



MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year at Middlewich Primary School. It has been lovely to see the children settling well into their new year groups, working hard and enjoying their new classrooms. A special warm welcome to our new families and reception children. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team is delighted to see how well the children have adapted to their new environment. We can't wait for them to join our whole school assemblies soon!

Please take note of the key dates below to stay informed about upcoming events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 2 local Area Walk	
Thursday 26 th September	Open Morning for Prospective and Current Parent/Carers	9:15am to 11:30am
Monday 30 th to Thursday 3 rd October	Year 6 Arete Residential	
Tuesday 1 st October	Year 2 local area walk	
Wednesday 9 th October	PTFA AGM Meeting	6pm
Friday 11 th October	Year 2 Visit to Anderton Boat Lift	All day
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 2 Local Area Walk	
Tuesday 22 nd October	Year 4 visit to Teggs Nose Country Park	All day
Tuesday 22 nd October	Year 2 Local Area Walk	
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent/Carer Consultations	3:30pm to 7pm
Thursday 24 th October	Parent/Carer Consultations	3:30pm to 5:30pm
Thursday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term	
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY	All day
Monday 4 th November	School Opens for Pupils	8.40 am
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 5 visit to Potteries Museum	All day
Wednesday 6 th November	PTFA Fireworks Night	TBC
Thursday 28 th November	Year 3 Visit to the Theatre	Morning
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Non-Uniform Day	All day
Friday 6 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair	5 pm
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS visit to New Vic Theatre	
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Carols by Candlelight	6pm
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas	3.15 pm & 3.20 pm

New School Values and Motto

This year, we are excited to introduce our updated school values. Our new values are:

We strive to achieve,
We engage and enjoy,
We show care and respect to each other.

These values are at the heart of everything we do. We encourage all children to live by these values to ensure they achieve their best. Our former school goal, "Working together to achieve the very best" has now become our official school motto, reflecting our commitment to teamwork, growth and success for everyone. Mrs Reynolds will continue to lead our whole school assembly each Monday, where children will revisit and reflect on these values. These assemblies will be reinforced through classroom circle time, allowing children to further explore and apply these principles. Stay tuned for the launch of our new website, where you will find more details about our school's vision and values.

PTFA News

Our next PTFA meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 9th October 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 **Wednesday 6th November**, and our Christmas Fair on **Friday 6th December**.



The PTFA have planned the following events for this academic year. Please add them to your diary!

DATE	EVENT
Friday 7 th February	PTFA School Discos
Wednesday 2 nd April	PTFA Easter Bingo
Wednesday 21 st May	PTFA School Discos
Friday 4 th July	PTFA Summer Fair

Behaviour Awards

This year all children will continue to earn red and green stampers for great behaviour and super work. When children reach 10, 20 and 30 stampers, they can enjoy a visit to Mrs Reynold's office to receive a headteacher's prize and sticker. A slight change to this system this year is that postcards will only be sent for those children reaching 30 stampers – we hope this will be everybody! Mrs Reynolds will also send out postcards through the year to celebrate particular successes or achievements for individuals.

Sunrise and Sunset Squad

We are pleased to offer both breakfast and after-school provision. To secure your child's place, please visit our online booking portal: <https://middlewich-primary.hivellink.co.uk/> For further details, visit our school website via the following link: <https://www.middlewichprimary.org/page/breakfast-after-school-club/136853>

We are delighted to welcome many new children to Sunset Squad recently. Please note that while the staff are getting to know parents/carers, you may be asked for a pin number when collecting your child from Sunset Squad. Please make sure you have this ready.



As the children often play outdoors during Sunset Squad, if you arrive and no one is present, please contact our Sunset Squad staff on 07396 819195.

Start and End of the School Day

To ensure the safety of all, we kindly request that children refrain from using the play equipment at the beginning and end of the school day. Your cooperation in creating a safe environment for everyone is greatly appreciated. Middlewich Primary School cannot be held liable for any accidents that occur during these times. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Holidays in 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.

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.



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.

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 and all the staff at MPS