



# Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 17th October Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

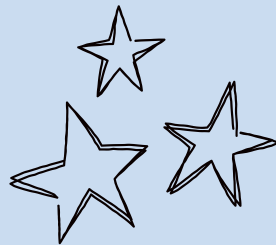
What a busy and inspiring week it has been across school! Year 1 have been out and about exploring the school grounds for signs of autumn and have also been learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. The children have been so absorbed in their learning ; drawing pictures, designing, and making their own models of Sukkah. Well done, Year 1, for your creativity and enthusiasm! A big congratulations also goes to our Year 5/6 girls' football team, who took part in an afternoon of fixtures at Priory. The girls showed fantastic effort, teamwork, and positivity throughout the matches – well done, everyone!

Our SOFA group had a very special trip to Preston Minster on Wednesday morning to take part in the grand finale of our Year of Prayer celebrations alongside other local church schools. We were joined by Archdeacon David and Iain Parks, the Director of Education for the Diocese, making it a truly memorable event. In Year 4, the children have been learning about Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela in RE, linking their work to Black History Month by studying Olive Morris. They are creating powerful posters to stand up against racism, all while enjoying a playlist of inspiring Black History Month music. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been deepening their Geography learning about rainforests. They had a fascinating visit from Mr Along, who shared his experiences of living in a Malaysian rainforest. The children were captivated by his stories, traditional dress, and tribal dance. A huge thank you to Mr Along for such an engaging and unforgettable session! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Pilkington

### Stars of the Week

Nursery - Esme  
Rec - Logan & Corey  
Y1 - Poppy & Nathan  
Y2 - Matilda C & Eva  
Y3 - Isaac & Ilinca  
Y4 - Oliver & Ashton  
Y5 - Florence & Reggie  
Y6 - Theo & Amelie

WELL DONE



### Target 96%

Reception	95.8%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	94.5%
Total	94.9%

### 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



## In the news this week

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- > What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- > Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

As a healthy school we ask that only healthy snacks and packed lunches are brought into school. Over the past few weeks, we are seeing a big increase in sugary foods and snacks being brought in and in very large quantities. Please can you talk to your children about only having these in moderation and support school in sending in healthy snacks and lunches.



## Harvest Service

Our Harvest service yesterday was led by reverend Simon and SOFA and we want to say a huge thank you to them for all their hard work and thoughtful prayers. Also, thank you so much to all our families for joining us and for all your kind donations, all of which will go to support Penwortham Foodbank.



## 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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MATTHEW 5.16





# 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



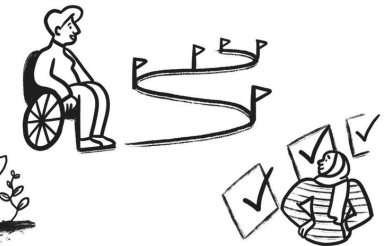
27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

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



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



## Middleforth Church of England Primary School



**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



## Middleforth Pupils Join in the Diocesan Year of Prayer at Preston Minster

Earlier this week, Headteacher, Mrs Pilkington and a group of staff and pupils from Middleforth Primary School joined children from five other Preston schools for a very special gathering at Preston Minster, celebrating the Diocesan Year of Prayer.

The morning was led by the children themselves, with a representative from each school hosting from the front — a wonderful reminder that faith and leadership can begin at any age.

Archdeacon David spoke about prayer as a relationship with God, while Iain Parks, the Diocesan Director of Education, closed the event by telling the story of Daniel in the lions' den — a vivid reminder of the power of prayer in even the most difficult times.

It was a truly inspiring morning of faith, friendship, and creativity. Well done to everyone involved, and especially to the children and staff of Middleforth Primary School, who represented their school and parish community so beautifully.



Inside the historic church, the children explored 12 creative prayer stations, each designed to help them pray in different ways — through art, reflection, movement, and imagination. The building was alive with colour, energy, and quiet moments of thought as pupils shared in this joyful time of worship together.







**GUARDIANS OF NATURE**

# **Halloween costume swap - all welcome!**

## **HOW IT WORKS...**

Get ready your clean unwanted fancy dress costumes and accessories. Kids and adult sizes welcome 🧛 Then bring them along to our Woodland Nursery!

• When? Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 1-3pm! Come along and choose a free outfit or accessories from our stall! Easy peasy 🧛🍊

• Where? Follow signs from Alderfield Allotment PR1 9HA

• No swap needed! You don't need to have donated to take part - our aim is to rehome as many unwanted items as we can!! Magical eh?! 🧛

**REDUCE WASTE AND SAVE THE PLANET!**

