



Middlefield Primary Academy

Headteacher's Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like months since I last wrote a newsletter – the Easter holidays already seem like a distant memory. During the holidays, Mr. Witton (with help from his daughter Sian), built our fantastic new bike shed. This has been on Mr. Smith's wish list for five years, and thanks to the amazing support of the PTA, the dream has finally become a reality! We're sure you'll agree—it looks fantastic. A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone involved in making it happen!



We've had a packed couple weeks here at school, filled with exciting activities and events. From our fantastic trip to Grafham, to swimming lessons, Dodgeball competition, and of course today's History Off the Page experience. Photos will be on Dojo shortly!

Since returning after the Easter break, we've moved to in-house dining and rebranded as the Diamond Diners! The children are especially enjoying the return of the help-yourself salad bar, and the improved food choices have been a big hit. It's been wonderful to see so many happy faces at lunchtime :)



The Year 4 children had an incredible time at Grafham! A huge thank you to Mr. Smith, Mr. Hinkley, and Mrs. Needham for their dedicated supervision during the trip. The children returned full of exciting stories on Monday morning! We hope you all enjoyed the peace and quiet while they were away!



Thursday 8th May is the 80th anniversary of VE day (the end of the second world war in Europe). To mark this very special occasion, we will be having a non-uniform day where everyone can wear something red, white and blue. Donations are not required for this day.

Thursday 8th May at 2.45pm is also the Year 3 Class assembly. Please come to the front office. It will start at 2.45pm.



Last week the children in EYFS were able to release the butterflies that they have been looking after. The children enjoyed watching them fly off and used some lovely language throughout.

It was lovely welcoming in so many EYFS parents to Home time Readers yesterday. Thank you!



With the weather getting hotter, please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and a water bottle. We also ask that suncream is applied before coming to school to help keep them protected throughout the day.

Remember—we have another bank holiday! We'll see you on Tuesday 8th May. Fingers crossed for the sunshine.

Best Wishes and keep safe

Mrs Besant and all of our Middlefield children and staff and, of course, Pippa.





Middlefield Primary Academy Celebrates Double RHS Gardening Award Success!

We have some incredible news to share! Middlefield School's gardening efforts have been doubly recognised by the RHS. We are delighted to announce that we have not only achieved Level 2 but have also soared to Level 3 of the RHS School Gardening Award!

This remarkable accomplishment highlights the dedication, learning, and planet-friendly practices that are now deeply rooted in our school garden.

At Level 2, we proudly demonstrated that:

- Everyone contributes to our gardening plans: Our children actively participate in decision-making, from selecting plants to planning layouts.
- We are learning new gardening skills: Through hands-on experience, our children are continuously developing valuable gardening knowledge and practical abilities.
- We use gardening to support our wellbeing: Our garden serves as a nurturing space that promotes relaxation, engagement, and positive mental health for everyone.

Building on this strong foundation, at Level 3, we successfully showed that:

- We grow and can name a range of plants: Our garden now boasts a diverse collection of plants, and our students are becoming knowledgeable in identifying them.
- We keep our plants healthy: We've implemented effective techniques to ensure our plants thrive and flourish.
- We are planet-friendly gardeners: Sustainability is at the heart of our gardening practices, as we care for our environment.

The hard work, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit of our children have made these incredible achievements possible.

The excitement doesn't end here! We are now setting our sights on the next challenge: Level 4 of the RHS School Gardening Award. This will undoubtedly bring even more opportunities for learning, growth, and environmental stewardship within our school community.

Stay tuned for updates on our journey towards Level 4 and the exciting new projects blooming in our garden!

Growing Stronger Together!

Mrs Barker



OUTDOOR LEARNING



Family Advisor

Lorraine Simon

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

Appointments in school

Individual Appointments for Middlefield Primary Academy parents:

Appointments available on the following Mondays, from 9am.

14th October 2024

13th January 2025

12th May 2025

11th November

10th February

9th June

9th December

10th March

14th July

To make an appointment, please ask at the school office,
or contact your linked worker for an alternative appointment time

*Appointments are being held back in school, but families may need to be aware of any restriction if the Coronavirus situation changes.
Appointments may need to be held via Microsoft Teams.*



May

Monday 5th—May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th—VE Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 8th—Year 3 Class Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 12th- Thursday 15th—Year 6 SATS

Thursday 22nd - EYFS School Trip

26th—30th— May Half Term

June

Monday 2nd—Staff Training Day—No School

Tuesday 3rd—Children back to School

Thursday 12th—Class Photos

Monday 16th—New EYFS Parent Meeting 4pm

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th—Year 6 Transition Days @ Ernulf & Longsands

Thursday 26th June—Yr1&2 School Trip—Letter to follow shortly

July

Wednesday 2nd—Y5 School Trip (More information to follow shortly)

Thursday 3rd —Y3 School Trip (More information to follow shortly)

Tuesday 8th—Sports Day KS2 am—KS1 -pm

Monday 14th pm—Year 6 leavers show

Wednesday 16th—Friday 18th—Y6 Hilltop Residential

Wednesday 23rd—Last day of Term