



NEWSLETTER

27th June 2025

A message from our school leaders:

Due to the heavy rainfall, Sports Day was cancelled this week which led to new Sports Day date of Thursday, 3rd July. We appreciated your patience as we understand you may have had to change commitments to attend the event.

I was thrilled to join the Y6 pupils on their reward trip at the TCR Hub yesterday. The children faced the activities of high ropes and kayaking, showing such determination and strength. All our pupils attempt the high ropes which really was a challenge to get to the top and I am sure my legs are still shaking! Sometimes it takes courage and resilience to overcome fears, and in true Middleton spirit the children supported and encouraged each other to go a little bit further during the challenge.

With only three weeks left of the academic year, we still have a whole host of activities, themes and events until the very last day. We will also be hosting our very own, much loved, Middleton's Got Talent on the final day of school, just in case your children wanted to rehearse their favourite act ahead of the day!

~ Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) ~

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED URGENTLY

In July, three of our committee members will be 'retiring' as their children move on to secondary school. If you would like to see the Friends of Middleton School continue, to provide funding for extracurricular events and opportunities, we urgently need new members to come forward.

We have been a registered charity for almost 34 years, and we don't want to see it have to come to an end!

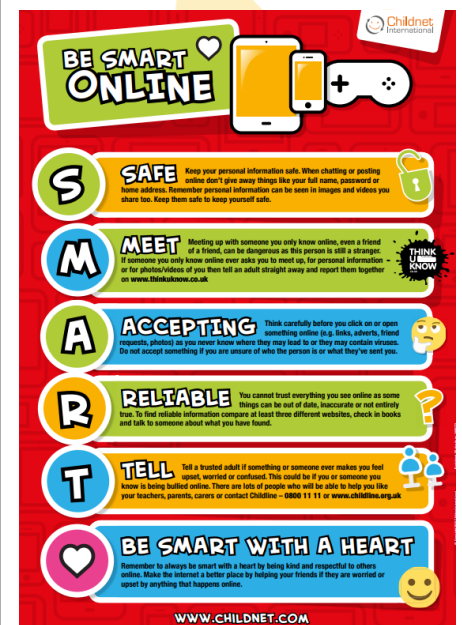
If you would be willing to join us please let the school office know.

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~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	87.6%
Year 3+4	93.7%
Year 5+6	87.9%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

We have had lots of fun in Nursery this week! We have been reading the books, 'Ice Cream!' and 'The Ice Cream King'. The children have learnt all about where ice cream comes from, looking at the different flavours and talking about which flavour they liked the best. They have practiced their cutting skills by making their own ice cream sundaes, painted their own ice creams and have enjoyed playing in the ice cream shop, created in the small world area. Most of all, the nursery children have especially enjoyed making their own ice cream by putting cream, caster sugar and vanilla extract in one bag, then adding ice and salt in another and putting them both together and shaking. We had great fun shaking the ice cream and then tasting it.

RECEPTION

This week our class books have been, 'Welcome to Coral Reef' and 'Sharing a Shell'. The children have loved learning about the different animals and plants that live in the coral reef and observing its bright colours. The children have done a brilliant job at ordering and retelling the story, 'Sharing a Shell'. Our maths topic this week has been patterns. The children were introduced to dienes that are used in Year 1 upwards. These cubes represent 1, 10 and 100. Pupils then used the dienes to create their own AABBC and AABAA patterns.

In RE we have looked at the Bible story, 'The Storm that Stopped'. We discussed how this story is special to Christians as it shows that they can trust Jesus. The children retold the story by drawing the main events onto a storyboard.

For art, we have created a collage rock pool! The children used paper, tissue paper, sea creature cut outs and small sticks to make their own rock pool! They had lots of fun and were very proud of their work.





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Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

What a busy week we've had! With the end of year assessments in full swing, I couldn't be prouder of our children. They've worked exceptionally hard to showcase everything they've learned this year, and it's been wonderful to witness their progress.

In geography, we took an exciting turn as we compared the human features of Tulum, Mexico, to our very own local area of Middleton. The children were keen to discuss the differences and similarities, and their enthusiasm was infectious!

In P.E., we've been gearing up for Sports Day, which is just around the corner. The kids have been practising with great energy and spirit, and I'm looking forward to seeing all their efforts pay off.

Our science lessons have centred on the fascinating world of animals and their diets. The children have explored the categories of carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores, and then worked on creating their own food chains. It was a joy to see their creativity come to life!

In Design Technology, the children have worked really hard, putting the final touches to their 'pouch' project. This has been such a fun project and the children have come up with some great ideas as to what they will use their pouch for.

Looking ahead, we have a plethora of exciting events coming up, so stay tuned for more updates. Here's to an incredible finish to the school year!





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Y3/4 – Miss McDonnell and Mrs Niven

It has been assessment week, this week, so the children have been slightly out of routine. They handled it amazingly well, all trying their absolute best in their assessments, and we tried to keep the classroom as relaxed as possible. At least it was a little cooler than last week, which definitely helped!

But it hasn't just been assessments, the children have also squeezed in a fabulous music lesson, a science experiment, some D.T. and even managed to complete their narrative pieces! Very impressed with the four paragraphs that they all came up with. There were some really fabulous imaginative pieces using lots of figurative language, direct speech and time conjunctions. Some even wrote their pieces in third person and created some quite complex pieces of writing. Well done to all of the children for their efforts.

As a class, we are all looking forward to the next and final piece of work on our topic of Ancient Egypt... the mummification process! The children are absolute sponges and have thoroughly enjoyed their history lessons on Ancient Egypt, so it is likely the children will be coming home full of interesting (and maybe even some slightly gruesome!) facts on how the Ancient Egyptians said farewell to their Pharaohs.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 5/6!

Year 5 have shown fantastic focus and determination during their assessments this week – well done to everyone for giving their best effort.

In history, we've launched our new topic on the Mayan civilisation. The children have created chronological timelines, explored what made the Mayans so successful, and enjoyed researching different Mayan gods and goddesses.

Meanwhile, Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved end-of-year treat on Thursday, with a trip to TCR Hub. They showed brilliant teamwork and resilience as they tackled the high ropes and took to the water in canoes – a fantastic day all round!

In English, the whole class has been working on the first drafts of their narratives, continuing the story of *Holes*. We've been really impressed with the creativity and thoughtful writing – we're looking forward to seeing the final versions!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
JUNE	
Mon 30 th June	Yrs 5/6 Rounders Fest at Teesdale Leisure Centre, B.C.
w/c 30.06.25	Careers Week
JULY	
Tues 1 st July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Thurs 3 rd July	Sports Day - rescheduled
Wed 9 th July	FOMS School Trip to The Forbidden Corner, Middleham, N.Yorks
Thurs 10 th + Fri 11 th July	Year 6 Transitions to secondary school
Wed 16 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - am
Wed 16 th July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair - pm
Fri 18 th July	Middleton's Got Talent – in house only
Fri 18 th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday