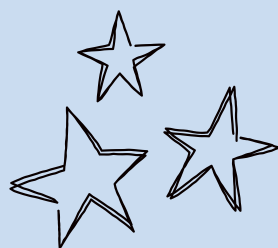
**Year 4** - Mrs Parker and Mrs Darbyshire

**Year 5** - Mrs Murphy and Miss Bobb

**Year 6** - Miss Howarth and Mrs Wilde.

**Mrs Allton** will continue to be our Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo and teach in Reception with Miss Stritch.

**Mr Noblet** will be teaching a day in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 as well as a few other classes. He will also have a new role of leading on PE and sport across school to try and raise the profile, running clubs and preparing for competitions. Watch this space!



### Target 96%

Reception	85.4%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	86.3%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	91.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.2%</b>

### Collective Worship

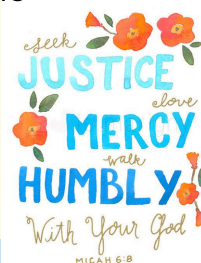
### Half Term Value - Justice

#### Micah 6.8 - Treating people fairly

This week we introduced our new value for this half term - Justice.

We spoke about children's understanding of the word Justice and what they thought it meant. We spoke about treating people equally and how this doesn't always mean that everyone gets exactly the same. It is important to recognise that by treating people equally we are able to think about what it is they need and make adaptations. We asked if it was fair that everyone should wear the same shoes and be expected to wear shoes that don't fit because the ones they were wearing didn't match the rest. Children spoke about how that was unfair and what we could do instead.

We spent some time reflecting on how we demonstrate justice how we are able to stand up for others and how we can show that we care.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

The UK has a new astronaut currently training with NASA for six months. Dr Rosemary Coogan, who has a degree in astronomy, is expected to take part in a space mission within the next five years. It is possible that Dr Coogan could become the first British person to walk on the Moon, and there has also been discussions about future missions to Mars!

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

- > Share your thoughts on the news that Dr Coogan could be the first Briton to walk on the Moon. Is it something you think you would like to do? Why?
- > Share with someone at home a time when you were the first to do something. Talk about how you felt before and after. Has someone at home ever been the first to do something?

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 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - INSET Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Pentecost Party

**W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 1 Phonics Screener and  
Year 4 Multiplication Check

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** -  
Life Education Van

**W/C 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 2 SATS

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 4 Lancashire Sings

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Sustainability  
Conferenced KS2

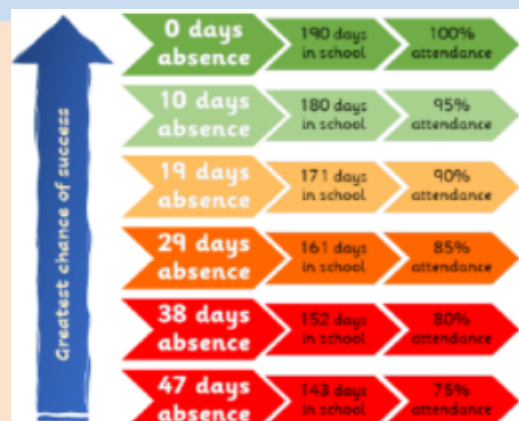
## Subject Focus - Nursery

This week in Mini's we have been focusing on forces as part of our Science curriculum. We have been investigating forces, looking at how objects move such as pulling and pushing. This has also tied into our English book the Enormous Turnip, the Minis enjoyed re enacting the story, by **pulling** and **pulling** on our pretend turnip.



## Attendance reminders

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and every child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless they have an unavoidable reason to be absent. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. The school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.20pm. Morning registration is between 8.40am and 8.50am. The class teachers have work ready for children at 8:40am.





# Pentecost Party

Today we have celebrated Pentecost - the time when the Holy Spirit came to earth just like Jesus had promised.

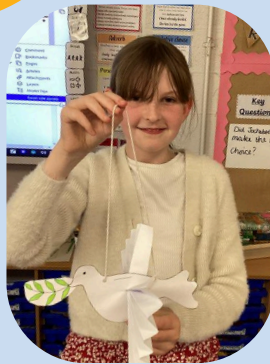
We learnt about the flames appearing above the disciples' heads and how they were able to speak other languages and spread the word of God.



We started off the day with a worship all about Pentecost



Children in KS1 made hats



Year 5 made doves and wrote their own promises.



Dear God,  
Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us.  
Amen

Year 3 wrote their own prayers



## 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**



As a caring, Christian community, we aspire to 'let our light shine'. We will open up the world to celebrate God's wonderful creation and foster a sense of awe and wonder.

We will nurture our God given talents to ensure that everyone reaches their full potential academically, socially and spiritually.

**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'**

**MATTHEW 5.16**

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# Joyful June 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

- 1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month
- 2 Say positive things in your conversations with others
- 3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it
- 4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it
- 5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down
- 6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings
- 7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good
- 8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share
- 9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently
- 10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them
- 11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it
- 12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone
- 13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side
- 14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you
- 15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it
- 16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way
- 17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful
- 18 Look for something good in a difficult situation
- 19 Get outside and find the joy in being active
- 20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity
- 21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement
- 22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh
- 23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to
- 24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for
- 25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others
- 26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it
- 27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy
- 28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people
- 29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today
- 30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## School term and holiday patterns

### Summer Term

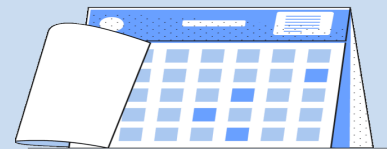
School re-opens Tuesday 22nd April 2025  
 May Day: Monday 5th May 2025  
 School closes on: Friday 23rd May 2025  
 Mid-term closure: Monday 26th May – Monday 2nd June 2025  
 School re-opens on: Tuesday 3rd June 2025  
 School closes on: Friday 18th July 2025 at 2pm

### 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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# ONE DAY SHOWCASE OF ORIGINAL ART & CHILDRENS COMPETITION

*From*  
**In the frame**

***Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 2pm to 7pm***

A volunteer group using donated art and upcycled frames, supporting St Catherine's Hospice

## CHILDRENS BUTTERFLY COMPETITION

*Entry details available from Kingsfold Library*

Artists &  
creators in  
action  
2pm to 5pm

Town Mayor  
announcing  
competition  
winners at  
4. 30pm

The story  
behind 'In the  
Frame' from  
it's originator  
Peter Frankish  
at 5.30pm

**Kingsfold Library  
Hawksbury Drive, Penwortham**

