



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 6th February Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic week in school, with the children making the most of all our new OPAL equipment, including the new climbing frames. We are so proud of how sensibly the children are discussing and managing risks during their play, showing real maturity and teamwork as they explore the outdoor area. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and independence grow, and we are excited to see where this next stage of our OPAL journey will take us.

Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying their shared reading book Kick. Earlier this week, they realised the main character might be in a tricky situation, so they used drama to create freeze frames and act out how he might be feeling, a fantastic way to deepen their understanding of the text. In Year 2, the children have ended the week by creating clay sculptures, and they have been absolutely incredible. The creativity and care they have shown has been lovely to see, well done everyone.

As we look ahead to the final week of half term, please remember to book your Parents' Evening appointment if you haven't already. The children's books will be available for you to look through, showcasing all their amazing work. We will also finish the week with our Parents' Exhibition afternoon at 2pm on Friday 13th February. You are very welcome to come along and then take your child home from 2:45pm once you have finished looking at their learning. After half term, our swimming sessions will begin again, so please ensure children have the correct kit ready. More details will follow next week once timetables have been finalised. Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Mrs Pilkington

### Target 96%

Reception	93.3%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	94.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.9%</b>

### Stars of the Week

Nursery - Toby

Rec - Henley & Jason

Y1 - Nathan & Poppy

Y2 - Emilia & Ivy

Y3 - Annabelle & Harley

Y4 - Finlay & Isla M

Y5 - Lola & Nevaeh

Y6 - Ethan H & Joshua

WELL DONE



### Values Awards

**Reception** - Darcie, Service - for holding the door for members of staff around school.

**Year 1** - Alfie, Respect - for being a great help to children and staff.

**Year 2** - Martha, Respect - for being a great friend to everyone.

**Year 3** - Mara, Perseverance - for working so hard and completing quality work all week.

**Year 4** - Darcy H, Respect - for **always** being so polite and well mannered.

**Year 5** - Kairo, for incredible perseverance at Forest School this week, ensuing that he repaired the path up to base camp.

**Year 6** - Jimmy, for your service to others! Thank you for dedicating so much of your time to supporting our ball games.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



Does seeing yourself in a toy or story help you feel like you belong?

## In the news this week

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. The doll was created with help from the autistic community, so more people can see themselves reflected in their toys.

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

- Do you think it's important for toys to show different kinds of people?
- How do you feel when you see a character or toy that is like you?
- Can you come up with other examples of books or toys that aim to help people feel included?
- How can we help other people feel included when they might feel different or left out?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## FREE Half-Term Gymnastics ♀ ♂ & Tennis Camps 🏸

For children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre is offering completely FREE gymnastics and tennis camps for children age 8-14 this February half term. No HAF code is required – families can simply book a place and attend.

- Free Gymnastics Camp  
16, 17 or 18 February • 12–2pm
- Free Tennis Camp  
16 or 17 February • 12–2pm

These fun, energetic sessions help children stay active, build confidence and learn new skills in a friendly, supportive environment.

👉 Book a free place:

<https://southribble.gov.uk/activecamps>

## Young Voices

This afternoon, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 are heading to the Co-op Arena in Manchester to take part in the Young Voices concert. We are incredibly proud of them for their enthusiasm and commitment in preparing for this special event, and we cannot wait to hear all about how they got on representing Middleforth — we know they will be amazing! Also, a big thank you to all the staff taking time out to practice and take the children.



## Local Food bank:

Friday 9.30-12.00

Penwortham  
Community Centre  
Kingsfold Drive  
PR1 9EQ  
Email: [penworthamfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:penworthamfoodbank@gmail.com)



## Foodbank and other services of support

Children and Family Wellbeing service are offering a range of different empowering parenting courses. These courses aim to offer support for issues such as emotional wellbeing, mental health, neurodiversity and understanding relationships.

The courses can also help if your child is currently on a pathway for Autism or ADHD.

Please click the QR code for more information.





# Middleforth 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  
 20<sup>th</sup> - 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, 29<sup>th</sup> - 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.  
 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'  
 MATTHEW 5.16



# Friendly February 2026

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY



SUNDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



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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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# Parents and Carers, tell us about your experience of using childcare in Lancashire



Scan the QR code to  
access our short survey

[lancashire.gov.uk/childcare](https://lancashire.gov.uk/childcare)



# Lancashire SEND Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



Lancashire SEND Roadshow

Dates across Lancashire are:

25th Sept 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
22nd Oct 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
3rd Dec 2025 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
28th January 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
4th February 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
26th March 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub
15th April 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
6th May 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
16th June 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
1st July 2026 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribbleson Family Hub

Please scan the following QR codes for more information:



Local Offer



Family Hubs

## Lancashire SEND IAS

Information, advice and support for Special Educational Needs and Disability



### Who are we and what do we do?

SENDIAS is a statutory service and operates confidentially from the Local Authority to provide impartial and unbiased support to children and families across Lancashire.

#### Family Support

The service offers free information, advice, and support regarding SEND across the spectrum of education, health and social care, for example: EHCP processes, paperwork, communications with schools, and tribunal's.

#### Empowering families

The SENDIAS goal is to empower families to make informed decisions and have their voices heard throughout the SEND journey.

#### Service changes:

The team has recently expanded and we are currently reviewing the service offer following service user feedback to make it more flexible, accessible and empowering for families across Lancashire. These changes allow us to reach more families and offer consistent, high-quality accessible information advice and support across county.



Our Website with further details can be found here:

[SENDIAS Home - Lancashire SEND IAS](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SENDIAS)

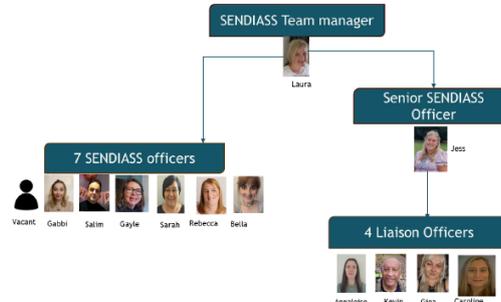


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### Team structure:



### How SENDIAS can support Families:

- Practical Guidance will be available at one stop shops in family hubs.
- SENDIAS can provide advice on preparing meetings, understanding reports, and managing appeals effectively.

Contact can be made by families by phone, referral form or email to our helpline— **referrals from professionals MUST come through our contact form:** [https://my.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=send\\_information\\_advice\\_and\\_support\\_contact\\_form](https://my.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=send_information_advice_and_support_contact_form)

**Community and Peer Networks** Peer support groups and local networks help families share experiences and find reassurance.

#### Guidance Through EHCNA request

SENDIAS provides crucial guidance to parents during EHCP applications, helping to resolve school placement disputes successfully through groups and drop in's or in the future using digital options.



# 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