



NEWSLETTER

28th November 2025

A message from our school leaders

We want to extend a huge well done to our football squad, who have been competing in a league against other schools across the county over the past few weeks! It has been wonderful to see how much they have developed as a team and the great sportsmanship they have displayed throughout the matches. We are proud to announce that Middleton finished in 6th place out of 8 teams. A big thank you to Mr Burnip and Mrs Wharton for dedicating their own time to take the children to the matches.

We would like to thank all parents for their generous donations to The Royal British Legion – the school raised a fantastic amount of, **£90.24**.

Next week, we begin our Christmas preparations as we move into December. We have some wonderful activities planned for the children, so it promises to be a joyful few weeks as we head towards Christmas.

Our amazing Friends of Middleton (FOMS) have also been busy and have some fantastic raffle prizes available. A book of tickets have been sent home with each family – please return completed ticket stubs and monies to the school main office. Also, please enquire, should you wish for further books of raffle tickets.

We would like to take a moment to say *'farewell'* to Anastacia who has spent her last day with us today, here at Middleton. Anastacia has been a tremendous asset to our school, contributing greatly to our lunch service and maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for all. Thank you to everyone for making her feel so welcome during her time here. We wish Anastacia and her family the very best of luck in their future endeavours. You will be missed!

Reminders and Messages

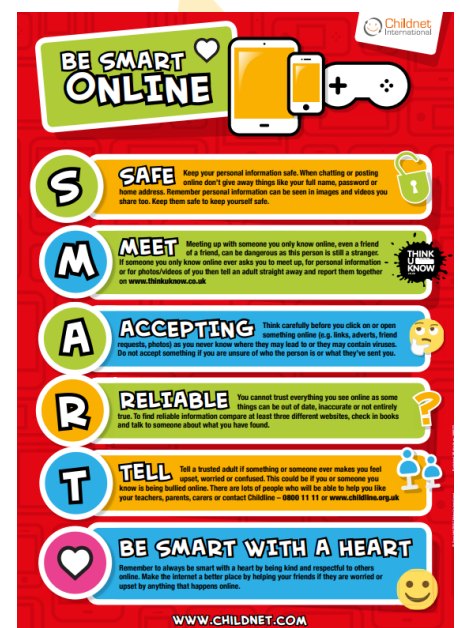
- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Please keep a LOOK OUT for upcoming events, which are being organised by our wonderful Friends of Middleton School!

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	100.0%
Yr 2/3/4	95.8%
Yr 5/6	97.3%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, we have been exploring the magical story of *Jack Frost*!

The children showed incredible creativity as they painted Jack Frost, using forks to create unique textures. They also carefully used their fingers to design frosted snowflakes, adding a beautiful wintry touch to their artwork.

Outdoors, we discovered exciting traces that Jack Frost had visited our nursery garden! The children were thrilled to investigate and share their observations.

In our maths activities, the children practiced matching numerals to quantities using Numicon and snowflakes - an engaging way to combine learning with our winter theme.

To prepare for the coming season, we planted snowdrops in the garden, ready to bloom in spring. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about growth and nature.

We've had a fantastic week full of creativity, exploration, and learning!





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

This week has been full of adventure and creativity across Reception and Year 1!

Reception

The children have loved reading, *The Hundred Decker Bus* and joining in with the journey.

Our bus role play area has been a big hit, giving the children the chance to act out the story while practicing their CVC words inspired by the book.

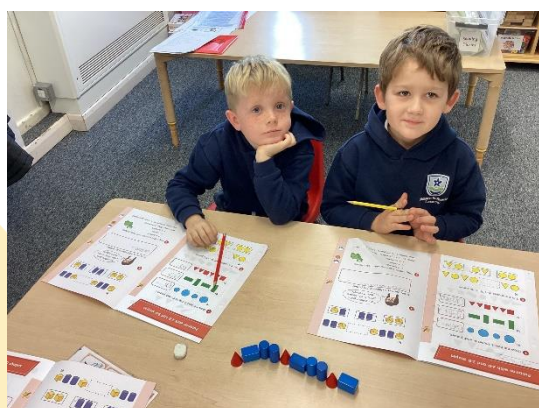
In PSHE, Reception have been learning all about sharing and turn-taking, helping them build those important social skills.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy planning and writing a recount of our walk around school last week, where we listened carefully for different sounds as part of our science lesson.

This week's science focus was on touch. The children had lots of fun exploring textures inside a mystery box—first with gloves on, then without - to compare how things felt.

In RE, the children showed their creativity by making beautiful Christmas wreaths, which brought festive cheer to the classroom.





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Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week has been filled with exciting learning experiences! The children have been exploring the use of rhetorical questions in their letters, as they write from Hogarth's perspective to save the Iron Man. It's wonderful to see their creativity shine through in their writing!

In maths, our Year 2 students have been mastering addition and subtraction by making 10 and tackling three-digit numbers. Year 3 is focusing on the connections between addition and subtraction, while Year 4 is refining their skills by considering the most efficient methods for these operations. It's fantastic to witness their progress!

In history, we delved into the Bronze Age and discussed how life changed from the Stone Age. The children learned about the conflicts that arose with the introduction of bronze and how tribes built defences to protect themselves.

During our Design Technology lesson, our talented children used their design skills from previous weeks to create round houses using clay, straws, and various other materials. They followed the instructions brilliantly and demonstrated great teamwork and creativity.

Lastly, we are all getting into the festive spirit as we practice for our upcoming Christmas Carol service at The Pathway. It promises to be a delightful event, and we can't wait to share it with you!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week in Year 5/6, we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas performance. The children have been singing their Christmas carols with great enthusiasm, and the festive spirit is really starting to shine through!

In English, we completed our balanced arguments on the topic of boarding schools versus day schools. The pupils worked hard to present both sides of the debate before sharing their own opinions, and their reasoning was thoughtful and well explained.

In French, we learned how to describe a city using adjectives such as, grande, petite and belle. The children enjoyed creating sentences and practicing their pronunciation.

Music lessons have been extra special this week as we learned short snippets of six different Christmas songs on the ukulele. It's been wonderful to see everyone developing their musical skills while embracing the festive spirit.



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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
DECEMBER	
Tues 2 nd Dec	School Individual Photographs, by Phototronics
Mon 8 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carols, 1:30pm at The Pathway FOMS Movie Night
Wed 10 th Dec	Pantomime at The Hippodrome, Darlington
Friday 12 th Dec	Nativity – Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Mon 15 th Dec	Christmas Crafts, a.m. – parents welcome
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Dinner School Choir at Middleton Luncheon Club
Fri 19 th Dec	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
JANUARY 2026	
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	School re-opens to pupils
Tues 13 th Jan	Key Stage 2 SATs Information Evening, 3:30pm