



# NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## A message from our school leaders:

On Thursday, we commemorated VE Day, the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. Children celebrated by filling our school with red, white and blue and learning more about the second world war in their class. The 80th anniversary provided an opportunity to connect younger generations with this significant historical event. It was a day filled of lots of learning and a wonderful celebratory lunch.

We are delighted to announce that we are in the very early planning stages for our new school build! At present, there are still lots of decisions to be made. However, this certainly is a very exciting time for our school community, and I am looking forward to sharing the plans with you once the designs have been confirmed.

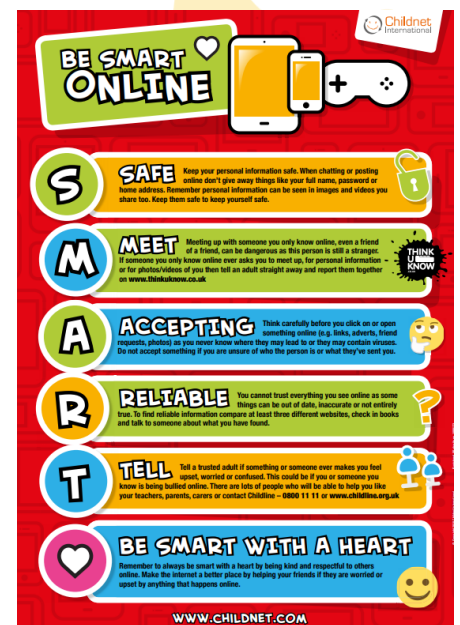
## Reminders and Messages

- 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.

~ *Friends of Middleton School (FOMS)* ~

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

### ~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	96.8%
Year 1+2	92.4%
Year 3+4	89.8%
Year 5+6	93.2%



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## EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

This week, in Nursery, we have been enjoying reading the story, 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children have loved re-enacting this story and they found an enormous turnip in our nursery garden, which they tried to pull out together. We have planted a selection of vegetable seeds in our garden and are watering them every day – we hope we can see some seedlings soon! The children also used their fine motor skills, helping to cut up the turnip, which was made into mashed turnip and turnip soup for snack time.

### RECEPTION

Our focus text this week has been, 'Safari Animals' by Paul Hess. This story has introduced new animals to the children, like hyenas, vultures and wildebeests. The children have written sentences about safari animals using a word bank and created a class factual text about hyenas.

In maths, this week, we have learnt our number bonds to 10. The children have learnt how to use their fingers to help them find number bonds to 10 and have written number sentences.

On Thursday we celebrated VE day! We talked about how life was different during the second world war and why we celebrate when it ended. The children enjoyed a yummy VE Day lunch with the rest of the school and waved their union jack flags.







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

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend. We have been extremely busy in Year 1 and 2 this week.

In English, we have been reading the enchanting story, "The Storm Whale." The students were tasked with predicting what Noi would find on the beach, which sparked their creativity as they crafted sentences using subordinating conjunctions.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been exploring the concept of equal groups, to enhance their understanding of multiplication and sharing. Meanwhile, Year 2 focused on identifying repeated patterns, whilst also reviewing their arithmetic skills to solidify their mathematical foundations.

In computing, our focus has shifted to spreadsheets. The children completed an information chart about different types of houses, subsequently inputting their data into a pictogram. This activity not only enhanced their technical skills but also encouraged them to analyse and present information visually.

We also had the pleasure of celebrating VE Day, where all the children looked splendid in their red, white, and blue attire. They created bunting for the occasion, enjoyed a lovely lunch in the hall together, and even constructed Spitfire aircraft models, which added a festive spirit to our commemoration.

We look forward to further exciting weeks ahead!





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## **Y3/4 – Miss McDonnell and Mrs Niven**

This week, Year 3 and 4 have had a very busy week!

In English the children have been writing persuasive letters; during maths our Year 3 students have been working hard on pictograms and bar charts, whilst our Year 4's have been learning how to measure perimeter.

On Thursday, we had a visit from Kerryanne Higgins, team member of the North Pennines National Landscape. Kerryanne was here to explain to the class all about our trip, 'Our Connected Uplands', which took place on Friday. Kerryanne also taught them a pollination game, which they enjoyed playing in the school yard.

Celebrating VE day on Thursday was an excellent day; we made shaker rattles and union jack biscuits. The whole school street party lunch in the hall was really good fun; we were waving our flags and we enjoyed listening to 1940's songs.

Friday's trip was really good fun, with Kerryanne and her team. We learned all about the very rare flowers called 'Blue Gentian' that grow only in 3 places on our earth. We enjoyed collecting rocks with all different colours and some which were sparkly. After a very long walk (at least 2 miles) we got back on the bus and visited Bowlees Visitor Centre; here the children ate their packed lunch before enjoying games of Pennine Bingo and playing in the mud kitchen.







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## **Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery**

What a short week, this one has been!

Next week, Year 6 sit their SATs, so in preparation we have had a big revision focus on Maths, SPaG and Reading, focussing specifically upon pronouns and the active and passive voice.

On Thursday, we celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. It was wonderful to see so many children wear red, white and blue to school. As part of this celebration, children wrote a diary entry as if they were participating at the event 80 years ago. Later in the day, the class created some silhouette artwork using the colours: red, white and blue. We thoroughly enjoyed our street party lunch in the hall, where our handmade bunting was displayed.

We hope that all children – especially those in Year 6 – have a restful and relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing them all bright-eyed next week!





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Upcoming  
Events:

	Event
<b>MAY</b>	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Yrs 3/4 Tri-Golf Festival at Barnard Castle Golf Club
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tri-Golf Comp for selected Yrs 3/4, at Barnard Castle Golf Club
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for Half Term
<b>JUNE</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Re-Opens to pupils
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Yrs 5/6 Athletics Comp at Bishop Barrington, B.A.
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Family Brunch for Father's Day, 9-10am
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Residential Trip to Robinwood
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability, Level 1 – Years 3+4
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability, Level 1 + 2 – Years 5+6
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Yrs 5/6 rounders Fest at Teesdale Leisure Centre, B.C.
<b>JULY</b>	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse, Gateshead
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> + Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	FOMS All the Fun of the Fair
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the Summer Holiday