



Middlefield Primary Academy

Headteacher's Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2025

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a little late to say it, but welcome back! It has certainly been a busy start to the term. Working across two schools is always a challenge, but myself, Mr Smith and Mrs Peckham are slowly getting back into the swing of things, and the children have already settled into their learning routines brilliantly.

I think I now know all of our new Reception children's names—although they are very good at correcting me when I get it wrong! They have settled in beautifully and we are so proud of the start they have made to school life.

We are also delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our MPA team:

Mrs Lillistone and Miss Connor, our new class teachers and to Mrs James, who has joined us as a Midday Supervisor.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Heather, who stepped in as Head Cook for the first two weeks of term. Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Winn at the end of the summer. We wish her all the very best for the future—she has been part of Middlefield for 10 years and has always gone the extra mile. In the meantime, the children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed Mr Heather's delicious meals—thank you, Mr Heather, for all your hard work. He has now moved on to another school within our Trust. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Porter as our new Head Cook. I have already tried Mrs Porter's lasagne and it was incredible!

There has also been quite a bit of change with teachers moving year groups this year. I have to say, they have all settled brilliantly into their new classes—although I do still find it a little strange seeing Mrs Hunt in Year 1 and Mr Shevki and Mrs Catchpole in Years 5 and 6! Mrs Hunt has particularly enjoyed introducing Year 1 to their new class pet, Milo the hamster, who has been a big hit with the children.



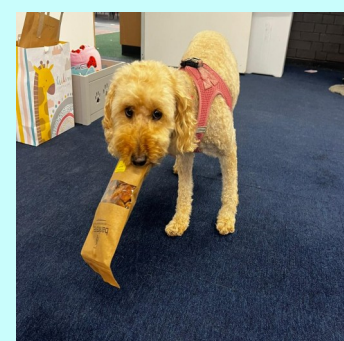
A huge thank you to Select Plant Hire for their incredible generosity! During the summer, a team from the company volunteered their time and equipment to help us tackle the neglected area behind the chicken's enclosure. They worked tirelessly to clear the space, removing old weeds, debris, and overgrown bushes. Thanks to them, we now have a clean slate! We hope to turn it into a nice peaceful garden in the spring. One sugges-



tion from the children last year was to fill it with sunflowers so the chickens had something nice to look at. We will update you on our outdoor learning at the end of every half term.

Finally, our Celebration Assemblies resumed today—always the perfect way to end the week and send us all into the weekend with that Friday feeling!

Best wishes from Mrs Besant and all of our Middlefield children and staff and, of course, Pippa. (Stealing treats!)





October

Thursday 9th –Tuesday 14th – Book Fair

Monday 27th–Friday 31st–Half Term

November

Monday 3rd–Training Day

December

Friday 19th–Last day of term

January

Monday 5th–Children Back to School

February

Monday 16th–Friday 20th–Half Term

March

Friday 27th–Last day of term

April

Monday 30th March–Friday 10th April–Easter holidays

Monday 13th–Staff Training Day

Tuesday 14th–Children Back to School

May

Monday 4th–May Bank Holiday

Monday 25th–Friday 29th–May Half Term

June

Monday 1st–Children Back to School

July

Friday 17th–Last day School for Children