

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Believe and Achieve



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Archibald Primary School

CHRISTMAS
JUMPER
Day

2025



Thank you to everyone who joined in. You looked great!



Over £230 raised
toward our
Christmas Parties
– Thank you

STARS of the WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded **Communication Awards** in our Star of the Week Assemblies on Friday morning.

Nursery – Rahand
Class 1 – Efram
Class 2 – Dilan
Class 3 – Zara
Class 4 – Andrei
Class 5 – Jason
Class 6 – Gavi
Class 7 – Leo
Class 8 – Dani
Class 9 – Roman B
Class 10 – Nam
Class 11 – Sara
Class 12 – Ishal
Class 13 – Jacob
Class 14 – Louie
Class 15 – Evie
Class 16 – Lola
Class 17 – Wania
Class 18 – Henry

Congratulations to all the stars!

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

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

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 8.12.25	92.5%
Class with the highest attendance wb 8.12.25:	Class 6 99.3%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.4%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 8.12.25	week	*cum.
Class 1	92.5%	93%
Class 2	89.5%	94.6%
Class 3	96%	94.1%
Class 4	90.3%	92.8%
Class 5	91.5%	93.5%
Class 6	99.3%	94.7%
Class 7	87.1%	96.5%
Class 8	98%	94.3%
Class 9	53.8%	64.1%
Class 10	97.9%	89.8%
Class 11	93.8%	91.9%
Class 12	92.6%	94.7%
Class 13	95.8%	95%
Class 14	97.5%	93.7%
Class 15	93.9%	94.6%
Class 16	96.7%	94.4%
Class 17	91.4%	92.1%
Class 18	90%	95.4%

*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 **330 pupils** with 100% attendance for the week which is 4 more than the previous 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.

We currently have **80 pupils** in our Attendance Aces Club.

Attendance Bands



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

Last week (wb 8.12.25) we had a total of **258 pupils with improving attendance** (up from 246 the previous week). This figure includes 16 pupils whose attendance improved enough to move from amber attendance band to green attendance band and a further 5 pupils who moved from red band to amber band. Well done – these 21 pupils will all receive attendance postcards this week.

Unfortunately we have 61 pupils with a declining attendance trend, including moving from green to amber band or 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.

IMPORTANT - END OF TERM

School will close at **1.30pm** on **Friday 19th December**
School reopens on **Monday 5th January 2026**
at **8:30am/8:35am**

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve” - Part of Endeavour Academies- <http://www.endeavour-academies.org>

Archibald Primary School E Safety Lead: Mrs J Davison, Mental Health Lead: Miss A Smailes

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Monday 15th December

Class 9 Christmas Craft Family Workshop – 1.30pm – 3pm

End of term Performances:

Y4 @ 2pm, Y5 @ 3.15pm

Tuesday 16th December

End of term Performances:

Y2 @ 9am, Y1 @ 10am.

Y3 @ 2pm, Y6 @ 3.15pm

Nursery and preschool Christmas Family Day. See final page of this newsletter

Wednesday 17th December

End of term Performance:

Reception @ 9am

Thursday 18th December

Christmas lunch

Nursery and Pre-school Christmas Party Day

Friday 19th December

Christingle Assembly

Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Party Day

– School closes 1:30pm -

NEXT WEEK

School Closed for Christmas and New year Holiday

COMING SOON

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026

School opens for pupils 8.30am/8.35am

Tuesday 6th January

Rhyme Time 9am @ KFC Foundation



Friday 9th December



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm

Thursday 5th January

Closing date for Reception applications for September 2026

Monday 19th January

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



Monday 2nd February

Y6 Practice SATs Week 1

Monday 23rd February

Half term Holiday


Monday 9th March

Y5 Peat Rigg Adventure

Monday 16th March

Y6 Practice SATs Week 2

Please be aware that there are some changes to the usual menu this week as it is the final week of term.

MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS		LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK
Week 3	Main Course	Dessert
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta beef bolognaise with garlic bread Homemade Cheese pastry or roll with mashed potato (V) 	Fruit sponge and custard
T	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes Chilli con carne and rice (V) 	Fruit Cheesecake
W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish portion or fish fingers served with chips Wholegrain Tomato and basil pasta bake served with garlic bread (v) 	Steamed chocolate sponge and custard
Th Christmas Dinner Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Turkey and Stuffing Quorn chicken fillet and stuffing (V) Quiche (V) Roast and Mashed Potato, Sprouts, Peas, Carrots, Cauliflower Cheese Yorkshire Pudding & Homemade Gravy 	Christmas Pudding Chocolate Iced Sponge Cake Trifle Christmas Shortbread Biscuit
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burger in a bun served with oven roasted wedges Lasagne and crusty bread (V) 	Apple oaty Flapjack
Available Daily	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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

School will close at 1.30pm on

Friday 19th December

Gates will be opened at 1:20pm

School reopens for Spring Term 2026 on
Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.30am /8.35am



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 restart on Tuesday 6th January

End of Term Performances – December 2025

Reception  Wriggly Nativity Wednesday 17 th December 9am	Year 1  Snowman at Sunset Tuesday 16 th December 10am	Year 2  'The Nativity' Tuesday 16 th December 9am	Year 3  Hey Ewe Tuesday 16 th December 2pm (Classes 7, 8 and 10)
Year 4  We've got that Festive Feeling Monday 15 th December 2pm	Year 5  'Architivity' Monday 15 th December 3.15pm	Year 6  Christmas Spectacular Tuesday 16 th December 3.15pm	

This year we are pleased to once again invite parents and carers into school to watch our end of term performances. In order to keep everyone safe and ensure we have enough space, admission will be by ticket only.

Each pupil will receive two tickets. Tickets will be sent out later in the week on See Saw. If you have yet to download or access seesaw and need support to do so, please ask your child's teacher for an access code or ask at the school office.

Paper tickets will be available if you are unable to access the SeeSaw app.

Please be aware that for all performances:

- **There is no space in the hall for pushchairs.** Babies can be carried, and the pushchair left in the entrance area, however, if your baby starts to cry and disturb the performance you may be asked to take the baby out of the hall.
- **If you require disabled or wheelchair access to the performance, please let the school office know in advance** so arrangements can be made to accommodate this.
- **The performance will start promptly and there will be no admission to the hall once the performance has started.**
- **If you need to leave the performance, you will not be allowed to re-enter the hall.**
- There will be enough seats for all ticket holders. **You are expected to remain seated throughout the performance. Standing room will be at the back of the hall only.** Under no circumstances will you be allowed to stand at the sides of the hall. This is for safety reasons.
- There will be photograph opportunities at the end of each performance. **Please do not take photographs or videos during the performances.** This is for safeguarding reasons.

CLASS 10 BELL POTS

Class 10 have made bell pots and decorated them to make them look luxurious and expensive. Look at this great work!



Archibald Primary School Nursery and Pre-School Christmas Family Day Tuesday 16th December

We would like to invite parents, carers and friends of pupils in Nursery and pre-School to a special Christmas Family Session on **Tuesday 16th December 2025**.

Nursery and Pre-School will be holding a joint session and it will take place for all children across both rooms.

The children will perform some Christmas songs that they have been practicing to start off the session. There will then be a variety of Christmas games, activities and crafts for you to enjoy with your child. You are welcome to take your child home after you have enjoyed the activities but please inform a member of staff so that we can mark your child off the class lists in order to keep all the children safe.

Timings

Children should arrive at Pre-School or Nursery at their usual start times.

Parents/carers and friends are welcome to join the morning session at 9.15am

Parents/carers and friends are welcome to attend the afternoon session at 12.45pm

Parents/carers and friends of Nursery children who attend for 30 hours should attend the afternoon session.

We kindly ask that all adults wait outside the Nursery/Pre School gate and we will call you in to enter the Pre School door.

We ask that **no more than two adults** attend per child as we do not have lots of space.

Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt, or something red/green with their school trousers or skirt. A reminder will be sent prior to the date

Christmas Parties

Nursery and Pre-School Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 18th December. Your child may wear their party clothes to come to school on this date.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of our Pre-School or Nursery Team



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

FREE FESTIVE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD



There's free panto trips, visits to Newham Grange Farm's Winter Wonderland, swimming sessions, music workshops and Christmas crafts as part of Bring It On.

The programme provides free, fun activities and days out for children across Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland over the school holidays.

Every child who attends can also enjoy a tasty meal at each session.

Bring It On takes place between Saturday 20 December 2025 - Sunday 4 January 2026 (closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day).

Children aged 5 - 16 who get benefit-related free school meals can apply for a place by clicking the link [HERE](#).

NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB



Booking deadline: Friday 19th December
Email: newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk
Or call: 01642 802892

Schools Out sports in!

Christmas 2025

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMME

"Providing and promoting positive experiences and attitudes towards always being active, and enjoying sport"

Ages: 5 - 12 yrs

Thorntree Community Hub
Birkhall Rd, Middlesbrough TS3 9JW
Monday 22nd & 23rd December

FREE
09:00 - 15:00

Activities Include:

- Bubbleball, Dodgeball
- Cricket, Tennis, Badminton, Golf
- Archery, 10 Pin Bowling, Boxing
- Basketball, Hockey, Tag Rugby
- Frisbee, Darts, Table Tennis
- Laser Tag and Nerf Wars

Special Features:

- Qualified and Experienced Staff
- Wholesome Breakfast
- Hot Lunch
- Healthy Snacks



Schools Out sports in!

Christmas 2025

SHINE DANCE & PERFORMING ARTS PROJECT

"Providing and promoting positive experiences and attitudes towards singing, dancing, acting and moving to music"

Ages: 6 - 12 yrs

Neptune Centre
Ormesby Rd Middlesbrough TS3 7RP
Monday 22nd & 23rd December

FREE
09:00 - 15:00

Activities Include:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Acting
- Cheer leading
- Gymnastics
- Exercise to Music

Special Features:

- Qualified and Experienced Staff
- Wholesome Breakfast
- Hot Lunch
- Healthy Snacks



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

BOROCUDA SWIM SCHOOL



BRING IT ON!
BORO REDCAR & CLEVELAND

SWIM LEARN

STAY HEALTHY

**HAF FUNDED* SWIMMING AND
WATER SAFETY LESSONS**
**29TH & 30TH DECEMBER
2ND JANUARY**
12:30 - 2:45PM

**CONTACT: 01642 244140
INFO@BOROCUDA.COM**

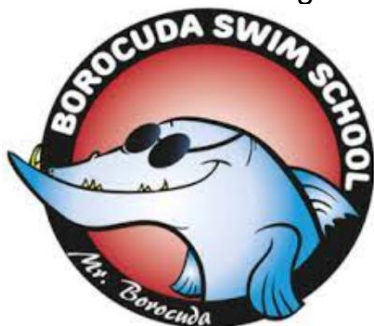
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*CHILDREN MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Borocuda Swim School are excited to have been granted funding to offer FREE swimming lessons in the Christmas Holidays for KS2 children in receipt of Free School Meals. The children will be provided with a hot meal when they arrive, they will then take part in an arts and crafts activity, and finally have a swimming lesson.

The sessions will run 12:30pm - 2:45pm on the 29th & 30th December, and 2nd January. Children who attend may also be selected for the Borocuda "School Champs" program which is fully funded lessons for children who show a real talent for swimming.



SEND Information

NHS
North East and
North Cumbria

Middlesbrough
moving forward

Middlesbrough
Family Support Centre

DAISY CHAIN
Autism & Neurodiversity

MULTI-AGENCY DROP-IN MIDDLESBROUGH

West Middlesbrough Family Hub, Stainsby Road,
Middlesbrough, TS5 4JS



Do you live within the Middlesbrough Local Authority?

Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years of age, is Autistic, has ADHD, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or Sensory Processing Differences?

Would you benefit from introductions and support from other services and agencies?

Multi-Agency drop-in's are designed so parents/carers can meet a representative from other services and agencies who may be able to support their family, child or young person.

For details on who will be attending each drop-in, please join our Facebook group or contact the team directly.



UPCOMING 2026 DATES:

TERM TIME ONLY

THURSDAYS 10AM-12PM

21ST JAN / 18TH FEB / 18TH MARCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

family.support@daisychainproject.co.uk

01642 531248 (option 1)

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PEER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNINGS MIDDLESBROUGH

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Do you live within the Middlesbrough Local Authority?

Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years of age, is Autistic, has ADHD, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or Sensory Processing Differences?

Peer support coffee mornings are designed so parents/carers can build support network in a safe and non-judgemental space.

A Daisy Chain family support leader will be available to provide advice and support for you, your child and your family.

For further details please join our Facebook group or contact the team directly.



UPCOMING 2026 DATES:

TERM TIME ONLY

EVERY FRIDAY 10AM-12PM

Please feel free to bring a friend or family member along with you.

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