



Middleton News



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SUMMER'S HERE!

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 playground

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.

Kingfisher Klub

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.



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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'.

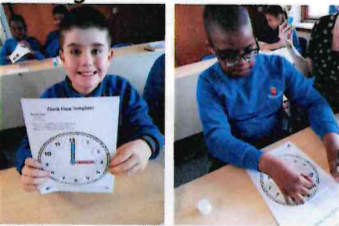
In cooking lessons they made Wacky War cake when learning about World War II



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.

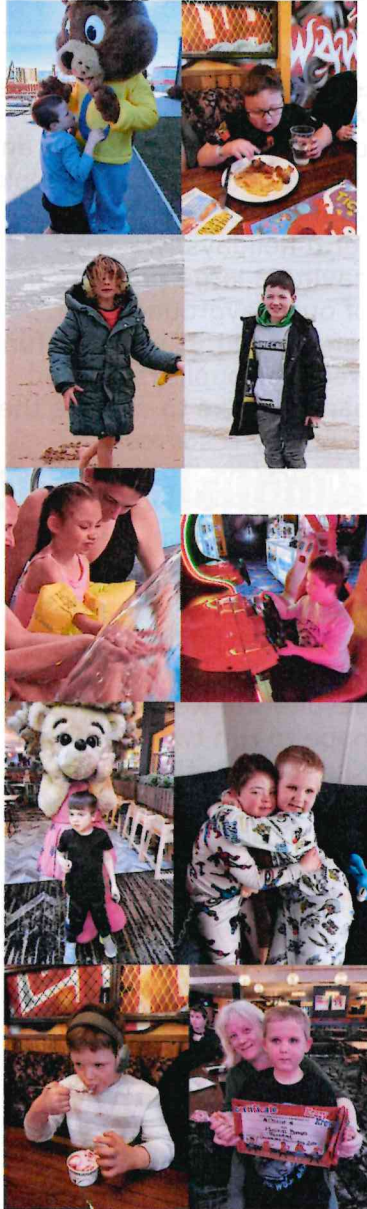


This term we have welcomed a new Teaching Assistant; Andy Ward to Kestrels class. Welcome to the team.



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

12th, 13th, 14th June –

Parents on the playground at lunchtime

Thursday 13th 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 3rd 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 4th September – school begins for majority of pupils

Tuesday 15th October - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half term

Friday 8th November – early closure at 1.00pm to allow for staff training

Week commencing 18th November – FOCUS week - History

Friday 20th December – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 – Pupils return to school

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half term

Friday 28th February - early closure at 1.00pm to allow for staff training

Friday 4th April – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April – Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April – pupils return to school

Tuesday 6th May - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th May – Focus week

Monday 26th May – Friday 6th June - Half term (note; 2 week half term)

Monday 9th June – pupils return to school

Thursday 3rd July - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

THURSDAY 10th July – TRANSITION DAY

Thursday 24th 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

	April	May	June	July
M	1			1 FOCUS WEEK
T	2			2
W	3	1 L/S return and go to Clacton		3 Yr 2 Dev't Day am Football event
T	4	2		4
F	5	3 L/S return from Clacton Gymnastics pm		5
S	6	4	1	6
S	7	5	2	7
M	8	6 Bank Holiday	3	8 Rapid Fire Cricket
T	9	7 INSET DAY	4	9
W	10	8 Kingswood meeting	5	10
T	11	9 KS1 agility pm Parent Training 7pm	6	11 TRANSITION DAY
F	12	10	7	12 Swim Gala?
S	13	11	8	13 Family Picnic
S	14	12	9	14
M	15 PUPILS return	13 SATs week	10 Pupils Return 'Parents on the playground' week	15 L/S assembly
T	16 L/S EHCP reviews	14	11	16 Governors 7pm
W	17	15	12 Paradise Park L/S	17 U/S Assembly
T	18 Parent training 7pm	16	13 M/S Assembly	18 Prom Yr 6
F	19	17 Sports practice pm	14 Cricket pm	19
S	20	18	15	20
S	21	19	16	21
M	22	20 SPORTS DAY	17	22 Leavers assembly and lunch
T	23	21 Tag rugby pm	18 Year 4 transition talk	23 End of term 1.15pm
W	24 Boccia event	22 Badminton am	19	24 Summer Holidays
T	25 Parent training 7pm	23	20	25
F	26 Yr3 & 4 reports home	24	21 Theatre performance pm	26
S	27	25 Half Term Break	22	27
S	28	26	23	28
M	29 KS1 pupils to Clacton	27	24 Yr 6 Kingswood	29
T	30	28	25	30
W		29	26 Yr 6 return	31
T		30	27	
F		31	28 INSET DAY	
S			29	
S			30	

