



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 18th July Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Middlefirth, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to every single one of you; our children, families, staff, governors, and wider school community. Your support, encouragement and dedication have been the foundation of all we have achieved. It has been a joy to watch our children grow in confidence, character and ability, each one of them letting their light shine in their own unique way. From the smallest steps to the biggest achievements, they have flourished and are now ready for their next adventure, whether that's moving up a year group or starting a new school.

To our Year 6 families, thank you for the support, trust and partnership you have given us throughout your children's journey at Middlefirth. It has been a privilege to watch your children grow into the kind, thoughtful and resilient young people they are today. They leave us ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of secondary school, and we are so proud of them. As we now begin the summer break, I wish every one of you a peaceful, happy and restful summer filled with special moments and well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming many of you back in September—and to our leavers, remember: once a Middlefirth learner, always a Middlefirth learner.

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 Miss Campbell

Year 3 - Mrs Gordon and Mrs Laithwaite

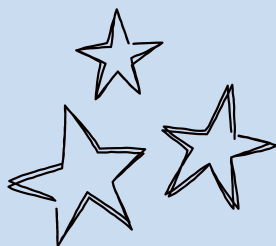
Year 4 - Mrs Parker and Mrs Darbyshire

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	93.3%
Year 1	99.7%
Year 2	91.0%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	98.1%
Total	95.4%

End of Term Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this school year. We thank you for our teachers who have guided us, for our classmates who have supported us, and for our school community that has nurtured us. We thank you for the knowledge we have gained and the memories we have made. Help us to carry these blessings with us as we go into the summer break.


Amen.

Thank You



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

In the news this week

After fleeing the war in Ukraine, Yulia Brykailo moved to the Isle of Man with her daughter, Veronika. Yulia has since written a children's book inspired by Veronika's experience of settling into a new school. The story, Veronika's Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man, follows a young girl exploring the island and discovering that the real treasure is friendship. Veronika was warmly welcomed by her new school, where pupils even learned Ukrainian words to help her feel included.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think writing a book is a good way to help share an experience?
- Ask someone at home about their favourite book. What is it they like about it? Tell them about yours. Are there any lessons you can learn from your favourite stories or books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Notice from the Office

It's the end of the school year, may we place make one final request that accounts are cleared and brought up to date if they aren't already.

Also a reminder to have ALL your bookings in place, ready for when we return in September.

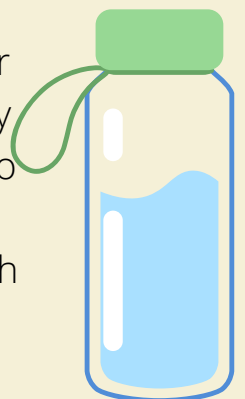
School reopens Wednesday 3rd September.

Online Safety

From 25th July, new online safety rules will require tech companies to better protect children from harmful content and enforce stricter age checks. Ofcom can fine platforms that don't comply. Parents are encouraged to read and share Ofcom's explainer page. Online Safety Act Children's Codes - DSIT Campaign Toolkits - DSIT Home (there are some really good links worth looking at here!)

Water Bottles

This is a polite reminder that each day, every child should bring their own water bottle filled with water. The children have the opportunity to refill this throughout the day if they drink it all so it doesn't need to be huge. These bottles should have a lid so they so not leak if they are knocked over. Where possible please can these only be filled with water.



School Uniform

We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform each day. A smart appearance helps children feel confident and ready to learn, and it reflects our high standards across school life.

Where to Buy

Our uniform can be purchased from:

- Justs Clothing (Penwortham): www.justsclothing.co.uk
- Sew Stunning Designs (SSD): www.ssduniformshop.co.uk

Plain royal blue items without the logo are also permitted.

School Uniform

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Sensible black flat shoes (no trainers)



Summer options

- Pale blue gingham dress
- Grey tailored shorts

PE Kit (worn on PE days)

- White T-shirt (with logo or plain)
- Royal blue shorts
- Royal blue PE hoodie
- Black pumps or trainers
- Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE



Bags

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children should bring a school book bag (available from uniform stockists). In Year 3-6 please avoid large rucksacks or bulky bags, as our lockers are compact (40cm deep x 26cm wide) and need to fit both coats and bags

Jewellery, Earrings and Watches

- For safety reasons, no jewellery or earrings should be worn in school
- KS2 children may wear a simple watch (no smart watches)
- Watches must be removed for PE and swimming
- The school cannot be responsible for loss or damage of any personal items

Hair and Accessories

- Long hair must be tied back at all times
- Haircuts should be neat with no extreme styles or colours
- Hair accessories should be simple, in school colours, and not over-sized



Jump Back Up July 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry

2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"

3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it

4 Find something to look forward to today

5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground

7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture

10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation

12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

14 Get outside and move to help clear your head

15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead

26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)

28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem

29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right

30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support

31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human



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Middleforth 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:
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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.

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Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open on:	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
School closes on:	Friday 24 th October 2025
Mid-term closure:	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025
School re-opens on:	Tuesday 4 th November 2025
School closes on:	Friday 19 th December 2025 at 2pm

Spring Term 2026

Re-open on:	Monday 5 th January 2026
School closes on:	Friday 13 th February 2026
Mid-term closure:	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February 2026
School re-opens on:	Monday 23 rd February 2026
School closes on:	Friday 27 th March 2026 at 2pm

Summer Term 2026

Starts:	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day:	Monday 4 th May 2026
School closes on:	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Mid-term closure:	Monday 25 th May – Monday 1 st June 2026
School re-opens on:	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
School closes on:	Friday 17 th July 2026 at 2pm

INSET

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 1st June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026