



NEWSLETTER

26th June 2026

A message from our school leaders...

It has been a very hot week in school, and we have made lots of adaptations. The children, however, have been wonderful throughout - following outdoor rules and making sure they keep themselves safe. A highlight of the week has undoubtedly been our Sports Day. The pupils were fantastic and very well behaved, particularly in the heat. A huge thank you to Mrs Garnett for leading the events, and to all staff for keeping the children well shaded and well hydrated. Our Year 6 runners also did a sterling job, organising equipment and helping our younger pupils. Well done to our overall winners, **Cow Green**, who all received medals in our celebration assembly.

We are very grateful for all the help in sourcing gazebos and putting them up - it truly reflected a wonderful sense of community spirit, with everyone coming together to support our school event. We couldn't have done it without you. A final thank you to our **fantastic FOMS** for ensuring there were plenty of refreshments for spectators. A great afternoon was had by all.

We would also like to thank all of our families for attending our Family Brunch on Monday. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying games and having lunch with some of their favourite people.

Lastly, we are currently in the process of finalising class arrangements for next year and will share these details with you as soon as possible.

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S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information - or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](#)

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

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WWW.CHILDNET.COM

Friends of Middleton School – FOMS

Reminders and Messages

1. Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
2. A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
3. **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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

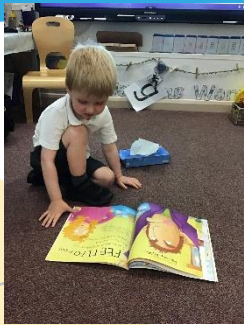
~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	91.3%
Yr 2/3/4	94.0%
Yr 5/6	88.0%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

We have had another busy and exciting week in Nursery, filled with learning, creativity and lots of fun! We have continued exploring river safety, helping the children to understand how to keep themselves safe when near water. We talked about ways we can stay safe and what we should and shouldn't do around rivers. The children shared some thoughtful ideas, and we practised discussing how to make safe choices.

Our story of the week has been the much-loved tale of, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story, joining in with repeated phrases and talking about the different characters. We discussed what might happen next and used our imaginations to think about what it would be like to climb a giant beanstalk! Inspired by the story, the children took part in a lovely creative activity where they designed and planted their own magical beans. They carefully chose where to plant them and talked about what plants need to grow. To our amazement, we discovered that a beanstalk had grown in nursery, which caused lots of excitement and wonder! The children were fascinated and enjoyed sharing their ideas about how it might have appeared. We have been exploring our creative skills using playdough, where the children enjoyed making beanstalks of different sizes. They talked about *tall*, *taller*, *tallest* and *short*, helping to build their understanding of size and comparison while linking back to our story. The children also had great fun getting messy while using shaving foam to draw their very own beanstalks, inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk. They explored different marks, swirls and lines with their fingers, building their fine motor skills as they created tall, twisting beanstalks reaching up to the 'clouds'. This hands-on activity encouraged creativity, imagination and lots of giggles along the way!

EYFS BEACH DAY – Friday 17th July, 1.30 to 3.00pm *more details to follow.....*





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

Reception - Reception have been learning all about rock pools, inspired by the story, *Sharing a Shell*. They made playdough crabs, explored sea creatures through role-play, and enjoyed 'fishing' creatures out of the rock pool area. In Maths, Reception continued their work on grouping and sharing, making sure items were shared fairly and equally.

Year 1 - Year 1 have been learning about money in maths, recognising notes and coins and using their counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help them understand value. In English, they continued practising the past tense and using 'and' to join sentences confidently in their independent writing.

Healthy Week & Water Safety - This week has been *Healthy Week*, and the children loved learning about water safety with the team from Tees River Rescue. They learned how cold water can affect the body and how people might react if they suddenly fall or jump into cold water. The children also had a go at throwing a rescue line to help someone in trouble — a brilliant hands-on experience.

Sports Day - We also enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day in the sunshine. Every child tried their best, showed great teamwork, and cheered each other on. It was a joyful afternoon full of smiles, sun and determination.





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

We have had a very busy week, and it has been lovely to see so many brilliant learning experiences taking place across the class. First of all, we enjoyed welcoming families into school for our Father's Day brunch, where everyone had a wonderful time playing a range of board games together. It was a lovely opportunity to share some special moments and celebrate with our families.

In maths, the children have continued to learn about time and the duration of time. Year 4 children have also been learning about different angles and triangles, showing great concentration and enthusiasm.

In English, we have moved on to our new topic, where we have designed our own pet dragon! The children have been using their imaginations brilliantly and creating some wonderful ideas.

As part of **Healthy Week**, we were also pleased to have a visit from the **Tees River Trust**. The team taught us all about river safety and how to keep ourselves safe near water. The children were extremely engaged throughout the session, and their knowledge and thoughtful answers were fantastic.

All of the class also enjoyed taking part in **Sports Day**. They were all fantastic and did so well in the hot weather. Their behaviour was brilliant throughout the day, and we are so proud of how they supported one another. Well done, everyone!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

What a fantastic and busy week we have had in Year 5/6 as we celebrated Healthy Week! We began the week by welcoming *Tees River Rescue*, who delivered an important and engaging session about staying safe around open water, particularly rivers. The children learned key safety messages: *Phone, Float, Throw*, and *Don't Go*. They listened brilliantly and then took part in a practical activity, where they had the opportunity to use a throw line to simulate rescuing someone from the river. It was a valuable and memorable experience for all.

Throughout the week, we have also explored a range of other important topics including road safety, sun safety, and mental health. The children have shown great maturity and enthusiasm, contributing thoughtfully to discussions and activities.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day. The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, determination, and teamwork. A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who were fantastic helpers — supporting younger children, organising events, and setting a brilliant example.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week, full of learning, activity, and fun. Well done to all of the children for their enthusiasm and positive attitudes!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
JUNE 2026	
Mon 29 th – Fri 3 rd July	Careers Week
Mon 29 th June	Rounders Festival – Yrs 5+6
JULY 2026	
Wed 1 st July	Trip to Houses of Parliament, London
Mon 6 th July	Great Athletes Visit
Wed 8 th July	NELT Athletics Festival, Gateshead Stadium
Thurs 9 th – Fri 10 th July	Staindrop Transition Days
Fri 10 th July	Teesdale Transition Day
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 17 th July	School Closes for Summer Holidays