



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



## Friday 26th September Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with children across all year groups becoming more and more independent in their learning. In Year 1, the children have been working hard in maths, using the words fewer, more and same to compare numbers. They had great fun working in pairs, rolling dice, making numbers, and then explaining who had more, fewer, or the same. In Year 3, the children have started their brand-new topic on Ancient Egypt and are already full of excitement and curiosity about what they will discover next.

This week also saw our courageous Year 6 pupils present their leadership speeches to the whole school. Each and every one of them was incredible, they embodied everything we want a Middlefirth pupil to be: confident, thoughtful, inspiring and they definitely shone brightly for the whole school to see. It will be a really tough decision to make, but how lucky we are to have so many excellent leaders and role models in Year 6 this year. We are incredibly proud of them all!

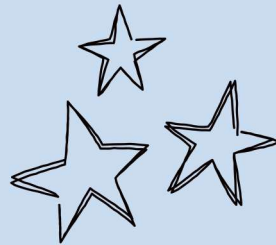
As the weather is changing, please make sure children come with a coat and have wellies and waterproofs in school so that they can continue to enjoy our OPAL play equipment in all weathers. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pilkington



### Stars of the Week

**Nursery - Toby**  
**Rec - Cassie & Jason**  
**Y1 - Joshua & Aurora**  
**Y2 - Molly & Noah**  
**Y3 - Lyla & Akhil**  
**Y4 - Isla M & Felicity**  
**Y5 - Kenton & Muhammed**  
**Y6 - Jimmy & Sophie**



Target 96%	
Reception	94.2%
Year 1	90.0%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	95.2%
Total	95.4%

### Values Awards

**Reception** - Eleanor, thankfulness for always having amazing manners and thanking adults and peers.

**Year 1** - Toby, for persevering with your postcard writing in the writing area.

**Year 2** - Louie, for showing perseverance in every activity.

**Year 3** - Theodore N-T, for always being so respectful and for always being willing to help others.

**Year 4** - Vinnie, for being so kind and helping others to tie their shoe laces.

**Year 5** - Chloe, for always using her manners and going above and beyond to show thankfulness.

**Year 6** - Elijah, for being such a trusted pupil in Y6 and always making the right choices.



# TAKEHOME

15th - 21st September

## 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

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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.

### Maths

This week I have had the pleasure of looking at maths across school. It has been wonderful watching children in different year groups enjoying their maths lessons. We are all coming to the end of our place value units and it was brilliant to hear how much the children have retained from this topic. Children have been using lots of practical strategies to support their learning and it was evident that this type of maths is their favourite! I was particularly impressed with Harry and Felix in Year 4 showing fantastic reasoning skills through discussion about rounding to the nearest 10!

### 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.

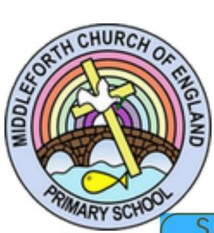


**Facebook** - Middleforth Church of England Primary School

**Instagram** - middleforthprimary



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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

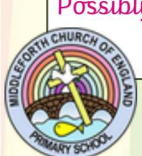
## JUNE

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

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

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Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

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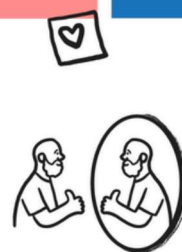
Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

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Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30

Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

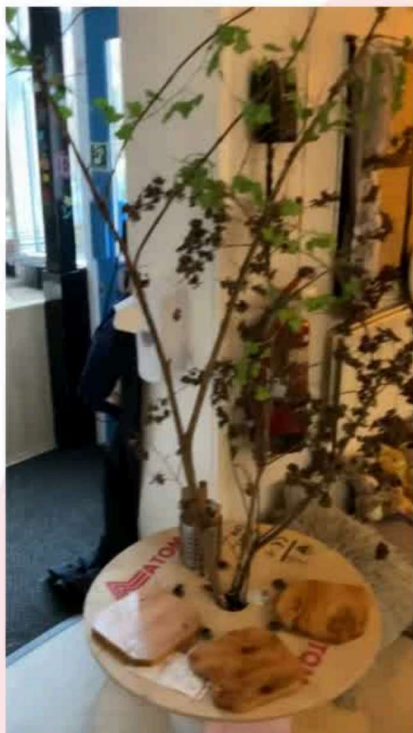


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**We have funded and paid nursery places available!**

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

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

## Spring Term 2026

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

## Summer Term 2026

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

## INSET

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