

# Middleton News



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Hooray we have seen some sunshine today! It is great to be back and enjoying the Summer term following the Easter holidays. Apologies that this newsletter is a little delayed but the past couple of weeks have been very busy in school with a visit from Ofsted and a residential trip among the itinerary. The pupils are all focused on their new topics and looking forward to a busy term with exciting Summer events.

### Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day celebration is fast approaching and will take place the afternoon of Monday 20th May. We invite all families to spectate at this event, and those who enjoy a bit of healthy competition may put themselves forward for the parents race at the end! The event will start promptly at 1.15pm. The gates will be open from 12.45 for parking on the school field and we kindly ask that you do not arrive before this time. You will be able to take your child home with you at the end of the event. If you wish to do so please inform us of this when you arrive.

# Parents on the playeround

Parents will be invited to join us at lunchtime on the playground on the 12th, 13th and 14th June. A letter will be coming home soon

with specific dates and times for each class and an opportunity for you to book your place. Over the half term holidays, we are having a large proportion of our playground refurbished. It will be a fun week for pupils, staff and parents alike to explore the new play resources.

Thank you to all of the staff and pupils who attended Kingfisher Klub in the Easter holidays. We had a fabulous time despite the weather! We hope to run two Kingfisher Klub days in the Summer holidays; Wednesday 14th August and Wednesday 21st August. More information, and an opportunity to book on will be circulated soon.



# **Tales From The** Chalkface!

#### **Lower School**

Lower School are enjoying their new topic 'All about Ware'. The children are exploring sport and leisure in the local area. They are learning about rivers and nature and will soon be starting on a new book 'Mr Gumpy's outing' which

relates to this off site learning. This week the pupils have been looking at maps in their geography lessons.





The pupils are continuing to develop their baking skills and are also enjoying sensory play sessions.





#### Middle School

The children in Middle School have begun their new topic entitled 'The local area' and also 'Rivers and water'.





In PE lessons the pupils have been learning how to send and receive a ball. In Science lessons they have been experimenting to find out what a plant needs in order to grow and stay healthy.



In PSHE lessons the pupils have been learning about water safety and linking this to their off site visit to the river Lea.

#### **Upper School**

Upper School pupils are busy with their new topic; 'Great Britain through the decades'.

In cooking lessons they made Wacky War cake when learning about World War II



In art lessons the pupils made mosaics in the style of Gaudi, from the 1920's.



In Maths lessons the pupils have been learning how to tell the time with an analogue clock.



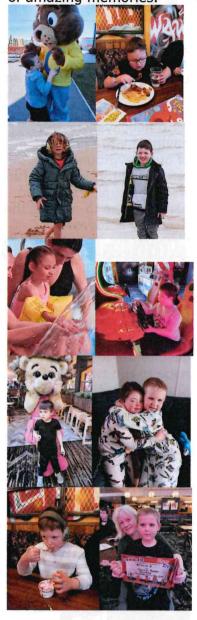




This term we have welcomed a new Teaching Assistant; Andy Ward to Kestrels class. Welcome to the team.



Last week, many of our pupils in Year Two enjoyed a residential trip to Clacton with a stay in a caravan! The children ( and staff) thoroughly enjoyed their adventure and created lots of amazing memories.



## **Dates for the diary**

Attached to this newsletter you will find a Summer term plan with our key events listed.

Monday 20th May –
Sports Day 1.15pm start
12<sup>th,</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> June –
Parents on the playground
at lunchtime
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June –
Middle School Assembly

Also attached to this newsletter is a list of term dates and INSET days for the academic year 2024/2025. This may come in handy if you are

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planning on booking holidays! Please note that there are two weeks at May half term which does allow families to take a holiday when it is quieter and cheaper! The start of the Autumn term is Monday 2nd September. However, please note that this is an INSET day and the school is closed to pupils. Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September is the start date for pupils new to the school and the majority of our current pupils will return to school on Wednesday 4th September. You will receive a letter towards the end of this term which confirms your child's new class and also their start date in September.

I hope that everyone enjoys a fun weekend making the most of the sunshine.

Warm regards

# Debbie Hartley





#### Middleton School Term Dates 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd September – school begins for pupils new to the school.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – school begins for majority of pupils

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half term

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – early closure at 1.00pm to allow for staff training

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November – FOCUS week - History

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Pupils return to school

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February - early closure at 1.00pm to allow for staff training

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter holidays

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – pupils return to school

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Focus week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Half term (note; **2 week half term**)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – pupils return to school

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET DAY - school closed to pupils

THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July – TRANSITION DAY

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

( please note that this date differs to Hertfordshire term dates.)



#### MIDDLETON SCHOOL PLANNER April – July 2024

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