



MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year at Middlewich Primary School. We extend our warmest greetings to all our returning families as we embark on a new academic year. The children have settled well into their new year groups and it has been lovely to see them working hard in their new classrooms. We also extend a warm welcome to our new families and the newest members of our school, the reception children. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) teachers are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new environment. We look forward to them joining our upcoming assemblies in the coming weeks. We have a busy term ahead, so please have a look at the key dates outlined below to stay well-informed and engaged in our school community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday 21 st September	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Information Evening	6 pm
Fri 22 nd , Mon 25 th and Tues 26 th September	EYFS and Year 1 Phonic session for parents/carers	9 am to 9:30 am
Wednesday 27 th September	PTFA AGM Meeting	6 pm
Friday 29 th September	EYFS Phonic session for parents/carers	9 am to 9:30 am
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9 am to 10 am
Monday 2 nd to Thursday 5 th October	Year 6 Arete Residential	
Thursday 12 th October	Open morning for prospective and current parent/carers	9:15 am to 11:15 am
Friday 13 th October	Year 2 visit to Anderton Boat Lift	All day
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 5 River Walk	TBC
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th October	PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale	3:30 pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 4 visit to Teggs Nose Country Park	All day
Friday 20 th October	School closes for half term	3.15 pm & 3.20 pm
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY – Parent/Carer consultations	All day
Tuesday 31 st October	School opens for pupils	8.40 am
Thursday 2 nd November	PTFA Fireworks night	5:45 pm
Tuesday 7 th and Tuesday 21 st November	Year 2 visit to the canals in Middlewich	TBC
Thursday 30 th November and Friday 1 st December	Bikeability for year 5	All day
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 3 visit to the theatre	Morning
Friday 8 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair	5 pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Carols by Candlelight	TBC
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas	3.15 pm & 3.20 pm

New School Goal

This year our school goal is 'Working together to achieve the very best.' Over the year, children will be encouraged to embrace and continually reflect upon our school goal. Mrs Reynolds will start each week with a Monday assembly, providing children with the opportunity to revisit this goal and set the tone for a weekly thematic focus. These themes will be followed up in the children's classroom during a circle time activity.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Join us for our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 29th September, from 9 am to 10 am**. You should have already received a letter with all the details regarding arrangements and donations. This event is always well-received and serves as an excellent opportunity for both new and prospective parents/carers to get to know each other while contributing to a worthy cause. Please join us if you can.

Town Sports Success

Last week, our year 4, 5 and 6 children participated in the Town Sports event. We would like to say a big congratulations to all the children who took part. They all showed remarkable enthusiasm and support for their team members. We're thrilled to announce that Middlewich Primary School came first and now the trophy sits proudly in the school entrance hall. Well done Middlewich Primary School!

PTFA News

Our next PTFA meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 27th September at 6 pm**. Please do come along if you can spare a bit of time. Your presence and support are invaluable to our dedicated PTFA team. Whether it is volunteering at events, collaborating within a small team to organise activities or becoming a member of the PTFA committee, any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Please contact pta@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk with any enquiries. This term, we look forward to PTFA events such as the annual firework display on Thursday 2nd November, and our Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December.



School Parking

A reminder that unauthorised vehicles are **not permitted on the school car park without prior authorisation from the headteacher**. Permits are allocated to Blue Badge holders only. Our school is very busy at the start and the end of the day and it is vitally important that no unauthorised vehicles enter the grounds for the safety of our children and their families.



Attendance

We are pleased to announce that Kelly Gooch, a member of the school attendance team at Cheshire East Council, will be working with our school to offer valuable support for pupil attendance. Kelly will be onsite every other Friday.

Holidays during Term Time

We would like to remind all parents/carers that holidays should not be taken during school time. Holidays are only authorised in extremely exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences will be reported to the local authority, and a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

E-safety

We currently do allow pupils in years 5 and 6 to bring a mobile phone to school if their parents/carers require them to do so for walking home reasons. However, children are explicitly informed that phones must not be used on school grounds and should be handed to the class teacher during registration. Children younger than year 5 or 6 should not bring phones into school.

Contact Details

It is vitally important that we hold up-to-date contact information for you. We require at least two emergency contacts on record. Please ensure any new contact information, including addresses, phone numbers or email addresses are emailed to the office so that our systems can be updated. Thank you.

Scooters/bikes

Please can we remind all families that children should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school playground. All children should dismount at the school gates and walk their bike/scooter to the bike shelter. This will ensure our school grounds are safe at busy times.

Messages to School



Please can we ask that any email correspondence to school is made using our main school email address, admin@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk. Please do not send texts to school via the Schoolcomms system as this is not monitored daily.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Reynolds