



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 12th September Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

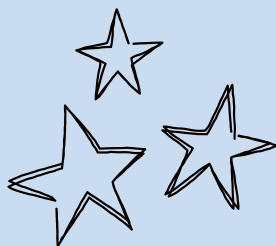
What a wonderful week it has been in school! Our Minis have been proudly showing me and Mrs Pilkington how they begin their mornings with mindfulness rainbow breathing – such a calm and positive way to start the day. Year 1 have also impressed us all with their beautiful writing and the way they have settled into their new routines with such enthusiasm and confidence. It is always a joy to see how quickly our children adapt and shine in their learning. A quick reminder that there have been a couple of changes to the dates on the overview that was shared in last week's newsletter, so please do check this version carefully. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Meet The Teacher event – it was wonderful to see so many of you and to share the exciting plans we have for the year ahead. I would also like to remind families about school lunches – when choosing a lunch option for your child, please talk to them about the choices you are making and check that they are happy with what has been selected. This really helps your child enjoy their lunchtime experience. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping all our children flourish.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Elsie
Rec - Elijah & Archie
Y1 - Flora & Oliver
Y2 - Myles & Ocean
Y3 - Emma & Jack
Y4 - Emilie & Finlay
Y5 - Emma & Alex
Y6 - Freddie & Midas



Target 96%	
Reception	99.6%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	99.7%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	98.17
Total	98.2%

Values Awards

Reception - Noah for always respecting the classroom.

Year 1 - Alfie for being thankful all the time and so polite.

Year 2 - Kai for showing perseverance this week in his work.

Year 3 - Harley showing kindness by swapping his locker with someone who was **struggling with theirs**.

Year 4 - Theo showing respect to all the staff at all times and always being ready and organised.

Year 5 - Esmee for always showing respect to her peers, teachers and classroom environment.

Year 6 - Noah for showing kindness and being a fantastic role model to his peers.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

What makes a building special?



A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- > Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- > What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?

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.

Behaviour Curriculum

For the second year we have started the school year with our behaviour curriculum. This teaches our children our expectations in a purposeful way that they are involved in. It also allows children to make strong connections straight away. We have looked at how we learn best, how we would like to receive a personal greeting in the morning and how we can all use our calm spaces effectively across school.



Social Media

Over the past few months we have been trying to streamline our 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



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16



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