



NEWSLETTER

10th July 2026

A message from our school leaders...

Even though it has been a particularly warm week in school, the pupils have adapted superbly and continued to work hard in their lessons. We have taken several steps to ensure that the children remain as comfortable as possible throughout the day, including providing regular opportunities to drink water, making use of shaded areas during break and lunchtime, and adapting activities where necessary. The children have responded brilliantly and have shown great resilience despite the hot conditions.

The warm weather is expected to continue into next week, so please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle, sun cream already applied before school where possible, and a sun hat.

There has been plenty to celebrate this week. We are delighted that more pupils have successfully completed their pen licence assessments and received their pen licences. This is a significant achievement and reflects the hard work, determination and pride they are taking in their handwriting and presentation. It has been fantastic to see pupils striving to improve their writing across all subjects.

On Wednesday, a group of our pupils had the opportunity to represent the school at the **Trust Athletics Festival** held at Gateshead Stadium. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, demonstrating determination and exemplary behaviour throughout the day. They competed in a range of track and field events against pupils from other primary schools across the Trust and showed tremendous effort in every event. A huge well done to everyone who took part. We are extremely proud of all their achievements and the positive way they represented our school community. We look forward to sharing more successes as we move towards the end of another fantastic school year. 🏆 🎉

Friends of Middleton School - ALL the FUN at the FAIR

Monday, 13th July from 1 – 3pm **FREE of CHARGE**

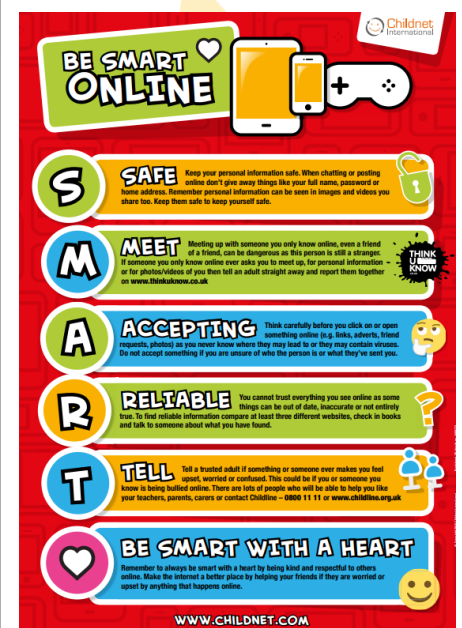
Pupils will have lots of fun on a range of stalls, including Tombola, Wet-the-Teacher, and Coconut Shy. Refreshments will also be available.

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	95.2%
Yr 2/3/4	99.1%
Yr 5/6	99.1%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week we have been reading the story, *The Gingerbread Man*. The children enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases and talking about the different characters in the story. We have also been learning some new **Wondrous Words** including:

Leaped – jumped high or a long way

Munching – eating something with enjoyment

Crumbling – breaking into small pieces

Gooley – soft, sticky and squishy.

Scurrying – moving quickly with small, fast steps

The children worked hard to use these words during their play and activities throughout the week.

Inspired by our story, we made our very own gingerbread men. While mixing the ingredients, we talked about how the mixture felt and agreed that it was very gooley! Once our gingerbread men were baked, we enjoyed munching them at snack time. The children were very proud of their baking skills and loved tasting their delicious creations.

We were also lucky enough to meet a visiting athlete, **Jenny Wallwork**, a GB badminton player. The children enjoyed learning about the sport and hearing about the athlete's training and achievements. Afterwards, we took part in some energetic circuits activities, including running on the spot and completing star jumps. Everyone tried their best and had lots of fun being active while developing their strength, coordination and stamina.

It has been wonderful to see the children using their new vocabulary, engaging in story activities and enthusiastically taking part in physical exercise.





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

We have had an exciting week in Reception and Year 1! The children spent some time with their new classes and teachers and had a lovely time getting to know each other better. It was wonderful to see everyone settling in and feeling excited about the year ahead.

We were also delighted to welcome **Jenny Wallwork**, a GB badminton player, who visited our school and helped us complete our fitness challenge. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and were inspired by her enthusiasm and sporting achievements.

Reception - Reception have been enjoying reading, *The Singing Mermaid* this week. The children have been discussing the story and have written some beautiful sentences about the mermaid, showing great imagination and developing confidence in their writing.

Year 1 - Year 1 have completed their topic on **time**, in maths, and have worked hard to develop their understanding of o'clock and half-past. They have also written some fantastic fact files about seahorses, using all the knowledge they have learned during their recent topic work.

In Design and Technology, the children have been busy building model houses from cardboard boxes. They have been exploring different tools and materials and thinking carefully about which methods are best for joining materials together to make strong and stable structures.

We are very proud of all the children's hard work and enthusiasm this week and wish you all a wonderful weekend.



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

We started the week with a fantastic visit from **Great Athlete, Jenny Wallwork**, an Olympic GB badminton player. She gave an inspirational assembly that really captured the children's attention and then challenged them to complete a fitness circuit. Jenny also explained why fitness is so important, encouraging everyone to keep active and look after their wellbeing. A big thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsorship money so far — it is greatly received and will help to support Great Athletes, as well as the school. This linked perfectly with Careers Week, where children came to school dressed as the career they aspire to have when they are older. The children looked brilliant and confidently shared the important skills each career would need. We were so impressed by their enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas.

Some of the children also represented the school at our **NELT Athletics** event. They were excellent in their events and showed resilience and respect throughout the day — we are very proud of them.

In class, we have begun writing our balanced argument about having a dragon as a pet, which has led to some imaginative and well-reasoned discussions.

In science, we looked at the parts of a plant, the function of each part and why each is so important.

To end the week, we had transition with our new class teacher. The children handled this really well and are looking forward to the next stage of their learning. Have a lovely weekend.





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up as their future careers this week. We were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and creativity shown, with pupils proudly sharing their aspirations and learning about the wide range of opportunities available to them in the future.

In maths, Year 5 have been working hard on conversions, applying their knowledge to convert between different units of measurement with increasing confidence and accuracy. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been busy preparing for their Leavers' Assembly. They have been reflecting on their time at primary school, practising performances and creating a memorable celebration of their achievements and experiences.

In RE, as part of our Buddhism topic, we discussed the idea of places of refuge and why people seek comfort, safety and peace in certain environments. The children then designed their own ideal safe space within school, thinking carefully about what it would look like, what features it would include and how it would help them feel secure and relaxed.

PE was full of excitement this week as the classes took part in a competitive game of rounders. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, with some fantastic batting and fielding on display throughout the matches.

In science, we explored different properties of materials and investigated how mixtures can be separated. The children learned about a range of separation techniques and considered how the properties of materials can help us decide the most effective method to use. They enjoyed discussing real-life examples and carrying out practical investigations to deepen their understanding.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
JULY 2026	
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15-9.45am
Fri 17 th July	Nursery, Rec + Yr 1 Beach Day, 1.30 – 3.00pm
Fri 17 th July	School Closes for Summer Holidays