



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School



Dear Families, Friday 4th September Newsletter

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Middlefirth CE Primary School this week! The children have returned looking incredibly smart, full of energy, and ready to learn. We have been so impressed by the enthusiasm, positivity, and excellent attitudes they have brought into classrooms and onto the playground.

A very special welcome goes to our new Reception and nursery children and their families. The children have settled beautifully into school life and are already becoming a much-loved part of our Middlefirth family.

We are also delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our team this year. Mrs Moon joins us as our Year 6 teacher, Miss Reeder will be teaching Year 2, and Mr Higginbottom and Mr Ashton will be working across the school, supporting learning in a range of classes. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Smith and Mrs Alcock to the Middlefirth team. We know they will each make a wonderful contribution to our school community and help our children continue to thrive.

♥ Relationships at the Heart of Learning

At Middlefirth, we firmly believe that children learn best when they feel safe, valued and loved. Strong relationships between children, staff and families are at the heart of everything we do.

This week, we have spent time getting to know one another, celebrating our unique gifts and talents, and learning the key expectations that help our school community flourish. Hopefully, you have already been hearing about some of this from your children at home!

As a Church school, our vision of "Let your light shine" guides us in helping every child grow academically, socially and spiritually. We are excited to see each child shine brightly throughout the year ahead.

📖 Meet the Teacher

We would love to welcome you to our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 9th September at 3:20pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Visit the classroom and learning environment
- Learn about the curriculum and routines for the year ahead
- Find out important information about your child's class
- Ask any questions you may have

We value our partnership with families and know how important good communication is. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to speak with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can contact the school office to arrange an appointment or send a message via Class Dojo. Staff will always aim to respond within a reasonable timeframe.

🚗 General Reminders

A gentle reminder to all families about parking and site safety.

Please be considerate when dropping off and collecting children and help us keep everyone safe by parking responsibly and showing courtesy to our neighbours.

For safety reasons, parents should not use the staff car park at any time, as vehicles may be entering and leaving throughout the day.

If you are dropping off or collecting children from Breakfast Club or After School Club, please use the designated pedestrian pathways around school and avoid walking through the staff car park.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our children, families and staff safe.

✨ Looking Ahead

We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring. We look forward to working together as a school family and watching our children grow in confidence, character and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will help every child to truly "Let their light shine." Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Pilkington ✨

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

School Uniform

We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform each day. A smart appearance helps children feel confident and ready to learn, and it reflects our high standards across school life.

Where to Buy

Our uniform can be purchased from:

- Justs Clothing (Penwortham): www.justsclothing.co.uk
- Sew Stunning Designs (SSD): www.ssduniformshop.co.uk

Plain royal blue items without the logo are also permitted.

School Uniform

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Sensible black flat shoes (no trainers)

Summer options

- Pale blue gingham dress
- Grey tailored shorts

PE Kit (worn on PE days)

- White T-shirt (with logo or plain)
- Royal blue shorts
- Royal blue PE hoodie
- Black pumps or trainers
- Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE



Bags

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children should bring a school book bag (available from uniform stockists). In Year 3-6 please avoid large rucksacks or bulky bags, as our lockers are compact (40cm deep x 26cm wide) and need to fit both coats and bags

Jewellery, Earrings and Watches

- For safety reasons, we would prefer no jewellery or earrings to be worn in school. If earrings are worn, please can these be a small stud and removed before school on PE days.
- KS2 children may wear a simple watch (no smart watches)
- Watches must be removed for PE and swimming
- The school cannot be responsible for loss or damage of any personal items

Hair and Accessories

- Long hair must be tied back at all times
- Haircuts should be neat with no extreme styles or colours
- Hair accessories should be simple, in school colours, and not over-sized



Self-Care September 2026

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans



28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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 2027

School re-opens on: Monday 22nd February 2027

School closes on: Thursday 25th March 2027 at 2pm

Summer Term 2027

Starts: Monday 12th April 2027

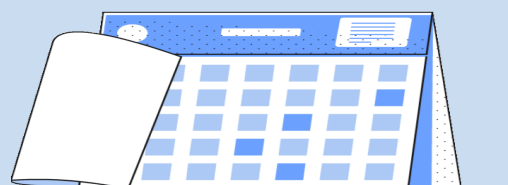
May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027

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 at 2pm



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Middlefirth Church of England Primary School 2026/2027 Yearly Planner



SEPTEMBER

9th - Meet the teacher
14th - National Coding Week
14th - 16th - Year 6 Robinwood Residential
21st - Fairtrade Fortnight & Recycle Week
21st - KS1 Phonics and Reading Workshop
22nd - EYFS Phonics and Reading Workshop
25th - Year 6 Careers Fair

OCTOBER

1st - Black History Month begins
1st - National Poetry Day
10th - World Mental Health Day
15th - Whole School Harvest
21st - Individual Photographs
23rd - Parents Exhibition Afternoon 2pm

NOVEMBER

Non-Fiction November
4th - Book Fair Arrives
10th & 11th - Parents Evening
11th - Remembrance Day
13th - KS2 Church - Year 6 Leading
13th - Children in Need
16th - Enterprise Week
23rd - Parliament Week

DECEMBER

10th - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance
11th - Christmas Jumper Day
15th - KS2 Christmas Performance in Church
16th - Christmas Parties and Christmas Lunch
17th - Whole School Church

JANUARY

16th - Energy Saving week
18th - 3.30pm Year 6 SATs meeting
21st - Young Voices Concert (Co-Op Live Arena)

FEBRUARY

1st - National Story Telling Week
1st - Children's Mental Health Week
3rd - Book Fair Arrives
9th - Safer Internet Day
9th & 10th - Parents Evening
24th - Reception Tots on Tyres
Swimming Pool Arrives - date TBC

MARCH

3rd - Y4 Trip - Eco Town
3rd - Reception Tots on Tyres (AM) & Y3 Scoot Safe (PM)
4th - World Book Day
8th - Sceicne Week
10th - Reception Tots on Tyres & Whole School Bike Fix
15th - Sign Language Week
16th - Neurodiversity Celebration Week
17th & 24th - Y5 Bikeability
25th - Whole School Church
19th - Red Nose Day

APRIL

15th - World Art Day
22nd - Earth Day
30th - Spring Celebration

MAY

10th - Key Stage 2 SATs week
10th - Mental Health Awareness Week
14th - Pentecost Party
17th - Walk to School Week
20th - Outdoor Classroom Day
27th - Parents Exhibition afternoon 2pm

JUNE

5th - World Environment Day
7th - Multiplication Check Week
14th - Phonics Screening Week
15th - National School Sports Week
23rd - Book Fair (1 week)
23rd - Sports Day
25th - National Writing Day
24th - Sustainability Conference
28th - KS1 SATs week

JULY

5th - Year 6 Performance
8th - Reports Home
14th - Reports drop in for parents 3.30pm - 4.30pm
19th - Year 6 Leavers PM
19th - Year 6 Prom 5.30pm
20th - AM Whole School Church

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



FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Quiz Night

WITH BAKED POTATO SUPPER

Bring your friends
and make up a team!

7pm — 10pm

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Family Fun Day

FOR ALL AGES • FREE BBQ

Come along and
bring the family!

10am — 2pm

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Celebration Service

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION
OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

All are welcome!

10am — 11am

— ST LEONARD'S CHURCH —

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

From Friday, Sept 11th to Sunday Sept 13th

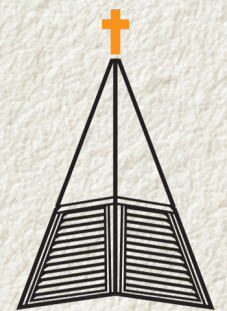
St. Leonard's Church will be hosting a series of free events to help us celebrate the Diocese of Blackburn's 100th birthday...

**and we would love to see you
at any or all of them.**



**All events and food are provided free of charge and
there will be a paid bar at the Friday Quiz night.**

To help with catering numbers, please follow the link
on the QR Code to register.



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**ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILY CHURCH**