



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 27th February Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a wonderful first week back at Middleforth to begin the new half term. Reception and Year 4 have both started their Forest School sessions, and we are so excited to see the skills, confidence and resilience they will continue to develop over the coming weeks. We also held our OPAL Stay and Play session this week. Jess, our OPAL mentor, led a really informative session for parents before we all headed outside to explore and show off our fantastic OPAL environment. The children certainly took full advantage of having their grown-ups there and managed to get much muddier than they usually do - but that's all part of the fun! Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported the event. We look forward to hosting another session in September when the weather should (hopefully!) be a little drier.

Looking ahead to next week, Thursday is World Book Day. Children are very welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character, or even as a word, and we can't wait to see the creativity on display.

A gentle reminder to please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform each day. This means a school cardigan or jumper every day, except on PE days when children may wear their PE hoodie. The PE hoodie is not an alternative to the school jumper on non-PE days. As the weather begins to warm up, we are noticing more jumpers and coats being left outside at lunchtime. It makes reuniting them with their owners much easier if everything is clearly named, so please do check that your child's name is in all items of uniform. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pilkington

Target 96%

Reception	92.5%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	95.7%
Total	95.1%

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Everyone
 Rec - Archie & Lucas
 Y1 - Elsie & Joshua
 Y2 - Jax & Joseph
 Y3 - Akhil & Mara
 Y4 - Ashton & Emilie
 Y5 - Joseph & Kyah
 Y6 - Harriet & William

WELL DONE



thankful

Values Awards

TRUST

Reception - Roman - for being a good, kind friend to everyone including the adults.
 Very helpful and compassionate.

Year 1 - Maisie, Perseverance - for persevering with some tricky Maths work.

Year 2 - Neave, Respect - for being such a respectful member of our class.

Year 3 - Alana, Creativity - for always having wonderful ideas.

Year 4 - Ivan, Respect - for always respecting everything and everyone.

Year 5 - Nevaeh, Respect - for being respectful and always persevering with tricky work.

Year 6 - Jordan - for showing up in class with hard work and determination.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME

23rd February - 30th March



In the news this week

Scientists at NASA are preparing to send astronauts back to the Moon, as part of a new space programme running over the coming years. The series of missions aims to test new technology, learn more about the Moon, and help humans prepare for future journeys deeper into space. The next mission is Artemis II. The plans have sparked discussions about why people explore space and how they could help life on Earth.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you already know about space or the Moon? What would you like to find out?
- Why do you believe people choose to explore space, even though it can be difficult and risky?
- If you could explore anywhere beyond Earth, where would you go and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Robinwood

On Monday next week, our Year 6 children will be off on their residential to Robinwood. There has been a lot of preparation for this and we want to wish them all the best on their exciting trip. Robinwood not only offers a residential experience with their friends but an opportunity to experience so many new activities and learning opportunities in such a short space of time. The children do over 10 different activities such as Trapeze, Giant swing, Zip line, Pirana Pool, canoeing, climbing and bouldering, caving, teambuilding activities and many more.

Swimming



This week didn't get off to the start we all wanted with the pool but since it has been back in action, it has been incredible to see all the children across school getting back into the water and learning how to keep themselves safe and of course enjoying a few fun splashes. As a couple of classes missed their first session we are going to try and catch them up over the coming weeks, please can you ensure that all the children have their swimming kit in school every day to give us the best chance of catching everyone up.

Foodbank and other services of support

Local Food bank:

Friday 9.30-12.00

Penwortham
Community Centre

Kingsfold Drive

PR1 9EQ

Email: penworthamfoodbank@gmail.com



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.





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
 25th - OPAL Stay and Play

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
 21st - Class Photographs
 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



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](#)

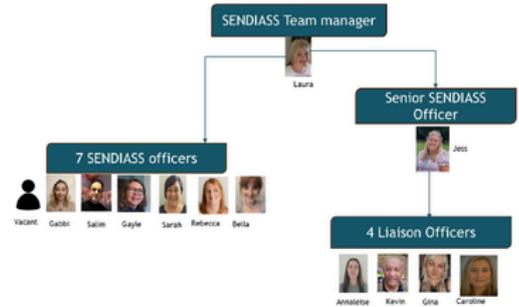


Lancashire SEND IAS

Information, advice and support for Special Educational Needs and Disability



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

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

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