



MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026



Welcome to our October newsletter. We are excited to share updates on the many activities taking place across school, along with some important reminders. Please take a moment to check the diary dates below to stay informed about upcoming trips, activities and key events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term	3:15pm/3:20pm
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens for Pupils	8:40am
Monday 2 nd November	Individual photographs	All day
Wednesday 4 th November	Y4 Tegg's Nose trip	All day
Wednesday 4 th November	PTFA Firework display	6pm
Thursday 5 th November	55 Parent/Carer Consultations	3:30pm
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 1 Local Walk	1:30pm
Thursday 12 th November	PTFA Meeting at MPS	6pm
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 1 Local Walk	1:30pm
Thursday 19 th November	Year 3 New Vic Theatre Visit	9:15am – 1pm
Weds 25 th to Thurs 26 th November	Year 4 Bikeability	
Friday 4 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair	5pm to 7pm
Monday 7 th December	Y1 Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers	9:15am
Monday 7 th December	Y2 Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers	2pm
Tuesday 8 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers	9:15am
Tuesday 8 th December	Y1 Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers	2pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Y2 Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers	9:15am
Thursday 10 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance to Parents and Carers	2pm
Tuesday 15 th December	EYFS New Vic Theatre trip	All day
Tuesday 15 th December	Carols by Candlelight	6:30pm
Friday 18 th December	School Closes for Christmas	3:15pm/3:20pm
Monday 4 th January	School Opens for Pupils	8:40am

School Visits

It has been another busy half term, with children enjoying a range of exciting learning experiences beyond the classroom. Year 1 had a fantastic visit to Chester Zoo, supporting their learning while exploring a wide variety of animals and habitats. Year 2 enhanced their geography learning through local walks around Middlewich and a visit to Anderton Boat Lift, where they enjoyed a boat trip and took part in a canal workshop. Year 6 successfully completed their residential visit to the Areté Centre in North Wales, taking part in a variety of outdoor activities that developed teamwork, resilience and independence. We look forward to many more exciting visits and enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

Year 6 Responsibilities

Our Year 6 pupils have successfully completed the application and interview process for this year's responsibility roles. We were impressed by the maturity, confidence and enthusiasm shown throughout. Since taking up their positions, pupils have already begun making a positive contribution to school life, acting as role models and supporting younger children across the school. We are proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing them develop in their roles throughout the year.

Ofsted Inspection

We are delighted to have received our recent Ofsted report, which recognised many of the strengths of our school. Inspectors described Middlewich Primary as a welcoming, caring and ambitious school where children achieve well and feel safe. The report highlighted the excellent start children receive in Reception, pupils' positive attitudes to learning and behaviour, strong support for pupils with SEND and the wide range of enrichment opportunities available. We would like to thank our pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers for their continued support. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing to build on these successes in the future.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. With your support, we raised a fantastic £65 for this charity that holds a special place in our hearts. We really appreciate your generosity.

PTFA News

Our PTFA continue to work hard behind the scenes to organise events that benefit all of our children. Currently, they need new members and volunteers. Whether you can spare a little time at an event or become more involved in planning and fundraising, every contribution makes a difference. Please contact the PTFA at pta@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk They would be delighted to hear from you. This term, we are looking forward to PTFA annual firework display on **Thursday 4th November** and our Christmas Fair on **Friday 4th December**.



Upcoming PTFA Events

The PTFA have also planned the following events for this academic year, so please add them to your diary!

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 4 th November	PTFA Fireworks
Friday 4 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 22 nd January 2027	PTFA School Discos
Friday 24 th March	PTFA Easter Bingo
Thursday 20 th May	PTFA School Discos
Friday 2 nd July	PTFA Summer Fair

Upcoming PTFA Meeting Dates

The next PTFA meeting is on **Thursday 12th November at 6pm**. Please come along to find out more about how you can support the PTFA. As we are extending our Sunset Squad provision, childcare will be available for parents or carers wishing to attend. The following PTFA meetings will take place during the academic year.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday 12 th November	6pm	Middlewich Primary School
Thursday 26 th November	7pm	White Bear, Middlewich
Thursday 14 th January 2027	7pm	White Bear, Middlewich
Thursday 11 th March 2027	6pm	Middlewich Primary School
Thursday 29 th April	7pm	White Bear, Middlewich
Thursday 27 th May	6pm	Middlewich Primary School
Thursday 17 th June	7pm	White Bear, Middlewich

Outdoor PE Kit Reminder

Now that the colder weather is upon us, please ensure your child's PE kit includes blue or black plain tracksuit bottoms.

Attendance Reminder – Every Day Counts!

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring strong attendance across the school. Regular attendance plays a vital part in children's learning, wellbeing and friendships. While we understand that children will occasionally be unwell, we encourage attendance whenever possible, as many children who feel slightly under the weather often improve as the day progresses. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us as early as possible so that we can work together to provide the appropriate support.

Holidays in Term Time

We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays should not be taken during school time. Holidays are only authorised in extremely exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences will be reported to the local authority, and a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

Middlewich & District Foodbank

Middlewich Foodbank is available to support families in our community, offering essential items like milk, tinned foods, cereals, pasta, rice and biscuits. Middlewich Primary can facilitate a confidential referral on your behalf. To request this, please email admin@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk. All requests will be handled sensitively and in confidence.



Free School Meals: Changes from 2026

The Government has recently expanded eligibility for Free School Meals, meaning more children may qualify. If your family receives Universal Credit, your child may now be eligible for free school meals.

Families eligible for Targeted Free School Meals (not expanded) may also help the school receive additional **Pupil Premium funding**, which supports children through opportunities such as free school trips, residential visits and school-led after-school clubs, as well as providing vital funding to support their learning.

For further information and to apply, visit: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Please note: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals automatically. However, if you are eligible for pupil premium funding, it is still important to apply.

Sunrise and Sunset Squad

We are pleased to offer both breakfast and after-school provision. To secure your child's place, please visit our online booking portal: <https://middlewich-primary.hivelink.co.uk/>. For further details, visit our school website via the following link: <https://www.middlewichprimary.org/page/breakfast-after-school-club/136853>

We are delighted to welcome many new children to Sunset Squad recently. Please note that while the staff are getting to know parents/carers, you may be asked for a pin number when collecting your child from Sunset Squad. Please make sure you have this ready.

As the children often play outdoors during Sunset Squad, if you arrive and no one is present, please contact our Sunset Squad staff on 07396 819195.



Start and End of the School Day

Our school gates are open for early access for Sunrise Squad. However, we ask that all families and pupils (who are coming to school for the normal time) do not arrive before 8:30am.

We also ask that our families and pupils do not walk through the school carpark, particularly those entering the playground via the path past the main entrance (before or after school).

Whilst we know our children love the playground equipment, we kindly request that children refrain from using the play equipment at the beginning and end of the school day. Your cooperation in creating a safe environment for everyone is greatly appreciated. Middlewich Primary School cannot be held liable for any accidents that occur during these times. Thank you for your understanding.

Mobile Phones

We currently do allow pupils in years 5 and 6 to bring a mobile phone to school if their parents/carers require them to do so for walking home reasons. However, children are explicitly informed that phones must not be used on school grounds and should be handed to the class teacher during registration. Children younger than year 5 or 6 should not bring phones into school.

Scooters/bikes

Please can we remind all families that children should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school playground. All children should dismount at the school gates and walk their bike/scooter to the bike shelter. This will ensure our school grounds are safe at busy times.



School Parking

A reminder that unauthorised vehicles are **not permitted on the school car park without prior authorisation from the headteacher**. Permits are allocated to Blue Badge holders only. Our school is very busy at the start and the end of the day and it is vitally important that no unauthorised vehicles enter the grounds for the safety of our children and their families.

Contact Details

It is vitally important that we hold up-to-date contact information for you. We should have on record at least two emergency contacts. Please ensure any new contact information, including addresses, phone numbers or email addresses are emailed to the office so that our systems can be updated. Thank you.

Messages to School



Please can we ask that any email correspondence to school is made using our main school email address, admin@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk. Please do not send texts to school via the Schoolcomms system as this is not monitored daily.

Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of everyone at Middlewich Primary School, we would like to wish all our families a very happy half term when it arrives. We look forward to seeing all the children in school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Reynolds and all the staff at MPS