

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Archibald Kindness Challenge

At the start of term all pupils attended our ‘Welcome ack assemblies. Teachers shared all the exciting learning journeys that pupils will be engaging with throughout the term. They shared the books they will be reading, the writing tasks they will complete, the geography, art, DT and RE themes they will be working on and any visits that are planned.

At the end of the assembly, Mr Farrington introduced the Archibald Kindness Challenge.

Pupils are challenged to demonstrate and then record their acts of kindness throughout the term on their kindness challenge grids.

Mr Farrington will collect in the completed grids later in the term and will draw prizewinners from those completed.

Archibald Kindness Challenge

Tick off or colour in each challenge as you complete it.

Ask someone new to play or talk with you.	Pass someone something they need.	Tidy things away to help your group or class.	Share an idea with someone to help their learning.	Tell an adult thank you for something they did today.	Tell someone some good news.	Pay someone a compliment.
Show someone how to do something they need help with.	Hold the door open for someone.	Tell someone thank you for something they did today.	Say good morning to 3 people you do not usually talk to.	Ask someone how they are feeling and listen to their reply.	Tell someone what you liked about their work today.	Listen to someone without interrupting them.
Wait and give someone time today when they need it.	Set a good example for others to follow today.	Ask someone standing alone if they would like to talk or play.	Pick up 3 things that fell on the floor and put them in the right place.	Put someone's coat back on a peg if you see it has fallen off.	Wish 3 people a good evening before you leave for the day.	Return something to the person it belongs to or who needs it.
Help someone else to give an answer in class today.	Tell an adult which other pupil has been kind to you today.	Do a job that will help someone else today.	Smile and say hi to 3 people not in your class today.	Tell someone how they are a good friend.	Smile at everyone.	LOADING...

STARS of the WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded **Organisation Awards** in our Christingle Assembly at the end of last Term.

Class 1 – Talia
Class 2 – Benjamim
Class 3 – Shanya
Class 4 – Asa
Class 5 – Lily
Class 6 – Georgia-Leigh
Class 7 – Brian
Class 8 – AdeJay
Class 9 – Hallie
Class 10 – Syed
Class 11 – Balikiss
Class 12 – Linisha
Class 13 – Isaac
Class 14 – Honey
Class 15 – Ayman
Class 16 – Matteo R
Class 17 – Denny
Class 18 – Zaydan
Breakfast Club – Ellie C Y5
Congratulations to all the stars!

Our school theme this week is **Resilience**. Teachers will be looking to reward pupils in our Star of the Week Assemblies on Friday morning.

The PE focus this week is **self belief**. PE teachers will be looking to reward pupils in PE lessons this week.



It is very important that children stay with the adult picking them up at the end of school. As the school site is so busy younger children should hold the adult's hand so the adult knows where they are at all times.

The end of school is not a playtime and pupils must not be running around in the playgrounds, playing on equipment or elsewhere on the school site. Please leave the school site promptly at the end of school. Gates are locked at 3.15pm.

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





Attendance Dashboard



GET IN THERE!

SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

School attendance Wb 5.1.26	91.8%
Class with the highest attendance wb 5.1.26:	Class 15 98.6%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.4%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 5.1.26	week	*cum.
Class 1	95.5%	93.5%
Class 2	91.6%	94.4%
Class 3	91.3%	94.1%
Class 4	85.2%	92.4%
Class 5	90%	93.4%
Class 6	96.7%	94.8%
Class 7	95.7%	96.1%
Class 8	96%	94.2%
Class 9	74%	73.4%
Class 10	93.7%	90.6%
Class 11	91.9%	92%
Class 12	89.3%	94.1%
Class 13	86.7%	94.2%
Class 14	84.3%	93.4%
Class 15	98.6%	94.8%
Class 16	98.3%	94.9%
Class 17	94.3%	92.7%
Class 18	93.9%	95.3%

*Cumulative from 2.9.25

<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 **310 pupils** with 100% attendance for the week!

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. Last Monday our Attendance Aces for Autumn Term 2025 attended a special New Year Party.

We currently have **310 pupils** in our Attendance Aces Club for Spring Term 2026.

Helpful Hints for Top Attendance

- Unless they are too ill to attend school, **all pupils should be in school, on time every day.**
- Whenever possible **medical appointments should be made outside of school times.** If a pupil has a medical appointment in school time you should provide the school with evidence. There is no need to stay off school all day for a medical appointment. If possible, your child should come into school at the start of the day to get an attendance mark for the morning session, and then return to school after their appointment.
- **Pupils should not stay off school on their birthday.**
- **A leave of absence form must be completed for holidays.** The school cannot authorise holidays in term time – such absences will be classified as unauthorised.
- **Our Attendance officer is here to help.** If you are struggling to get your child/ren to school on time, please contact school

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

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13th January

Rhyme Time at KFC Foundation



Thursday 15th January

Closing date for Reception applications for September 2026

Friday 16th January



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19th January

Y3 Class 7 Swimming lessons at Borocuda – every afternoon for two weeks



COMING SOON

Thursday 29th January

NEW Class 6 visit to Teesmouth Filed Centre, Hartlepool

Friday 30th January

NEW Class 5 visit to Teesmouth Filed Centre, Hartlepool

Monday 2nd February

Y6 Practice SATs Week 1

Monday 23rd February

Half term Holiday

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day 2026

Information to follow

Friday 6th March

Handwriting Competition Awards presented

Monday 9th March

Y5 Peat Rigg Adventure

Monday 16th March

Y6 Practice SATs Week 2

Friday 20th March

Red Nose Day 2026

Information to follow

Monday 23rd March

Triangulation Meetings all week

Monday 30th March

Triangulation Meetings all week

Thursday 2nd April


Archibald Attendance Aces 100% attendance Reward

School Closes for Easter Holiday

Please keep a look out on the weekly newsletter for further dates of planned events in school. We aim to give you as much notice as possible. Please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.

MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK

Week 2	Main Course	Dessert
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chicken AlfredoPizza wrap (V) served with oven roasted wedges	Steamed Eves pudding and custard
T	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Homemade Cottage pieQuorn burger In a bun (V) with roasted potatoes	Jam shortbread fingers
W	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toad in the hole served with mashed potatoMacaroni cheese served with crusty bread (V)	Beetroot chocolate brownie
Th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minced beef and Dumplings served with mashed potatoCurry and rice (V) served with naan bread	Pear crumble and custard
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Battered fish or Fish portion and chipsCheese and Tomato crustless Quiche (V)	Homemade biscuits
Available Daily	Daily Vegetable Selection Sliced Bread	Fresh Fruit Fruit Jelly Cheese & crackers
	Assorted fresh sandwiches and wraps Fresh salad bar options	
	<p><i>All meals are freshly cooked on the premises each day. Menu subject to change depending upon supplies and deliveries.</i></p> <p>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</p>	



Do you have a child aged 0 years to 2 years, or a child who does not get to spend much time with other children of a similar age? Do you want an opportunity to get together with other mums and dads and carers with similar aged children in a relaxed, fun, engaging environment? If so then please think about joining our Rhyme Time sessions. Sessions take place at 9am each Tuesday at KFC Foundation, Meath Street.

For more information, please see posters around school or speak to Mrs Hill, Mr Cowgill, or the school office.

Sessions take place every Tuesday

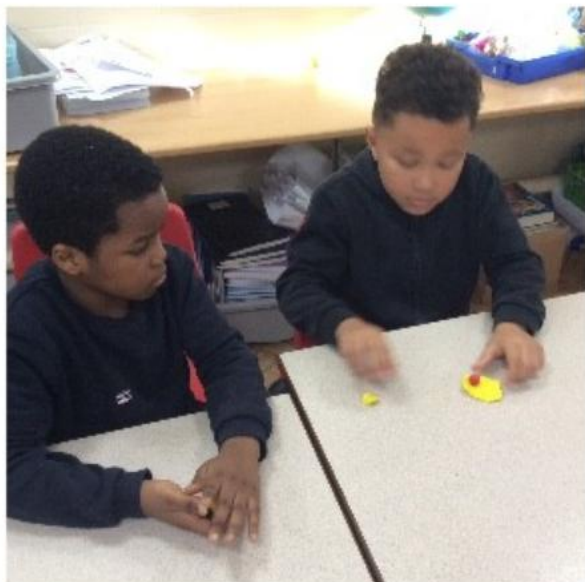


Celebrating Achievements

Congratulations to Zara from Y1 Class 3 who is celebrating success in her first showjumping competition.

Despite also being the youngest competitor Zara managed to take second place! Well done Zara!

Focus on Geography



Here are the Class 8 Geographers who kick started their Geography learning context of Rocks, Rumbles and Volcanoes last week by creating the Earth using plasticine. They looked at the different layers; inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. Then cut the plasticine Earth in half to see the inside.

ENDEAVOUR ACADEMIES - FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Hours: 37.5 hours per week – term time only plus 5 training days

Salary: NJC Scale Point 13-15

Actual salary: £25,197 – £26,029

Endeavour Academies Trust is seeking to appoint a Family Support Worker to work across both of our schools, Macmillan Academy and Archibald Primary School. As a Family Support Worker, you will play a crucial role in supporting our children and families in making the most of their education and time at school. The Family Support Worker will work alongside key staff, children, families and external agencies to encourage positive attitudes towards keeping children safe, great attendance and successful education.

This is a varied and rewarding opportunity to support our children and their families and to work as part of a great team. If you think you have the qualities we are looking for, we would very much like to hear from you.

Closing Date: Monday 26 January 2026

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Completed application forms should be returned to Human Resources, Macmillan Academy, Stockton Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 4AG or by email to recruitment@macademy.org.uk.

For more information, person specification and Job description, please refer to the school website, Click [HERE](#)

FAMILY FOCUS PROJECT OFFER

Many families in our community are feeling increased pressure from rising household costs this time of year.

To help, The Junction Foundation is offering a **FREE budgeting and money management course**, along with **shopping vouchers** for parents in Middlesbrough.

Please see information and contact details below and to the right.



Need a bit of extra support? We're here for you and your family

Life can be tough—but you don't have to go through it alone.

Our one-to-one support is personal, friendly, and built around you. You'll be matched with a dedicated Project Worker who'll listen, understand, and help you take small steps toward positive change.

We'll support you at your pace, without judgement, and always with your strengths in mind.

You might find this helpful if you're:

- Struggling with money or housing
- Feeling alone with no support
- Dealing with health or wellbeing challenges
- Looking to build confidence or get into work or learning

We're here to walk alongside you—every step of the way.

Tel: 01642 756000

Email: simone.shaw@thejunctionfoundation.com

www.thejunctionfoundation.com



Family Focus Weekly Drop-in

Connecting you to the right support

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

FREE New Year programme
for parents from January

How we can help

- Money worries, bills, housing problems
- Emotional wellbeing and health support
- Meeting other families, training and employment

Pop in for a friendly chat to find out more

Every Tuesday 9.15am - 10:30 am

North Ormesby Community Hub TS3 6JB

Every Thursday 9.30am - 11.00pm

West Middlesbrough Family Hub
Whinney Banks TS5 4JS

West Mbro Family Hub:
Thursday Jan 8th 9:30 - 11.00 pm

Be Inspired!!
Create your own
Vision Board
Make your New Year
Goals a reality!!



Thursday 15th, 22nd and 29th Jan
9:30-11:30pm

Budget better
Lower your bills
Make your money
go further!



FREE
everyday
essentials
to take
home

In partnership with:



Funded by:



Email: info@thejunctionfoundation.com Phone: 01642 756 000 / 07487 387 787

Removing barriers- Transport and childcare can be arranged to enable parents to access these sessions- on an individual needs basis.

Archibald Primary School works in partnership with a number of organisations to support our pupils and their families.

We are sharing the information below on behalf of Teesside University.

School of Health
& Life Sciences



Teesside University Eye Clinic

Binocular Vision & Visual Stress

Helping You See And Learn More Comfortably

Our Binocular Vision and Visual Stress Clinic provides specialist assessments for children, young people, and adults who are experiencing difficulties with tasks such as reading and writing. We assess how well the eyes focus (accommodation) and work together at near (convergence). Where these are normal, we can also carry out visual stress testing to explore other visual factors that may affect reading comfort and performance. We will then work closely with you to explain the results in a plain, easy-to-understand language and outline any next steps. With your consent, we can then share these results with teachers, SEND staff, or other professionals supporting you or your child.



Who Is The Clinic For?

This clinic may be suitable for:

- School-age children who find reading, writing, or close work difficult or tiring
- Young people or adults who experience visual discomfort during study or work
- Anyone referred for a dyslexia assessment who needs a vision check beforehand
- Patients advised to have further vision testing by a teacher, SEND staff member, optometrist, educational psychologist, or other health professional



How To Book

For patients/parents to book an appointment



For professionals to refer a patient



Please email eyes@tees.ac.uk with all enquiries or to book an appointment



A Request from Middlesbrough Council SEND Team

Are you a parent of a child in Reception or Year 1?

We need your help - please help us to make positive changes for children who are transitioning from nursery to reception.

Please take 2 minutes to complete the anonymous feedback questionnaire.

Click on the link or scan the QR code.

Thank you.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/...>



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Parent Carer Conference -

Hosted by Middlesbrough SEND Parent Carer Forum in collaboration with Middlesbrough Council



This event is open to all parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) who live in Middlesbrough.

This includes families of children who are diagnosed, undiagnosed, receiving SEN support, or have an EHCP – as well as those who may not yet identify their child as having SEND but would like to learn more about available support.

Venue: The Crypt, Middlesbrough Town Hall, TS1 2QJ

Date: Thursday 22 January 2026

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Lunch provided

Featuring:

An opening introduction from Middlesbrough SEND Parent Carer Forum

Key updates on SEND and inclusion from Middlesbrough Council

A selection of engaging workshops on topics including inclusion, EHCPs and mental health support (details to be confirmed soon)

A marketplace filled with information, advice and services to support families

A delicious lunch and a chance to meet other parents and carers

Book your place by
scanning the QR code
or emailing:



info@mspcf.org.uk