



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



Friday 19th September Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another brilliant week in school, and it is so lovely to see how well everyone has now settled into their new classes and routines. A special well done to our Year 5/6 mixed football team who began their fixtures at Priory tonight – it was a slow start, but the children showed great perseverance and really improved in their final two games of the evening. On Tuesday, 3C's started back after school for Key Stage 2 with myself and Reverend Simon; the children were amazing, and it was a joy to see them engaging so thoughtfully. Year 1 have also begun their Forest School sessions this week and had a fantastic time exploring and learning outdoors.

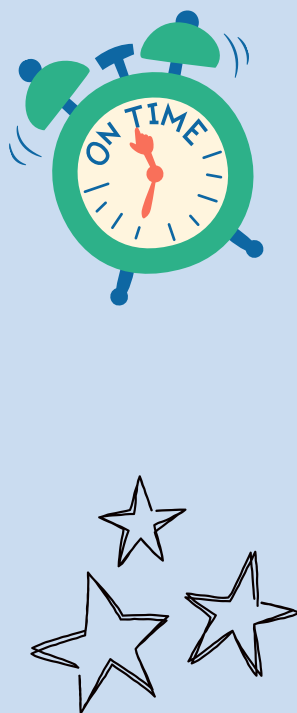
We have made a small change to help with congestion at drop-off time: the Key Stage 1 gates will now be opened a few minutes earlier, but classroom doors will still open at 8:40. At pick-up, please can adults collecting children from Key Stage 2 come onto the playground rather than waiting in the Forest School area – this makes it much easier to see everyone safely, to speak with parents, and it also helps protect the grass which is becoming worn. As the weather is changing, please make sure children come with a coat and have wellies and waterproofs in school so that they can continue to enjoy our OPAL play equipment in all weathers. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Kamden
Rec - Sarah & Ollie
Y1 - Ethan & Rudy
Y2 - Martha & Jenry
Y3 - Teo & Jasmine
Y4 - Sam & Olivia W
Y5 - Joseph & Samanta
Y6 - Thomas J & Amirali



Target 96%	
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	96.5%
Total	97.2%

Values Awards

Reception - Logan for his perseverance when his Dino farm was knocked over not once but twice.

Year 1 - Bryanny for respecting our classroom environment.

Year 2 - Chloe for showing respect to everyone in year 2 and the classroom.

Year 3 - Annabelle for displaying all the Christian values on a daily basis - what a wonderful role model.

Year 4 - Amelija for displaying perseverance during a tricky maths lesson.

Year 5 - Florence for being a trusted member of Year 5, reliable and responsible in everything she does.

Year 6 - Evelyn for being so respectful and kind and always saying thank you.

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TAKEHOME

19th - 21st September



Why do we vote?

In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- > Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- > Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Uniform

Please could we ensure that we are starting the year off as we mean to go on with the correct uniform each day. On PE days it is black leggings or royal blue shorts.

Please can we also ensure that all children are wearing school shoes and not trainers on non PE days.

Thank you all again for your continued support.

Online Safety

Across school we always start our new units discussing online safety and what it means to stay safe online. We discuss age appropriate games and Apps and what children should do if they feel something is not quite right. In Year 6 they have been learning about their Online Identity and how they represent themselves online, including the use of WhatsApp. Please remember that this is a social media platform.

If you need any further guidance please contact Mrs Allton

Social Media

Over the past few months we have been trying to streamline out social media accounts and make sure that the ones we have are up to date. As of September 2025 we will no longer be using X but we will be using Facebook and Instagram to share with the community what Middleforth is all about. If you have social media, please could you like, follow and share our pages. This is why it has been so important to gain image consent from everyone so please ensure the office has the most up to date permissions from yourself.



Facebook - Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Instagram - middleforthceprimary



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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

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
5th - Flu Vaccinations
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
11th - Mental Health Awareness 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

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Self-Care September 2025



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

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	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					



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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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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