NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

A message from our school leaders…

This week, our school has been buzzing with writers as children prepare their final writing piece of the half term. I have really noticed a marked improvement in pupils' attitudes towards presentation in lessons and across all curriculum subjects. Well done to the children for giving their writing 100% and taking such pride in their work.

As we head into the colder weather, please ensure that children come prepared for outdoor learning. As a minimum, pupils should have a coat in school each day, and hats and gloves may also be needed as temperatures begin to drop.

Next week is the final week of the half term and there are several opportunities to celebrate together. We would like to invite families to our Harvest Festival Celebration at The Pathway, on Thursday 22nd October at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the season with our school community.

We will also end the term with our Halloween Day on Friday, when pupils are welcome to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes. Please note that **inflatable costumes are not permitted**. Our FOMS Halloween Disco will take place during the afternoon and is always a fantastic way to round off the half term.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fun and successful final week.

Friends of Middleton School

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 23rd October

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	**97.2%**
Yr 2/3/4	**96.0%**
Yr 5/6	**98.0%**

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What have we been up to?







Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, we have been learning all about the nursery song, ***Five Currant Buns***. The children have enjoyed singing the rhyme throughout the week and joining in with the actions. As part of our learning, we introduced two new **wondrous words**: ***currant*** and ***round***. We talked about what currants are and looked for round shapes around our classroom.

Our bakery role-play area has been very popular, here the children enjoyed pretending to be bakers, taking orders and making delicious buns. In the sensory tray, they explored flour and used their imaginations to create their own currant buns. They also developed their fine motor skills by using tweezers to carefully place pom-poms onto their buns as 'currants'. The children showed great creativity when designing and decorating their own cakes and buns. We then talked about what ingredients we would need to make real currant buns and worked together to write shopping lists. This provided lots of opportunities for mark making and early writing.

To finish our week, we followed our shopping lists and made our very own currant buns. The children thoroughly enjoyed mixing the ingredients, watching the buns bake and, best of all, tasting them! We sang 'Five Currant Buns' together as we enjoyed our treats, making it a wonderful end to a fun-filled week of learning.






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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

This week, the children have enjoyed reading, ***Room on the Broom*** by Julia Donaldson. Reception have been exploring rhyming words by matching and creating CVC word families, as well as making their own rhyming potions. Year 1 have been developing their writing skills by creating simple sentences about the story and its characters.

In maths, Reception are beginning their learning about number, focusing on recognising and understanding the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Meanwhile, Year 1 have been learning to add numbers within 10, using their knowledge of number bonds and a range of methods taught in class.

The children have continued to enjoy their weekly cricket sessions, where they have been practising their throwing, aiming and catching skills.

In Design and Technology, Year 1 used their cutting and food preparation skills to make their own fruit salads. They worked carefully to prepare a variety of fruits and thoroughly enjoyed tasting the delicious results of their hard work!









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What have we been up to?

Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Wharton, Mrs Emery and Mrs Aislabie

This week has been full of creativity and discovery across the curriculum.

In **Forest School**, the children had great fun gathering natural items from around the woodland area before using them to create their own nature crowns. The results were fantastic, with each crown showing wonderful imagination and careful use of the materials they had collected.

In writing, we have begun our exciting new narrative unit using ***The Abominables*** as our stimulus. The children have enjoyed exploring the opening of the story and are starting to identify the key features of narrative writing. We are looking forward to developing our own imaginative stories over the coming weeks.

In science, we learned about evaporation. The children made wet handprints on black paper and carefully observed what happened over time. We discovered that the warmth in the classroom caused the water to evaporate, making the handprints gradually disappear. The children enjoyed making predictions and discussing their observations like real scientists.

In French, the children have been learning the days of the week and the months of the year. They practised saying and recognising the new vocabulary and showed great enthusiasm for developing their language skills.








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What have we been up to?

Yr5/6 – Mrs Garnett and Miss Spenceley

This week, continuing with our class book, ***War Horse***, the children have written their letter to the captain in the army, persuading him to go to war with his beloved horse. They included a range of reasons why they should go, using emotive language to make their arguments powerful and convincing.

In maths, the Year 5 children have been rounding numbers up to 1,000,000, while the Year 6 children have been learning about prime numbers. Homework has been given to consolidate this learning, so please encourage the children to complete it carefully and independently.

In history, the children discussed reasons why British men joined the army. These included patriotism, propaganda, peer pressure, shame and adventure. The children considered how these different influences may have affected people's decisions.

At the end of the week, some of the Year 5 and 6 children attended a football competition. Although they did not win, this gave them a fantastic opportunity to play against other schools. They all worked hard as a team and showed great spirit throughout the competition. Well done!

As we move through the school year, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Our shared aim is to create a positive, safe and encouraging environment where every child feels valued, confident and ready to learn.

Thank you,
Have a lovely weekend







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Upcoming Events:

	Event
OCTOBER 2026	
Thurs 22nd Oct	Harvest Festival Celebration, 9.30am – The Pathway, Middleton
Fri 23rd Oct	FOMS – Halloween Disco
Fri 23rd Oct	School Breaks up for Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER 2026	
Mon 9th Nov	Pupils Return to School
Mon 9th Nov	Bikeability – Level 1 for Years 4 and 5
Tues 10th–Thurs 12th Nov	Bikeability – Level 2 for Year 5
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Wed 18th Nov	Whole School Trip (FOMS) – Auckland Project
Mon 23rd Nov	Yrs 5+6 and KS2 School Council - Trip to Arches Hall, Kynren
Fri 27th Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 30th Nov	Phototronics in School – Individual + Sibling Photographs
DECEMBER 2026	
Fri 4th Dec	Panto @ The Georgian Theatre, Richmond
Fri 18th Dec	School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday