



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 5th June Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. I hope families were able to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine, and it has been a pleasure to see the children returning to school refreshed, positive and ready to learn. There has already been a real buzz across school this week, with classes fully engaged in their learning and showing great enthusiasm. One of the highlights has been our whole-school preparation for the South Ribble Dance from the Heart project. All classes have been practising a new dance each week, with Year 4 setting an exceptionally high standard and kindly supporting other classes. We are really looking forward to seeing the finished performance come together.

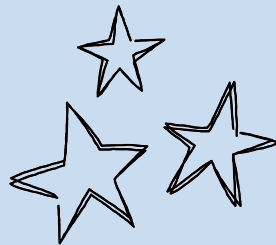
We have also been incredibly proud of Year 1, who led a fantastic whole-school worship on Thursday, focusing on our value of Trust. The children spoke confidently and thoughtfully, articulating clearly what this value means to them, which was lovely to see. In Reception, the beanstalk has sparked some amazing learning, with children producing some fantastic writing alongside imaginative and creative play. Meanwhile, Year 6 have completed their final Mind HQ session, focusing on metacognition. They shared thoughtful advice on building resilience, demonstrating how well they have embraced these important skills across their learning.

We were also delighted to welcome Imran into school today. He led an engaging whole-school assembly on the Five Pillars of Islam, and the children were, as always, respectful and interested.

He then spent time with Year 3, supporting their RE learning by sharing personal experiences of life as a Muslim in England and bringing in special items to enrich their understanding.

As we move into a busy few weeks ahead, please keep an eye on ClassDojo for important updates about upcoming events and trips. A reminder that on Monday, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be visiting the Anderton Centre and will return to school at approximately 4:30pm, so please ensure arrangements are in place for collection at that time. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pilkington



Target 96%

Reception	94.3%
Year 1	90.2%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	94.6%
Total	94.8%



JUSTICE



This half term, our Christian value is Justice. We began the week by hearing the story of Jesus Welcoming the Children. In this Bible story, Jesus reminded his followers that every child is important and valued by God. This links closely to our focus on justice, as it encourages us to treat everyone fairly, kindly and with respect.

The children have been challenged to look out for examples of people in our school community who are including others, treating people fairly and showing kindness. We have already received some wonderful examples: Ed and Eli in Year 6 were spotted showing kindness to a friend in their class, and Molly in Year 2 was recognised by Mrs Wilde for her kindness. We are looking forward to collecting more slips during Monday's worship and finding out who else has been noticed living out our Christian value of Justice.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week



How can people create hope during difficult times?

Teenage sisters, Tala and Farah Mousa from Gaza, have created a project called Build Hope. They collect rubble from damaged buildings, crush it, and mix it with materials such as clay, ash, and straw to create new bricks to be used for rebuilding communities. The sisters developed the idea while living in a tent after their home was destroyed during the war in Gaza. Their venture won The Earth Prize, a global environmental competition for young people, for the Middle East region.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think young people can make a real difference in the world? Why?
- > Have you ever turned something old or broken into something new or useful?
- > Share what the word 'hope' means to you.
- > What can help people stay hopeful during difficult times?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

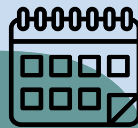
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Key Dates



01.06.2026 - INSET Day - Closed to pupils

W/C 08.06.2026 - Year 1 Phonics Screener and Year 2 catch up Phonics Screener

05.06.2026 - Year 4 Multiplication Check

W/C 22.06.2026 - Year 2 SATS

It is really important as it is everyday that children are in school on these dates and arrive to school on time.

Sports Day - Friday 19th June



Key Stage 2 - Parents arrive from 9am.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 - Parents arrive from 1 pm and it will conclude at 3pm.

Please bring your own chair for the field. PTFA will be selling drinks on the day too



Mrs Knight - Family Support Worker



For those that don't know me and a reminder for those who do, I am Mrs Knight, the Family Support Worker at school. I offer confidential support to children and families and use my experience to provide a listening ear, practical help, and guidance during challenging times. Working closely with pupils, parents, school staff, and external agencies, I aim to remove barriers to learning and wellbeing. My role includes supporting with issues such as behaviour, friendships, family change, illness, housing, finances, and emotional wellbeing, as well as signposting to services, attending meetings, and delivering one-to-one child interventions such as Drawing and Talking and Lego Therapy. You can contact me by email at sknight@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk, by phone on 01772 746024, or via Class Dojo. My working hours are 8:30am – 4pm Monday to Friday.

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Joyful June 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



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



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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This Saturday — 6th June, from 10am to 12 noon,
we would love to welcome you, and your family, to

ST LEONARD'S

With FREE
Admission and
Refreshments

MESSY CHURCH

This Saturday, come and join us at St Leonard's Family Church on Marshall's Brow for a fun, hands-on session, especially for families with young children, where we will be making, playing and listening to stories — based on Jesus' parable of the sower and thinking about faith, growth, planting, wildlife, environmental care and hope.



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FAMILY CHURCH

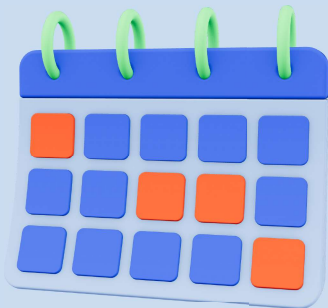


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Term Dates 2025 - 2027

SPRING TERM 2026	
School closes on	Friday 27th March 2026 at 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2026	
Re-open on	Monday 13th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4th May 2026
School closes on	Friday 22nd May 2026
Mid-term closure	Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June 2026
School re-opens on	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
School closes on	Friday 17th July 2026 at 2pm
AUTUMN TERM 2026	
Re-open on	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
School closes on	Friday 23rd October 2026
Mid-term closure	Monday 26th October – Monday 2nd November 2026
School re-opens on	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
School closes on	Friday 18th December 2026 at 2pm



SPRING TERM 2027	
Re-open on	Tuesday 5th January 2027
School closes on	Friday 12th February 2027
Mid-term closure	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
School re-opens on	Monday 22nd February 2027
School closes on	Thursday 25th March 2027 at 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2027	
Re-open on	Monday 12th April 2027
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2027
School closes on	Thursday 27th May 2027
Mid-term closure	Friday 28th May – Monday 7th June 2027
School re-opens on	Tuesday 8th June 2027
School closes on	Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 2pm