



NEWSLETTER

17th October 2025

A message from our school leaders:

Today, I am incredibly proud of our pupils for their outstanding performances during our Harvest Festival Celebration at The Pathway. The children's singing, reading, and beautifully delivered messages truly uplifted the room and filled it with joy and gratitude.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We are also deeply grateful for the generous donations of tins and non-perishable items, which will make a meaningful difference to those in need. Together, we have celebrated community, kindness, and the spirit of giving. Well done to all involved!

Next Friday, we invite all children to come to school dressed in their **favourite Halloween costume** for our **Spooky-Tacular Fun Day!** It promises to be a day full of laughter, creativity, and lots of fun. Don't forget we ask that you pay for your child's place prior to the event, via ParentPay (also, that children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to bring spending money for accessories up to a maximum of £5).

~ Friends of Middleton School (FOMS) ~

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	98.5%
Yr 2/3/4	98.2%
Yr 5/6	95.6%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

Theme of the Week: Five Currant Buns

This week at nursery has been full of delightful smells, sticky fingers, and joyful singing as we explored the rhyme, **Five Currant Buns in a Baker's Shop** through baking and music!

 **Baking Adventure:** Our little bakers rolled up their sleeves and got busy making their very own currant buns! With adult supervision, they measured flour and sugar, mixed the ingredients together, carefully put the mixture into the bun cases and finally waited for the buns to cook.

The children were fascinated by how these ingredients transform into delicious treats. We talked about where flour comes from, what yeast does, and how baking is a bit like magic!

 **Singing & Counting:** To complement our baking, we sang **Five Currant Buns** together, using props and hand motions to bring the rhyme to life. This activity helped children:

- Practice counting backwards from five
- Learn about money and simple subtraction
- Develop rhythm and memory through repetition

Each child had a turn to “buy” a bun using pretend pennies, which sparked lots of giggles and imaginative play.





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

What a wonderful few weeks we've had in Reception and Year 1! The children have been busy learning, creating, and celebrating the season in so many exciting ways. We ended the week with our joyful Harvest Festival, where the children sang beautifully for their families. It was heartwarming to see so many of you there, and the children were so proud to share their songs and smiles with you.

This week, we've been diving broom-first into the Halloween spirit with our class text *Room on the Broom*, by Julia Donaldson.

Reception have been exploring pumpkins—cutting, scooping, and investigating their textures and shapes. They've been cooking up spooky delights in the witchy role play kitchen, stirring imaginary potions and casting rhyming spells! Rhyming words have been a big focus, and the children have loved spotting them in their activities this week. They've also been on a shape hunt, finding circles and triangles in their environment and sharing their discoveries with great enthusiasm.

Year 1 have impressed us with their brilliant sentence writing, retelling the story of 'Room on the Broom'. They've also been exploring rhyming words and using them in their own writing. They have been learning about the inspiring artist, Alma Thomas, as part of our Black History Month celebrations. The children created vibrant artwork in her signature style, using colour and pattern to express themselves—what a beautiful display it's made!

In maths, Year 1 have been working hard on addition, subtraction, and fact families, using practical resources and games to deepen their understanding. In Design & Technology, they've designed, prepared, and enjoyed their very own fruit salads—a delicious way to learn about healthy eating and food preparation!





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What have we been up to?

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

Hello everyone! This week has been buzzing with creativity and learning!

In English, the children produced their own three-part stories inspired by the **Stone Age Boy**. Their writing was filled with fantastic adjectives, similes, adverbs, and conjunctions, making their tales really come to life!

In maths, Year 2 have been counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, while Year 3 have ventured into counting in 50s. Year 4 has been tackling the challenge of rounding numbers—brilliant effort all around!

We also took a moment to celebrate Black History Month by exploring the life and dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. The discussions were enlightening, and some children even delivered their own inspiring speeches. Our creative side shone through as we designed beautiful posters reflecting what would make the world a better place if we had a dream.

In history, we delved into Skara Brae, a fascinating Stone Age site. The children crafted informative leaflets imagining what visitors might find there.

Lastly, our preparations in school for the Harvest Festival have been a great success! The children sang wonderfully at The Pathway and truly made us proud during the service.

Thank you for your continued support.





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What have we been up to?

Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

We've had another busy and productive week in Year 5/6!

In Design and Technology, we completed our unit by evaluating our fantastic pneumatic dart frogs. The children worked hard to reflect on their designs and the mechanisms they used – some truly creative ideas were on display!

In music, we've been learning to play melodies on the ukulele. The children are quickly picking up new skills and showing great enthusiasm for this fun and challenging instrument.

Our Year 6 pupils have been working through mock SATs papers this week. These are a great opportunity to familiarise themselves with the layout and build confidence – we're really proud of their focus and resilience.

During PSHE, we've been learning about our rights and responsibilities. The children had thoughtful discussions about how we can all play a role in creating a respectful and fair community.

In geography, we continued our 'biome in a box' project. Some children chose to use natural resources to create woodland scenes, showing brilliant creativity and attention to detail.

We were incredibly proud of every child for their beautiful reading and singing at the Harvest Festival – it was a joy to see them perform so confidently.

Finally, we're looking forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening next week.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
OCTOBER	
Mon 20 th – Thurs 23 rd Oct	Parent's Evenings
Fri 24 th Oct	FOMS Halloween Disco, pm School Breaks Up
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