

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Keeping Your Children Safe on the Journey to and from School

Some parents and local residents have recently raised concerns about anti-social behaviour on the streets near school, including drug use in public places. This type of behaviour is unacceptable, is upsetting to hear, and we want to tell you what we are doing about it.

What the school is doing

- We have significantly increased security of our school site with the installation of gated access routes.
- When we have been notified of incidents, we have shared information about when and where the problems happen with Cleveland Police and our Middlesbrough Council Neighbourhood Link Worker.
- We have raised the matter with the local council and Middlesbrough Council Deputy Mayor, Phillippa Story, and asked for more visible patrols at the start and end of the school day.
- Staff will continue to keep a visible presence at the school gates at drop-off and pick-up times.

How you can help

We would be grateful if all families could take a little extra care on the walk to and from school:

- Please walk with your child and keep them close to you, especially younger children, and particularly when crossing the footbridges over the A66.
- If you have an older child in Y5 or Y6 who has permission to walk home on their own, please stress the importance of going straight home after school.
- Walk to/from school with other parents/carers or family groups where you can.
- If you see anyone behaving in a way that worries you, keep your distance. Please don't approach them.
- Remind your children never to touch needles, syringes or other litter they find. They should tell a trusted adult straight away.

If you see something of concern, please report it. Call 999 if anyone is in immediate danger, or 101 for anything else. You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please let us know too, so we can continue to report incidents and pass the information on to our partners.

If your child mentions anything they have seen and you would like some advice, please speak to us - any member of staff. Our door is always open.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe.

STARS of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded **Share your Concerns and Celebrate your Achievement Awards** in our Celebration Assemblies on Friday morning.

Class 1 – Sarah
Class 2 – Bobby
Class 3 – Talia
Class 4 – Lucas
Class 5 – Arabella
Class 6 – Hikela
Class 7 – Gavi
Class 8 – Isabella
Class 9 – Shyanne
Class 11 – Ayhan
Class 12 – George
Class 13 – Jasmine
Class 14 – Ishal
Class 15 – Akshdeep
Class 16 – Livanna-Rae
Class 17 – Reggie
Class 18 – Alexis

Deputy Headteacher Award:
Jason – Class 8

Headteacher Award:
Isabelle – Class 11

Congratulations to all the stars!

Our whole school theme this week is:-
5 Golden Rules

Our PE theme this week is **Determination** - PE teachers will be awarding certificates in PE lessons throughout the week.

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs C Hill





Attendance Dashboard



GET IN THERE!

SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

School attendance Wb 5.10.26	94.9%
Class with the highest attendance wb 5.10.26:	Classes 13 & 17 4 100%
Attendance for the school year 2026-27:	94.8%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2026-2027

wb 5.10.26	week	*cum.
Class 1	82.7%	91.5%
Class 2	95.8%	93.3%
Class 3	86.6%	88.4%
Class 4	98.3%	96.9%
Class 5	92.4%	93.3%
Class 6	98.2%	97.8%
Class 7	98.6%	98.9%
Class 8	91%	92.1%
Class 9	92.5%	90.2%
Class 11	97.1%	96.9%
Class 12	97.5%	97.5%
Class 13	100%	92.7%
Class 14	97.3%	96.6%
Class 15	92.8%	95.5%
Class 16	98.5%	97.9%
Class 17	100%	96.5%
Class 18	98.4%	93.5%

*Cumulative from 3.9.26

<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

We expect all our pupils to attend school on time every day.

Each week all pupils with 100% attendance for the week are awarded an **Attendance Challenge Token** which they then placed in our token jars.

There is one token jar for EYFS, one for KS1 and one for KS2.

Last week (wb 28.9.26) we had **340 pupils with 100% attendance**, - 8 more than the previous week 😊.

They will each receive an Attendance Challenge token.

At the end of the half term, we will draw tokens out of each jar, and each pupil who has a token drawn will receive a special attendance prize. Pupils with more tokens in the jar stand a better chance of winning a prize.

Archibald Attendance Aces

Our Archibald Attendance Aces are pupils with 100% attendance for the term. At the end of this term all pupils who are Attendance Aces receive a special treat. **We currently have 225 Attendance Aces.**



Our school expectations for attendance are very clear.

We expect all our pupils to attend school on time every day unless they are too ill to do so.

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that this happens.

Please be aware that failure to ensure that your child attends school regularly can result in referrals to Middlesbrough Council who will issue fixed penalty notices.

The first penalty notice is **£160 if paid within 28 days**, reduced to **£80 if paid within 21 days**. If a parent receives a second notice for the same child, the penalty notice will be **£160 to be paid within 28 days**.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued, and court action will be taken instead.

As a school we can support you if you need support. Please ask if you need help or support.

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

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Monday 12th October

Triangulation Meetings Week 2
Y6 Catch up Swimming (Week 2 of 2)
Flu Vaccinations in school for those pupils whose parents/carers have signed up.

Tuesday 13th October

Rhyme Time for 0-2+ years – see newsletter page 3 for more information.



Thursday 15th October

VISIT Y6 visit to Heugh Battery, Hartlepool – Group 1

Friday 16th October

NEW National Rail – Railway Safety Assemblies

NEW Y6 Rugby Festival at Middlesbrough Rugby Club

Archibald ECO SHOP

open from 2:15pm



NEXT WEEK

Thursday 22nd October

VISIT Y6 visit to Heugh Battery – Group 2

NEW Cleveland Fire Brigade Safety Assemblies

Friday 23rd October

PD Day 3 School Closed to pupils

COMING SOON

Monday 26th October – Friday 31st October

Half Term Holiday – School Closed

Monday 2nd November

PD Day 4 – School Closed to pupils

Friday 6th November

Turner on the Tees – Arts Workshops – Details to follow

Monday 9th November

Special Week – 'Why do we Remember?'

Thursday 12th November

VISIT Class 12 Interfaith Workshop @ Newport Hub (1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Monday 16th November

Anti-bullying Week – Break the Silence

Friday 20th November

BBC Children in Need 2026

Wear Pyjamas theme – details to follow.

Thursday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day 2026

Wednesday 16th December

NEW EYFS Christmas Family Day 2026 – Details to Follow

Friday 18th December

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU This week is WEEK 2



Middlesbrough School Meals

Primary school 3 Week menu cycle

Nutritious, balanced and freshly prepared meals your children will love.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Homemade pizza with oven baked wedges OR Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Beef and veg stew with dumplings and mashed potato OR Popeye veggie lasagne	Roast chicken, stuffing and Yorkshire pudding with mashed potato OR Macaroni Cheese	Chicken curry with 50/50 rice OR Quorn cottage pie	Fish fingers with chips OR Omelette with chips
	Sweetcorn, Carrot and Peas	Broccoli, Swede and Sweetcorn	Seasonal veg selection	Cauliflower and Green Beans	Peas and Beans
	Pear crumble with custard	Chocolate and beetroot brownie	Banana muffin	Oaty biscuit	Marble sponge with chocolate custard
	Watermelon topped pizza	Strawberry Greek yoghurt	Banana muffin	Vanilla rice pudding with pears	Crackers and cheese
WEEK 2	Pizza wrap with oven baked wedges OR Cheese and broccoli quiche	BBQ chicken with baby boiled potatoes OR Veggie taco's	Cottage pie OR Quorn sausage and mash	Chicken tikka with 50/50 rice OR Cheese roll with mashed potato	Salmon fishcake with chips OR Quorn tomato pasta
	Sweetcorn, Broccoli and Carrots	Corn on the cob and Peas	Seasonal veg selection	Peas and Baby Carrots	Peas and Beans
	Peach flapjack	Carrot cake	Chocolate fudge cake with oranges	Viennoise biscuit	Iced lemon sponge
	Banana oat bread	Peach smoothie	Apple and oat muffin	Cheese and cracker	Banana ice cream
WEEK 3	Pizza pinwheels with oven baked wedges OR Quorn bolognese pasta bake	Beef lasagne with baby boiled potatoes OR Quorn chicken casserole	Toad in the hole with mashed potato OR Chicken korma with 50/50 rice OR Jacket with cheese	Chicken and vegetable pie with baby boiled potatoes OR Quorn burger in a bun	Fish portion with chips OR Tomato pasta
	Sweetcorn, Broccoli and Green Beans	Peas and Corn on the cob	Seasonal veg selection	Cabbage, Swede and Carrots	Peas and Beans
	Pear sponge with custard	Sticky toffee pudding	Rice pudding with peaches	Jam and coconut sponge and custard	Fruit jelly with ice cream
	Peach Greek yoghurt	Bake blueberry cheesecake	Banana rice pudding	Crackers and cheese	Banana and custard

FRESH FRUIT & SALAD BAR

- Fresh seasonal fruit selection and yoghurts
- Crisp salad bar including lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, sweetcorn and grated carrot
- A selection of bread
- Drinking water and milk available daily



Please note: Items may vary depending on seasonal availability

Theme days will be catered for throughout the year and will be agreed with the school.

If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements
Please contact the school office.

Menu term dates
Week 1 October 5 th November 2 nd 23 rd December 14 th January 18 th February 8 th
Week 2 October 12 th November 9 th 30 th January 4 th 25 th
Week 3 October 19 th November 16 th December 7 th January 11 th February 1 st

Sandwiches and Jacket Potato choice – These options will be available daily as follows:

Monday – Cheese sandwich or Wrap
Tuesday – Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise
Wednesday – Ham Sandwich or wrap
Thursday – Tuna mayonnaise sandwich or wrap
Friday – Jacket potato with beans

RHYME TIME

Rhyme Time sessions for children 0-2 years and their parents/carers take place in school every Tuesday starting at 8.45am.



Sessions are led by our EYFS lead - Mrs McCourt and new participants are always welcome.

New members are always very welcome.



Spaces are available for parents/carers with children aged 0-2+years.

Come along, make friends and join in the fun with other parents and carers of children of a similar age.

For more information or to reserve a place please speak with Mrs Hill or Mrs McCourt, or just turn up on the day!

TRIANGULATION MEETINGS CONTINUE THIS WEEK



FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Triangulation Meetings

Home and school, working together so your child can reach their full potential.



A positive relationship between home and school is very important if children are to reach their full potential. A triangulation meeting is a **focused meeting between a teacher, parents/carers and pupil** and is a fantastic opportunity to develop this relationship even further.

When?



Week beginning

Monday 5th October



Week beginning

Monday 12th October

At the meeting you can...



Meet your child's teacher to discuss their **targets, attainment and next steps**



Share and celebrate your child's achievements



Find out **how you can** help them reach their full potential



See their **classroom** and what and how they'll learn in their new year group



Look out for your invitation from your child's class teacher.



Can't make your time? Please contact the school office on 01642 804101 and we'll arrange another time that suits.



It is very important that you attend. Important information will be shared at this time of year. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you!

PARENT & CARER QUESTIONNAIRE:

At the triangulation meeting you will be asked to complete our annual parent and carers questionnaire. This is your opportunity to let us know your opinions on school. Each completed questionnaire will be entered into a prize draw.

REMINDER: School Closes for half term on Thursday 22nd October. Friday 23rd October is a PD Day. Monday 2nd

Y5 HISTORY VISIT

As part of their Shang Dynasty topic, Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting the Durham Oriental Museum to bring their learning to life! The children enjoyed exploring the museum and discovering more about ancient history through a range of exciting activities.



They had the opportunity to see replicas of ancient artefacts and completed a gallery trail, working together to explore the exhibits and answer questions.

They took part in some exciting role play, where they really enjoyed getting into character and bringing history to life.

To finish the visit, they had a go at creating their own Taotie-inspired bronze pots. The children showed lots of creativity and enthusiasm as they designed their own ancient-style artefacts.

It was a fantastic day of exploring, learning and having fun.



Y2 HISTORY VISIT



Our Y2 pupils in Classes 5 and 6 have been learning all about famous local explorer, Captain Cook. As part of this work they visited The Captain Cook Museum in Stewart Park to see the exhibitions and participate in workshops about his early life and expeditions around the world.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD™ ATTEMPT

Last week pupils took part in a very special event! They were part of a new world record attempt!



The National Literacy Trust and the British Council were aiming to set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the most people reading online in 12 hours.

This record attempt is part of the *Take 10 to Read* campaign in the *National Year of Reading 2026* - with the simple message of: whatever you're into, take 10 to read into it.

Pupils took part across school and enjoyed 10 minutes lost in their books.

SUPERVISED **NHS** TOOTHBRUSHING PROGRAMME

We are committed to giving every child the best possible start, and that includes their dental health. Our area has some of the highest levels of tooth decay in the region, resulting in visits to dentist, hospitals and time off school - yet this is almost entirely preventable.

We are excited to be introducing a daily supervised tooth brushing programme in school. Just two minutes of brushing with fluoride toothpaste once each day can significantly reduce decay, pain and missed school days, and helps children build a healthy habit for life.

By taking part together in school, every child benefits — whatever their circumstances at home.

Our Staff have received training to ensure they, and the children undertake this safely - the children will be fully supervised by staff when they are brushing their teeth.

We will initially be starting this programme in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and class teachers will be talking about it and asking parents/carers to give permission for their children to participate during the triangulation meetings over the next two weeks. We hope to start the programme after half term.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please be aware that if your child is receiving prescribed fluoride supplements, then you will need to talk to your dentist before allowing your child to participate in the supervised toothbrushing programme.

You can withdraw your permission at any time from the programme – please inform us to do so.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



INFORMATION FROM KFC YOUTH FOUNDATION



YOUTH CLUB Schedule

The KFCYF Youth Hub, Meath St, Middlesbrough, TS1 4RY

Monday

15:30 – 16:30: **Recharge Youth Club** (Wellbeing Focused)
Ages: 10 - 16
Snacks provided, Crafts & Activities

16:30 – 18:30: **Power Youth Club** (Fitness and Boxing Sessions)
Ages: 10 - 16
Meal Provided

Tuesday

16:00 – 17:30: **Mixed Youth Club**
Ages: 8 - 16
Meal provided, Games, Crafts, Football & Baking

Wednesday

16:30 – 18:00: **Girls Rising Youth Club** (Girls only youth club)
Ages: 9 - 13
Meal provided, Crafts, Activities & Games

Thursday

15:30 – 16:30: **Recharge Youth Club** (Wellbeing Focused for LGBTQIA+)
Ages: 10 - 16
Snacks provided

16:00 – 18:00: **Energy Youth Club** (Self Defence and Fitness)
Ages: 10 - 16
Meal Provided

Allergies

You may be aware of new legislation around allergies. As a result of new statutory guidance we now have the following in place:

- An allergy safety policy click [HERE](#) to access
- A Designated Allergy Lead – Mrs Dipple assisted by Mrs Roberts
- Comprehensive whole-school training for all staff
- Spare adrenaline pens in school in addition to pupils' own prescribed pens
- Individual Healthcare Plans for pupils with allergies

If your child has an allergy it would really help support us in keeping your child safe if you let us have a copy of your child's allergy health care plan which you can obtain from tier GP.

Pupils with asthma should have an asthma care plan issued from their Health Care provider. If you can let us have a copy of these documents too, where applicable, that would also be very helpful.

Please speak to Mrs Roberts in the office if you are uncertain or need support with this.

ARCHIBALD PRIMARY SCHOOL – TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

	AUGUST 2026						SEPTEMBER 2026					OCTOBER 2026				NOVEMBER 2026					DECEMBER 2026					JANUARY 2027						
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Thursday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Friday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	20
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31

	FEBRUARY 2027					MARCH 2027					APRIL 2027					MAY 2027					JUNE 2027					JULY 2027					
Monday	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Tuesday	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Thursday	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	

Bank Holiday	
School Holiday	
PD Days – School is closed to pupils on these dates:	
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	
Friday 23 rd October 2026	
Monday 2 nd November 2026	
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	

Keep upto date with all the great things going on in school on social media:



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