



NEWSLETTER

14th November 2025

A message from our school leaders

This week, we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week with the theme, **Power of Good**. In classes, children learned about the different types of bullying and the importance of speaking to an adult if they ever feel worried or unsafe. We ended the week by discussing the value of diversity and how our unique qualities make our community stronger. To mark the occasion, everyone wore odd socks - a fun way to celebrate individuality and remind ourselves that being different is something to be proud of!

Well done to our fantastic footballers, who have been representing our school each Wednesday in the Education Enterprise Football League. Mrs Wharton reported that the pupils played with great sportsmanship and really stepped up the pace this week. Well done to our super team, we are very proud of you.

What a lovely week it has been as our classes came together to create beautiful poppy wreaths for Remembrance Day. The children from the school council did a fantastic job laying them at the cenotaph, showing such respect and honouring those we've lost. On the day, the entire school participated in a two-minute silence to remember not only those who have lost their lives in wars but also those who continue to be affected today. It was a solemn yet respectful moment, reflecting our commitment to never forget.

Our School Council organised a fantastic Bake-Off competition, Cake Sale and Pudsey Bear Raffle which was a huge success and helped raise a wonderful total of **£157.55** for this important cause. A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who baked, bought and supported the event - your generosity makes a real difference!

Reminders and Messages

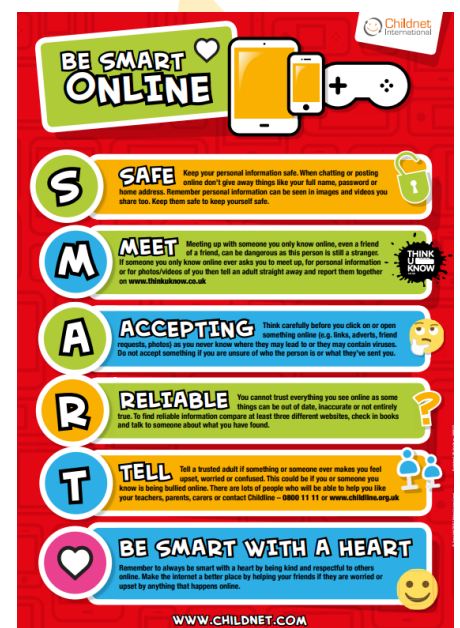
- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Please keep a LOOK OUT for upcoming events, which are being organised by our wonderful Friends of Middleton School!

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	96.3%
Yr 2/3/4	88.0%
Yr 5/6	92.4%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, we've continued our exciting journey through the Arctic! The children have been learning all about polar bears – did you know they are strong, huge and have a thick layer of blubber to keep them warm? We have been fascinated by their long bodies and powerful presence in the icy wilderness.

To bring the Arctic to life, the children have enjoyed sensory play, creating icebergs using real ice and ice bricks. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations flourish as they explored this chilly habitat. We have also been busy drawing polar bear pictures and sharing fun facts to help us remember everything we've learned.

In addition to our Arctic adventures, we took time this week to remember our soldiers. The children made a beautiful poppy wreath to be taken to the Cenotaph as a mark of respect. We are incredibly proud of how well Nursery participated in the two minutes' silence – a truly touching moment of reflection.





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

This week, the children have truly been wild things! Our class text, **Where the Wild Things Are**, has captured their imaginations. Together, they sailed across the sea to where the wild things live and joined in a wild rumpus! Reception have been using this week's Wonderous Words to create sentences describing the wild characters. Year 1 have worked hard to create story maps and explored Max's feelings throughout the story, preparing to write their own retells.

In maths, Year 1 have been investigating 2D shapes, learning their properties, and sorting them into groups. Reception have focused on numbers up to 5, matching different representations and learning the concept of 'one more'.

In science this week, Year 1 explored the sense of taste as part of their Humans topic. They had great fun blind-tasting different flavour groups and discussing their experiences.

This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the children learned about how bullying can happen online. They reflected on ways to stay safe and kind in the digital world, and the best ways to deal with difficult situations based on scenarios they had been given.





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What have we been up to?

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

This week has been an exciting one for the children as they delved into the story of **The Iron Man**. They set the scene beautifully by creating a vivid character setting, employing fronted adverbials and thought-provoking questions to convey a sense of caution throughout their narratives.

In maths, our Year 2 pupils have been exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction, really getting to grips with the concepts. Meanwhile, Year 3 students have been adding 10 to hundreds, tens, and ones, which has certainly strengthened their number skills. Year 4 have also been focusing on addition but have taken it a step further by practising the exchange method - well done, everyone!

In history, the children compared the similarities and differences between Stone Age and Iron Age tools, discovering how these innovations allowed people to settle during the Bronze Age. It was a fascinating exploration of our past.

To round off the week, we joined in the fun for Children in Need! The children participated in Joe Wicks' Live Activate session, an energetic and challenging workout that left everyone breathless - definitely an exhausting, but enjoyable experience! A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and children who generously bought raffle tickets and baked delicious cakes for this worthy cause.





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week Year 5/6 has been full of creativity, curiosity, and kindness. On Monday, we explored the fascinating world of Greek gods and goddesses, researching their stories before presenting our findings to the rest of the class. The children showed great confidence in sharing their knowledge and enjoyed learning from one another.

On Tuesday, we took inspiration from our history work and channelled it into art. The children designed and painted Greek-inspired plates, producing imaginative and colourful designs that reflected the myths and legends we had studied. Their creativity really shone through in this activity.

Thursday brought another exciting P.E. lesson. The children practised rolls and balances in gymnastics, showing determination, skill, and growing confidence in their movement. It was wonderful to see them challenging themselves and supporting each other.

On Friday, we proudly wore our odd socks to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week. Throughout the week, the children created thoughtful posters and wrote kind messages to one another, reminding us all of the importance of respect and friendship.

We have also been incredibly proud of the narratives the children have written, using *The Alchemist's Letter* as their stimulus. Their imagination and descriptive writing have been outstanding, and it has been a joy to read their work. Meanwhile, our class novel, *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, continues to enthral us, and we are all eager to read on together.





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Upcoming Events:

	Event
NOVEMBER	
Wed 19 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy
Wed 26 th Nov	Football League, King James Academy - FINAL
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
Friday 12 th Dec	Nativity – Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Mon 15 th Dec	Christmas Crafts, a.m. – parents welcome
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Dinner School Choir at Middleton Luncheon Club

MIDDLETON-in-TEESDALE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all parents, children and staff for supporting our wonderful Children in Need events this week.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl did a fantastic job of selling raffle tickets to win the Pudsey Bear soft toy. We raised £57.00 from this. Our cake sale, from the Bake-Off competition, was a huge success and we raised £100.55.

That's a whopping total of **£157.55** altogether for Children in Need 2025!

