



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



Friday 5th September Newsletter

Welcome back everyone!

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Middlefirth CE Primary School this week! The children have come back looking so smart, full of energy, and showing an excellent readiness to learn. We are already so impressed with the enthusiasm and positivity they have brought into classrooms and onto the playground. A special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families. The children have settled beautifully and are already becoming a very special part of our school family. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Campbell, our new Teaching Assistant, who has joined the Year 2 team. We know she will be a great addition to our school.

Relationships

At Middlefirth, we firmly believe that children learn best when they feel safe, valued, and loved. Strong relationships between children, staff, and families are at the heart of this. This week, we have been focusing on getting to know each other, celebrating our unique talents, and learning the key expectations across school. Hopefully, you have been hearing about this at home too! You will be able to see this in action at our **'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 10th September at 3:20pm**. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to talk with your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can phone the school office to arrange an appointment or send a message on Dojo, and teachers will respond within a reasonable time.

Key Dates

We have organised and planned the key events for this academic year and put them together in a one-page calendar to help families keep track. This is on the newsletter and there will be paper copies in the school entrance. We hope this will make it easier for you to attend special events, celebrations, and key moments in your child's school journey. While we will do our very best to stick to these dates, sometimes changes are unavoidable. If this happens, we will let you know as soon as possible.

General Reminders

As many of you know, our school dog Oscar is continuing his therapy dog training. He follows strict protocols and risk assessments to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children. Alongside this, Mrs Pilkington ensures all medical forms and risk assessments are kept up to date across school. While it has been lovely meeting many of your pets at drop-off and pick-up, these times are becoming very busy, and some children are feeling anxious around dogs. Please can we kindly ask that where possible dogs are not brought onto the school grounds, as they are not included in our school risk assessments.

Finally, a gentle reminder about parking: please be courteous when dropping off and collecting children, keeping the safety of our pupils, families, and local residents in mind at all times. We are so excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing all the ways our children will continue to shine their light in everything they do.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pilkington

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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, we would prefer no jewellery or earrings to be worn in school. If earrings are worn, please can these be a small stud and removed before school on PE days.
- 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





Middlefirth Church of England Primary School 2025/2026 Yearly Planner



SEPTEMBER

10th - Meet the teacher
22nd - Fairtrade Fortnight
23rd - EYFS Phonics and Reading workshop
26th - European day of Languages

OCTOBER

9th - SEN/Family Support Coffee morning
2nd - National Poetry Day
3rd - Harvest Service - Church
5th - Flu Vaccinations
7th - Whole School Flamenco Day
2nd & 21st - Reception 2026 Open Days
16th - Whole School Church
22nd - Individual Photographs
24th - Parents Exhibition Afternoon 2pm

NOVEMBER

Non-Fiction November
Black History Month
6th - Outdoor Classroom Day
10th - Anti-Bullying Week
11th - Remembrance Day
12th - Y6 WW2 Trip
13th and 18th - Book Fair
13th - KS2 Church - Year 6 Leading
14th - Children in Need
18th & 19th - Parents Evening
21st - Year 4 Poetry Recital Competition
24th - School Parliament Week

DECEMBER

9th - KS1 Nativity
11th - Minis/Reception Nativity
12th - Christmas Jumper Day
16th - Christmas Carols in Church
17th - Christmas Parties and Christmas Lunch
18th - Whole School Church

JANUARY

22nd - Parents Coffee Morning
16th - Energy Saving week
20th - 3.30pm Year 6 SATs and Robinwood meeting
27th - National Geographic Day

FEBRUARY

1st - National Story Telling Week
3rd - KS1 Church - Year 2 leading
9th - Children's Mental Health Week
6th - Young Voices Concert (Co-Op Live Arena)
10th - Safer Internet Day
10th & 11th - Parents Evening
13th - Parents Exhibition Afternoon 2pm
14th - International Book Giving Day
Swimming Pool Arrives

MARCH

3rd - World Wildlife Day
2nd - 4th - Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
5th - World Book Day
16th - Sign Language Week
17th - Neurodiversity Week
26th - Whole School Church
Let's Go Sing- Year 4 DATE TBC
Red Nose Day - Date TBC

APRIL

15th, 22nd, 29th - Tots on Tyres (Reception)
15th - World Art Day
22nd - World Earth Day
22nd - Scoot Safe (Year 3)
23rd - Parents Coffee Morning
29th - International Dance Day

MAY

National Share a Story Month
6th & 13th - Y5 Bikeability
7th & 8th (PM) - May Day Festival
11th - Key Stage 2 SATs week
18th - Walk to School Week
22nd - Parents Exhibition afternoon 2pm

JUNE

2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
5th - World Environment Day
8th - Phonics Screening Check week
11th - Book World Cup!
15th - National School Sports Week
19th - Sports Day
25th - National Writing Day
25th - Sustainability Conference
26th - Back up Sports Day
22nd - Key Stage 1 SATs week
Possibly Y6 trip to Harris Museum TBC

JULY

7th - Year 6 Performance
10th - Reports Home
14th - Reports drop in for parents 3.30pm - 4.30pm
15th - Year 6 Leavers PM
15th - Year 6 Prom 5.30pm
16th - AM Whole School Church
17th - Finish for summer

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



Self-Care September 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1

Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

2

Notice the things you do well, however small

3

Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

4

Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5

Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6

Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7

Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8

Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9

Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10

When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11

Make time to do something you really enjoy

12

Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13

Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14

If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15

Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16

Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17

No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18

Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19

Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20

Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21

Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22

Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23

Let go of other people's expectations of you

24

Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

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Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

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Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

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Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

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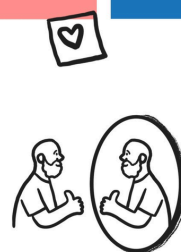
Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

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Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30

Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open on:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

School closes on:

Friday 24th October 2025

Mid-term closure:

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

School re-opens on:

Tuesday 4th November 2025

School closes on:

Friday 19th December 2025 at 2pm

Spring Term 2026

Re-open on:

Monday 5th January 2026

School closes on:

Friday 13th February 2026

Mid-term closure:

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

School re-opens on:

Monday 23rd February 2026

School closes on:

Friday 27th March 2026 at 2pm

Summer Term 2026

Starts:

Monday 13th April 2026

May Day:

Monday 4th May 2026

School closes on:

Friday 22nd May 2026

Mid-term closure:

Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June 2026

School re-opens on:

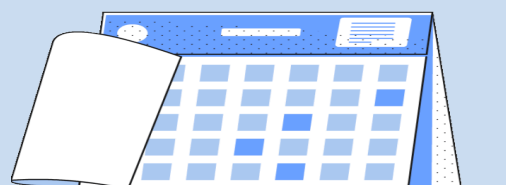
Tuesday 2nd June 2026

School closes on:

Friday 17th 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



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