



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## A message from our school leaders:

We are delighted with your support with improving pupil attendance across the school, which has enabled us to raise whole school attendance to 96.4%. Pupil attendance is so important to ensure consistency in children's learning and to allow pupils to build on knowledge and skills academically. Pupils in our school are making very good progress and we would like to thank you for your support, not only with attendance but also with homework and reading at home too. We wholeheartedly believe that by working in partnership with parents, we can provide the very best education for your children. Please remember, my door is always open for support and we are always open to feedback, so please do pop into school to see us if there is anything at all we can help with.

Today, some of our Year 5/6 students took part in an athletics competition held at Bishop Barrington. It was a fantastic day filled with energy and enthusiasm, and our team truly demonstrated hard work and dedication in every event. The atmosphere was electric as students from various schools competed, and we're all incredibly proud of how well our team performed. Other schools are yet to compete, so we eagerly await the final results. Fingers crossed for a great outcome! Well done Year 5/6!

We are looking forward to our second family brunch of the year, this time to celebrate Father's Day. All tickets have now been sold so we will see you on Monday at 9:00am for a delicious brunch to begin 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!

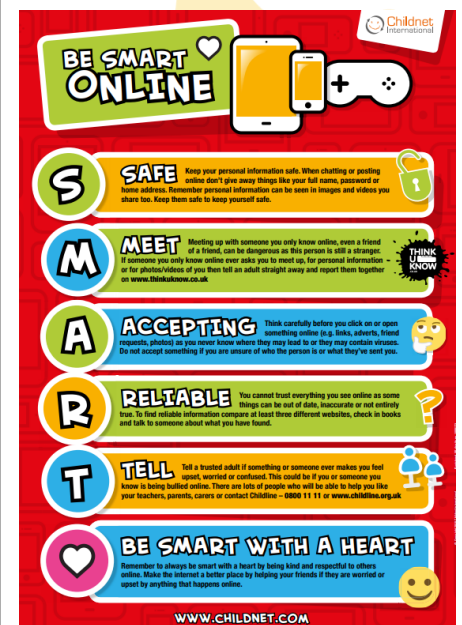
If you would be willing to join us please let the school office know.

## 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	85.2%
Year 1+2	90.2%
Year 3+4	97.9%
Year 5+6	95.2%



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What have we been up to?



## EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

### NURSERY

This week, in nursery, the children have been learning all about summer. We have read the book, 'What can you see in Summer?' We discussed what we might see during this season; what we might do, where we might go and what might we eat. The children told me that they might go to the beach, eat ice cream, that it is hot so you will need to wear a sunhat, sunglasses and use suncream.

We have talked about the wonderful words which are: summer, sunscreen, ice-cold, early and shine. The children explored ice and were encouraged to use the word 'ice-cold' to describe the ice. The children enjoyed using the smart board to colour in a picture of the sun, and outside we looked for signs of summer by looking at different flowers, the green leaves and plants which are starting to grow. Nursery enjoyed having yellow and orange paint in the table to draw the sun.

### RECEPTION

To begin our, 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' topic, our first topic book was, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children have enjoyed this fictional story about hungry seagulls stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch. We have written a shopping list to replace his lunch and wrote instructions for the lighthouse keeper on how to make a sandwich. We have also read the non-fiction text 'Seahorse', where the children have learnt all about seahorses.

In maths this week the children have been introduced to sharing (dividing by 2), by moving one item at a time to ensure it's fair. The children have also learnt how to distinguish if the number they are sharing is odd or even, by identifying if the two groups are equal and therefore it is even, or if one group has one more and it is therefore odd.

In our afternoon sessions this week we have written instructions, as a class, on how to make our own sandwich and then put these instructions to the test by following them to make a jam sandwich. With World Ocean Day approaching, we also learnt about how to look after our oceans and why it is important that they stay clean for the animals who live there.





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

What a brilliant time we had at our recent "Grab a Grown-Up" event! It was heart-warming to see so many parents joining in the fun and engaging in exercise alongside the children. The laughter and camaraderie were truly infectious, and it was a great opportunity for families to bond while staying active.

In English, our students have been immersed in the enchanting world of The Great Storm Whale. They have been making predictions about the story, and it's been delightful to watch their imaginations run wild! The discussions have sparked some fantastic insights and creativity, showing just how engaged they are with the narrative.

Meanwhile, in maths, our Year 2 pupils have been focusing on time, learning to read clocks and understand routines, while Year 1 has been mastering numbers to 100. It is evident that their confidence is growing, and they have made remarkable progress!

In geography, we've continued our exploration of Tulum, in Mexico. The children have been learning about the climate and weather patterns in countries near the equator, making connections that broaden their understanding of the world.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We truly appreciate it!







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

It's been a busy first week back at school for Year 3 and 4.

The children have worked very hard in all subjects, but I have been very impressed with the whole class attitude towards maths this week. Year 4 have tackled a tricky subject of completing symmetrical shapes. There have been some very complex shapes to complete, and they have all worked hard on understanding and completing as many questions as possible. So, a big well done to you all. Year 3 have also had a tricky time working on finding and ordering equivalent fractions. Some of the questions were quite difficult and every one of the Year 3's have persevered and completed what was asked of them, which I absolutely knew they would. So, another big well done to each of you as well.

In English we have started analysing a new chapter in the class book, 'Secrets of a Sun King'. Linked to this terms topic of Ancient Egypt. The children are incredibly creative and have some wonderful ideas for rewriting the narrative piece from a different perspective. I'm looking forward to seeing their work develop over the coming weeks.

A new topic of sound for science allowed us to get practical, using the drums, glasses, water, pasta and lentils to explore the vibrations of sound. The children changed the levels of water to adjust the sound and we discussed why that affected the vibrations. I think the favourite part of this practical lesson was the sounds made with the pasta and lentils on the drums!!





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

Welcome back to the final half-term – Summer is just around the corner!

Year 5&6 had a wonderful start to the week, where they received a one-off additional P.E. session. In the session, children learnt how to throw and catch a frisbee and had great fun playing mini team matches against one another.

As there is lots going on over the next few weeks, we have decided to do a mini-writing unit, where children in the class have created their own monsters. This mini unit will result in a short story of only 100 words and so far, the class have used 33 words to write their opening setting description. There are some very creative ideas!

In maths, Year 5 have finished their unit of position and movement; we have looked at translations and reflections as well as using co-ordinates to plot points on a grid. Though this has been tricky for some, I am impressed with the resilience of our Year 5 children whilst completing this unit!

In the meantime, Year 6 children have been preparing for their end of year assembly, taking inspiration from the poem 'My Magic Box'. It's heart-warming to hear the children reminisce about their time at primary school.

During our science lesson, we explored how shadows are formed and have prepared an investigation to carry out – though we are in need of some sunshine to do so!

On Friday, part of the class represented the school at an Athletics competition – we are incredibly proud of all of their efforts and achievements in this!





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Upcoming  
Events:

	Event
<b>JUNE</b>	
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
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Phototronics – Year 6 Leavers and Class Photos
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 secondary 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

Next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, staff from our Academy and Browney Academy are joining forces to take on a new challenge.....the Yorkshire 3 Peaks, in support of our lovely friend and colleague Vikki. We are hoping to raise monies to support **The Solan Connor Fawcett Cancer Trust**, who have been an amazing support to our wonderful friend.

If you would like to donate to our Just Giving page, please follow this link:

<https://loom.ly/WGsT3Xs>

