



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



Friday 10th October Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a wonderful week it's been at school! Our EYFS children have been fully immersed in the changing autumn weather, exploring the crisp leaves, conkers, and pinecones that nature has gifted us. It's been a joy to see them using these natural treasures to support their phonics learning—matching sounds to objects and creating letter shapes with twigs has brought phonics to life in the most magical way. Meanwhile, our brilliant Mini's have been on a mission as number detectives, hunting for digits and patterns all around the school. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have been infectious!

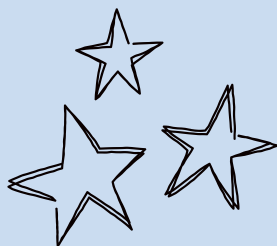

Tuesday was a real highlight for everyone as the whole school took part in a vibrant flamenco dancing session. The energy was electric, and every child gave it their all, what a fantastic way to celebrate movement and culture! Year 2 had a special visit from Reverend Simon, who spoke to them about the Holy Bible, sparking thoughtful questions and meaningful discussions.

A polite reminder to all families: please ensure that dogs (other than assistance dogs) do not come onto school premises for the safety and comfort of all our children. Also, we kindly ask that every child arrives in the correct school uniform each day. Wearing our uniform with pride helps us feel part of our school community and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend. Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Lola
Rec - Noah & Harry
Y1 - Elsie & Toby
Y2 - Georgia & Sophie
Y3 - Orson & Jessica
Y4 - Harper & Ivan
Y5 - Yash & Emily
Y6 - Toby & Harriet



Target 96%

Reception	96.7%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	97.1%
Total	95.7%

Values Awards

Reception - Rutvika, Respect and Service - for respecting our classroom and always helping others.

Year 1 - Ella-Mae, for being respectful and kind to others all the time.

Year 2 - Amara, for showing perseverance in phonics and blending sounds.

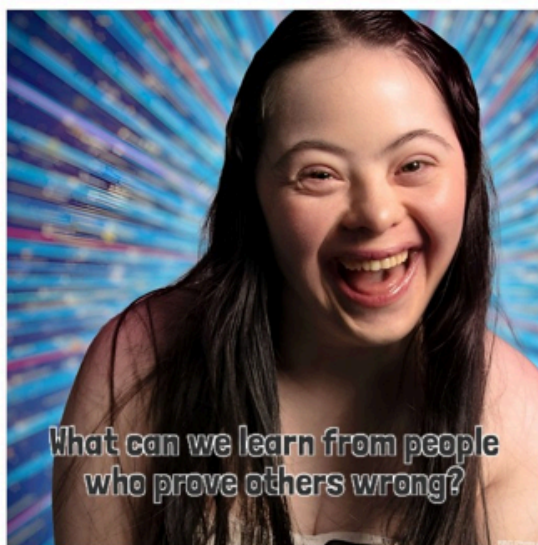
Year 3 - Sienna, for showing resilience during tricky Maths work.

Year 4 - Roman, for showing courage when representing the school.

Year 5 - Jack, for showing perseverance in everything he does. He works so hard, well done!

Year 6 - Sophie, for persevering with her Maths work.

TAKEHOME



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In the news this week

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- > Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- > Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

SEN/ Family Support Coffee Morning

This week we hosted our first coffee morning of this academic year and it was a huge success. We welcomed many parents, some new faces and it was a pleasure to have you all. We also had Niki Holland from Key Charity talking about services in the our area and Sharon Beirne our Primary Mental Health Worker offering lots of supportive advice to our families.

If you need any further advice or support please do not hesitate to contact us.

Forest School

Over the past few weeks, Year 1 have been exploring forest school, looking at the environment in detail with magnifying glasses and discussing what plants are safe and what they do. This week the children have all be taught how to safely use hand drills to make a hole in a log slice to make their own forest school medallion. Miss Whiley has been incredibly impressed with their skills and knowledge.



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 out 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
7th - Whole School Flamenco Day
2nd
16th - Whole School Church
20th - PTFA School Disco
21st - Reception 2026 Open Days
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

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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Optimistic October 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face



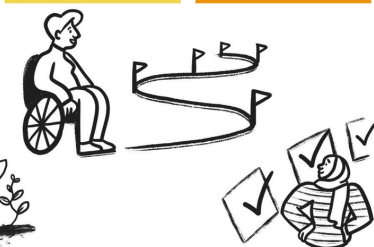
27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



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and enquire about a place:
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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

