



NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025

A message from our school leaders:

🎃 Spooktacular Fun at Our Halloween Disco! 🎃

This week, our pupils had a frightfully fantastic time at our Halloween Disco! The children looked *incredible* in their spooky costumes — from creepy creatures to ghoulish ghosts, they truly embraced the spirit of the season.

A huge thank you to our amazing Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) for planning and assisting with the event, and to all our families for your continued support.

Staff Update & Recruitment Opportunity

We're sad to share that our wonderful Lunchtime and Cleaning Supervisor, Miss Ozhelevska, will soon be leaving us as she prepares to relocate. She has been an incredible staff member and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

We are now advertising for a Lunchtime Supervisor and a Cleaning Supervisor to join our fantastic team. If you know someone who is caring, kind and hardworking, please encourage them to apply and become part of our lovely school community. More information can be obtained from Mrs Morris.

📢 Please share this opportunity far and wide, so we can find the best person for the role.

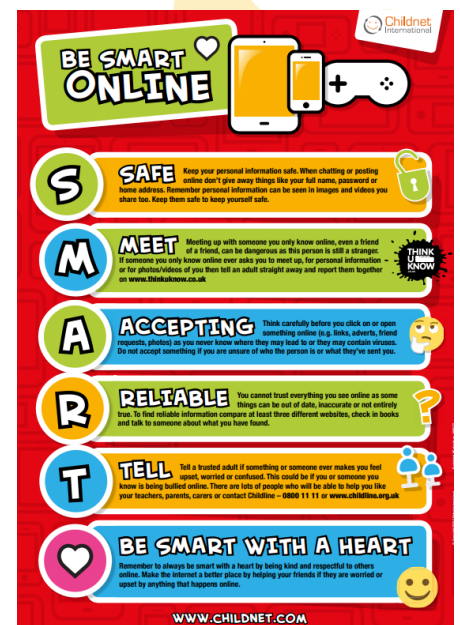
~ School Council ~

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.

Useful Online Safety Links

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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	100.0%
Yr 2/3/4	99.1%
Yr 5/6	97.3%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

We started our week with the classic nursery rhyme, *Incy Wincy Spider*. The children sang with enthusiasm, using hand motions to act out the spider's journey up the waterspout. This song helped build rhythm, coordination, and language skills—all while having lots of fun!

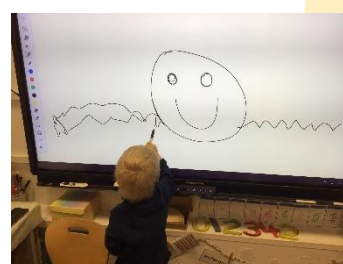
The children discovered fascinating facts like:

- Spiders have **eight legs**.
- Most spiders have **eight eyes**.
- They spin **silk webs** to catch their food.
- Some spiders can **jump** or **swim**!

We explored pictures, watched short videos, and even practiced counting legs and eyes on spider models. In the water tray we used pipes of different sizes and shapes, to make spouts for Incy wincy spider. The children used their counting skills to put the correct number of legs on the spider and we used play dough to make the googly eyes.

Fingerprint Cobweb Art - creativity took center stage as the children made cobwebs using their **fingerprints and white paint** on black paper. They carefully pressed their fingers in circular patterns.

Giant Sticker Spider Craft - to wrap up the week, we worked together to create a giant spider using stickers! Each child added a piece - legs, eyes, and body segments, until our spider came to life on a big poster. It was a wonderful exercise in teamwork and fine motor skills.





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

What a magical and marvellous week we've had in Reception and Year 1! With Halloween in the air, the classrooms have been buzzing with excitement, creativity, and lots of learning.

Reception have been diving into the spooky tale of *Meg and Mog*, exploring the story through sequencing activities and learning some truly wonderful words! The children also had a fantastic time concocting their own witchy potions, using CVC words like bat, rat, and cat. They've been brilliant at spotting rhyming words too, building on last week's phonics fun!

Year 1 have been getting into the Halloween spirit by describing the characters from *Meg and Mog* and correcting some rather spooky sentences. Their growing confidence with sentence structure and vocabulary has been wonderful to see.

In maths, Reception have been exploring positional language—under, over, next to, and more! The highlight was definitely creating and navigating obstacle courses, guiding each other through using their new vocabulary.

Year 1 have been working hard on different strategies for adding and subtracting within 10. From number lines to part-whole models, they've shown great perseverance and problem-solving skills.

In science, Reception have been learning all about nocturnal animals. They've loved discovering which creatures come out at night and how they adapt to the dark.

Year 1 have continued their 'Seasonal Changes' topic by exploring the wonders of Autumn. They even set up their very own weather station and went on a nature walk to spot signs of the season—crunchy leaves, conkers, and chilly breezes!

To top off a fantastic half term, the children danced the night away at our Halloween Disco! With spooky costumes, music, and lots of laughter, it was the perfect way to celebrate all their hard work this term. We're so proud of everything the children have achieved this half term and can't wait to see what the next one brings. Have a restful and safe break!





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What have we been up to?



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

What a fantastic week we've had! This week, we looked at the fascinating world of Stonehenge, exploring how it was built during the Stone Age. The children truly engaged with this activity, crafting their own diary entries as if they were on-site constructing this iconic monument.

In maths, we wrapped up our unit on place value and completed our assessments. I'm incredibly proud of everyone's hard work—well done!

Our science lessons were equally exciting as we conducted an investigation into which crisps contain the most fat. We aimed to keep everything fair, and our results showed that McCoys had the highest fat content. We've also started learning about the different parts of our body, specifically naming the bones of the skeleton. Perhaps the children can impress you by naming a few!

Finally, a special thank you to everyone for putting in such effort with their Halloween costumes. The disco was a massive hit, and it was brilliant to see so many great dance moves on display!

Wishing everyone a lovely Autumn break, and as always, thanks for your continued support!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

As we wrap up this half-term, we're proud to share the fantastic learning and achievements from our final week!

This week in French, we completed our unit on expressing opinions about school subjects. The children have enjoyed learning how to say which subjects they like and dislike in French and have grown in confidence using new vocabulary in conversations.

Our Basketball unit continued with a focus on dribbling techniques. Pupils practised controlling the ball while moving and developed their coordination and teamwork. It's been great to see their skills improve, and their enthusiasm grow!

In R.E., we explored the significance of the traditional Seder plate used during Passover. The children learned about each item on the plate and its symbolic meaning in Jewish culture. Their thoughtful discussions showed great respect and curiosity.

We've finished our four-part story inspired by *Tom's Midnight Garden*. The children have worked incredibly hard to craft imaginative and descriptive narratives about Tom's magical adventure. It's been a joy to read their work, and they should be very proud of their efforts!

It was absolutely lovely to see so many wonderful Halloween costumes in the classroom at the end of the week! From spooky skeletons to magical witches, creative superheroes to clever mash-ups - everyone looked fantastic. The effort and imagination that went into each costume really brought the Halloween spirit to life.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
OCTOBER	
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st Oct	Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER	
Wed 5 th Nov	Open the Book Assembly with The Pathway, am Football League, King James Academy
Wed 12 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 19 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 26 th Nov	Football League FINAL , King James Academy
DECEMBER	
Tues 2 nd Dec	School Individual Photographs, by Phototronics
Mon 8 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carols FOMS Movie Night
Wed 10 th Dec	Pantomime at The Hippodrome, Darlington