

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Why do we Remember?



Honouring the Past: A Powerful Act of Remembrance Across Our School and Trust



Last Friday, the schools across in our Trust came together in a shared act of remembrance, marking an important moment to reflect on the sacrifices made during times of war and conflict. Remembrance assemblies are a vital part of our school life, offering young people the opportunity to learn about history in a deeply personal and meaningful way.

This year, our school alongside our Trust produced a special broadcast shared with all pupils from Nursery to Year 13. At the heart of this broadcast was a moving piece of drama, created and performed by some of our Y5 pupils alongside students from Macmillan Academy, and filmed on location at Beamish, the Living Museum of the North.

The performance focused on the experiences of young men on the Home Front during World War II, particularly those who served as Bevin Boys in coal mines rather than on the battlefield. Many of these men felt overlooked or undervalued, and their stories are a poignant reminder of the many forms of service and sacrifice. By engaging with these narratives, we hope our pupils gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of war and the importance of remembrance. It is our aim that they leave these assemblies not only with historical knowledge, but with empathy, respect, and a sense of gratitude for those who gave so much.

This year's broadcast and remembrance activities have served as a powerful way for our school community to come together, reflect, and honour all those who have lost their lives in conflict. For more on work undertaken during 'Why do we Remember Week', please see newsletter page 4

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen, Mrs A Jefferies





Attendance & Punctuality



GET IN THERE!

SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

School attendance Wb 3.11.25	94.6%
Class with the highest attendance wb 3.11.25:	Class 13 100%
Attendance for the school year to date:	94.3%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 3.11.25	week	*cum.
Class 1	91%	92.1%
Class 2	97.6%	96.3%
Class 3	97.1%	96.4%
Class 4	94.8%	95.4%
Class 5	94.4%	94.6%
Class 6	97.3%	95.9%
Class 7	97.3%	97.1%
Class 8	91.1%	94.5%
Class 9	62.5%	66%
Class 10	96.1%	87.4%
Class 11	92.9%	91.6%
Class 12	96.4%	94.3%
Class 13	100%	96.1%
Class 14	93.5%	94.7%
Class 15	96.4%	96.3%
Class 16	97.9%	93.7%
Class 17	94.6%	92.6%
Class 18	92.9%	96.6%

*Cumulative from 2.9.2594.3

<90%	90% +	96%+
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If you need help or support with getting your child into school on time, or with anything attendance related, please contact our Attendance Officer – Details below.

School Attendance Officer: **Mrs Lisa Davies**
School Attendance Champion: **Mr S Cowgill**

Attendance Hotline: ☎ **01642 804 101**
option 1



ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Each week all pupils with 100% attendance for the week are awarded an **Attendance Challenge Token** which they then place in our token jars. There is one token jar for EYFS, one for KS1 and one for KS2.

At the end of each half term, we choose tokens from each jar. Pupils who have their name drawn are able to choose prizes from the attendance prize box. Last week we had **347 pupils** with 100% attendance for the week which is 83% of our school. Each will receive a token to place in their token jar. Well done!

Archibald Attendance Aces

Our Archibald Attendance Aces are pupils with 100% attendance for the term. At the end of the term all pupils who are Attendance Aces receive a special treat.

We currently have **152 pupils** in our Attendance Aces Club.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Bands



<90%	RED
90%-96%	AMBER
96%+	GREEN

Last week (wb 3.11.25) we had a total of **202 pupils with improving attendance** (up from 161 the week before half term). This figure includes 3 pupils whose attendance improved enough to move from amber attendance band to green attendance band and 12 pupils who moved from red attendance band to amber attendance band. Well done!

Unfortunately we have 49 pupils with a declining attendance trend, including moving from green to amber or red band or from amber to red band.

Mrs Davies will be contacting the parents and carers of these pupils to offer support in helping them to help improve their child's attendance moving forward.

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Monday 10th November

Anti-Bullying Week See Page 4

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2025**

Monday 10th November

Tuesday 11th November

Rhyme Time 9am @ KFC Foundation



Thursday 13th November

NEW Y5 Class 15 'We can be Engineers' visit to Middlesbrough College

Friday 14th November

BBC Children in Need 2025 See Page 5



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm (New Time)

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 18th November

NEW Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics at Eston Sports Centre

Wednesday 19th November

NEW Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics - Eston Sports Centre 1-3.30pm

COMING SOON

Monday 15th December

End of term Performances:

Y4 @ 2pm, Y6 @ 3.15pm

Tuesday 16th December

End of term Performances:

Y2 @ 9am, Y1 @ 10am. Y Y3 @ 2pm, Y5 @ 3.15pm

NEW Nursery and preschool Christmas Family Day – Details to follow

Wednesday 17th December

End of term Performance:

Reception @ 9am

Thursday 18th December

Christmas lunch

Friday 19th December

End of term – School closes 1:30pm

Monday 5th January 2026

Spring Term 2026

School opens for pupils 8.30am/8.35am

Monday 23rd February

Half term Holiday

MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK

Week 1	Main Course	Dessert
M	- Baked Sausage with mashed potato - Pasta Bolognaise with crusty bread(V)	Apple sponge with custard
T	- Chicken Curry and rice served with naan bread - Homemade pizza (V) with oven roasted wedges	Bakewell tart with custard
W	- Roast Chicken and stuffing with garlic and herb potatoes - Omelettes with roasted potatoes (V)	Peach flapjack
Th	- Tomato wholegrain pasta bake with garlic bread (V) - Minced beef pie with boiled potatoes	Ice cream with fruit compote Fruit jelly
F	- Quorn Cottage pie (V) - Salmon nugget or salmon fish finger and fish fingers with chips	Feathered sponge with custard
Available Daily	Jacket potato with choice of filling (cheese, tuna mayo) Daily Vegetable Selection Sliced Bread	Fresh Fruit Fruit Jelly Cheese & crackers
	Assorted fresh sandwiches and wraps Fresh salad bar options	



*All meals are freshly cooked on the premises each day.
Menu subject to change depending upon supplies and deliveries.
Did you know?... Our lunch menu rotates on a three-week cycle
You can check out the full menu on our school website. Click [HERE](#)*

Speech and Language Advice Line



**Do you have
a child under 5,
and live in
Middlesbrough?**

**Do you have
questions or
concerns
about their
speech and
language
skills?**

**Iona, the
Family Hubs
Speech and
Language
Therapist, is
here to help**

**To book a
call with
her ring
01642
579120**



Why do we Remember?

Class 10 Medals and Coins

Last week, courtesy of Mrs Lawman, Class 10 were fortunate to look at and hold some fascinating primary and secondary sources, including real shillings and medals, as part of their 'Why Do We Remember?' week.

The children were captivated by the items, showing great curiosity and respect as they explored the historical objects



Nursery Field of Poppies

As part of our school focus on remembrance last week, our morning and afternoon Nursery classes made and decorated their own poppies. They then created their own field of poppies



BBC Children in Need

Friday 14th November 2025



This year, our theme for Children in Need is wear pyjamas!



On Friday 14th November 2025

We would like you to come to school wearing your pyjamas. It can be any pyjamas (as long as they are warm) and of course you can wear any Pudsey or yellow clothes.

You can help to support Children in Need by donating £1 per family, or anything you can.

Please bring in donations on Friday 14th November.



We will once again be raising money for Children in Need and having lots of fun on Children in Need Day 2025.

This year Children in Need is on Friday 14th November.

Our School Council have organised a non-uniform day with the theme of pyjamas. For a small donation pupils can come to school in Pyjamas for the day instead of their school uniform. If they prefer, pupils can wear Pudsey clothes instead of school uniform for the day. Please do not incur expense by going out to buy clothes or pyjamas especially for this day.

Money will be collected by Class teachers in their classrooms on the morning of Friday November 14th. Alternatively, donations can be handed in at the school office. BBC Children in Need believe that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be and for this to happen, they want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face. Money donated to Children in Need 2025 will help this vital work.

Y3 Craft Club



Craft Club is once again up and running with Mrs Lawman. The children are excited to be back crafting. "School is better than holidays because you learn things!"

(Olivia, Y3 Craft Club member)





This week is Anti-bullying Week.

The theme of the week this year is 'Power for Good'

For this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, Power for Good, we focus on the importance of using power responsibly.

The definition of bullying involves a power imbalance, where one person uses their power to control or harm another.

Throughout Anti-bullying week, pupils will engage in a range of assemblies and activities to help them to understand that where they may have power and/or influence, they have a choice and a responsibility to use that positively, encouraging kindness, support, and standing up for others.

Pupils will learn that power needs to be used carefully. Power should never be used to dominate, control, coerce or manipulate others.

By equipping pupils with the skills to recognise power dynamics and encourage respect for each other's rights, we aim to foster and grow an environment where everyone feels that they belong, are safe and valued

To Launch Anti-Bullying Week 2025 we will be hosting and 'odd sock day' on Monday 10th November and would like as many pupils as possible to come to school in odd socks for the day.

