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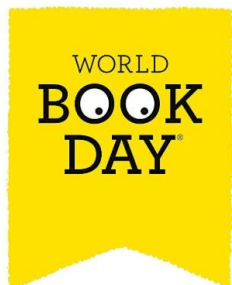
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World Book Day 2026

World Book Day 2026 takes place on Thursday 5th March

This year, the theme for World Book Day is to **find enjoyment in your reading**.

Dress Up!

We would like to celebrate the day by encouraging pupils to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. This is one of our most popular dress up days and each year we are blown with the imagination that many pupils and families put into their costumes for the day. Please be aware...

- Pupils do not have to dress up if they do not want to (some pupils do not like dressing up)
- There is no requirement to buy or order expensive costumes. There are many great ideas online that cost nothing or very little to put together. For some ideas, check out mumsnet '78 Easy World Book Day Costume ideas webpage (Click [HERE](#))

Book Voucher

Each child will receive a £1 book voucher that can be swapped for one of many specially written World Book Day books, or used for a £1 discount on many other books. For information on the range of book available, please visit the World book Day 2026 website [Click [HERE](#)]. See below for some options.



STARS of the WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded **Respect Awards** in our Celebration Assemblies last Friday.

Class 1 – Lucienna
Class 2 – Keegan
Class 3 – Noah
Class 4 – Lottie
Class 5 – Zyva
Class 6 – Lamar
Class 7 – Hazim
Class 8 – Aman
Class 9 – Lawy
Class 10 – Yamen
Class 11 – Carson
Class 12 – Jorgie
Class 13 – Chris
Class 14 – Edy
Class 15 – Wid
Class 16 – Matthew
Class 17 – Rawa
Class 18 – Munachi
Breakfast Club – Matthew Class 16
Congratulations to all the stars!

Our school theme this week is ‘**Use kind and caring words**’. Teachers will be looking to reward pupils in our Star of the Week Assemblies on Friday morning.

The PE focus this week is **respect**. 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 9.2.26	92%
Class with the highest attendance wb 9.2.26:	Class 8 98.5%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.5%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 9.2.26	week	*cum.
Class 1	91.8%	92.7%
Class 2	94.9%	94.4%
Class 3	90%	93.1%
Class 4	90.3%	92.6%
Class 5	92.6%	94.2%
Class 6	94.85	95.4%
Class 7	98.2%	96.5%
Class 8	98.5%	95.1%
Class 9	72%	74%
Class 10	88.7%	91.4%
Class 11	92.7%	92.2%
Class 12	93.8%	94.8%
Class 13	87.5%	92.6%
Class 14	95%	93.7%
Class 15	92.5%	94.8%
Class 16	97.7%	95.2%
Class 17	77.1%	92.1%
Class 18	89.3%	95.1%

*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 **319 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 at the end of the Spring Term 2026.

We currently have **188 Archibald Attendance Aces** – pupils with 100% attendance for this term.

Celebrating Attendance

- Last week we had **319 pupils with 100% attendance** for the week. This includes **62 pupils who have 100% attendance** for the school year to date
- We currently have **223 pupils in the green attendance band** – attendance for the school year at 96% or above. That is 16 more than last week – well done!
- Last week **261 pupils (64%) had improving attendance rates from the previous week**
- 25 Attendance postcards were presented

ATTENDANCE TARGET

The Department for education have set our school attendance target for the 2025-2026 school year to be **at least 93.8%**. We are just over half way through the school year and currently 0.2% away from this target – well done everyone!

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

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Monday 16th February

Y1 Class 3 – Chinese New Year Family Workshop

Tuesday 17th February

Y1 Class 4 – Chinese New Year Family Workshop

Nursery Family Workshop 10.30am and 2pm. See details on this page.

Rhyme Time at KFC Foundation



Friday 20th February



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm

School closes for half term holiday
3.00pm / 3.05pm

NEXT WEEK

Half term Holiday – School closed all week

For free half term holiday ideas, see the link on Newsletter page 4

COMING SOON

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day 2026

Information to follow



Friday 6th March

Handwriting Competition Awards presented

Monday 9th March

Y5 Peat Rigg Adventure – 1 week

Friday 20th March

Red Nose Day 2026

Information to follow



Monday 23rd March

Triangulation Meetings all week

Monday 30th March

UPDATED Y6 Practice SATs Week 2

Triangulation Meetings all week

Thursday 2nd April

Archibald Attendance Aces 100% attendance Reward

School Closes for Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April

School re-opens – Summer Term 2026

Y3 Class 8/10 Swimming lessons at

Borocuda – details to follow

Thursday 30th April

NEW Community Connections Market

from 2.30pm – details to follow


Monday 11th May

KS2 SATS week (Monday to Thursday)

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 1	Main Course	Dessert
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Baked Sausage with mashed potatoPasta Bolognaise with crusty bread(V)	Apple sponge with custard
T	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chicken Curry and rice served with naan breadHomemade pizza (V) with oven roasted wedges	Bakewell tart with custard
W	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Roast Chicken and stuffing with garlic and herb potatoesOmelettes with roasted potatoes (V)	Peach flapjack
Th*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quorn Cottage pie (V)Salmon nugget or salmon fish finger and fish fingers with chips	Ice cream with fruit compote Fruit jelly
F*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tomato wholegrain pasta bake with garlic bread (V)Minced beef pie with boiled potatoes	Feathered sponge with custard
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.</i> <i>Menu subject to change depending upon supplies and deliveries.</i> 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>	

SPECIAL NOTICE – Please be aware that the usual week 1 menu has chaged for this week only. Thursday/Friday swapped.

Cosy Bedtime Reading Session

Nursery

This half term, we have been leaning about daytime, night-time and bedtime routines. We would love for you to join us in Nursery to get cosy and read some bedtime stories to your child.

Tuesday 17th February

Parents are invited to join us for the last hour of Nursery to share stories and cuddles with their child at the following times:

10.30am for morning children

2.00pm for afternoon and 30 hours children

Please wait at the Nursery door for entry.

Children are welcome to come into Nursery wearing their pjamas with a blanket, their favourite book/books and a teddy to cuddle.

We can't wait to see you there...

Free Holiday Help for Middlesbrough Families

The booking site for the February delivery of the Holiday Activities & Food Programme is now live!



BRING IT ON!

BORO REDCAR & CLEVELAND

Free holiday activities for children and young people in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.*

GET INVOLVED!

Cheerleading, football & swimming
Crafts & music workshops • Days out & experiences
Cooking skills • Health & wellbeing activities
& lots more!

BOOK NOW

www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/bring-it-on
www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/bring-it-on

* for children and young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals. If your child is not in receipt of the above and would like a place please contact the number below.

For more information call 01642 728888.

  The holiday activities and food programme (HAF) is funded by the Department for Education 

Over 7,000 Middlesbrough children filled their school holidays with free activities, experiences and food last year and your child could do the same during this February half term!

Book now for Bring It On Boro - limited spaces at each session, which includes football, cheerleading, music classes, visits to Funshack and SEND sessions.

Bring It On Boro takes place between Monday 23 - Friday 27 February and is for children aged 5 - 16. Every child who attends can enjoy a tasty meal at each session.

To view the full list of activities in your area and to book places, click [here](#).

Email holidayfoodandactivities@middlesbrough.gov.uk or call **01642 728888** if your child doesn't get free school meals and would like to take part, or if you have any questions.

INFORMATION FROM NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

International Women's Day event

Inspirational speakers, activities, food

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Time: 1 - 2.30 pm

Venue : Newport Community Hub
St. Pauls Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 5NQ

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A PLACE
PLEASE EMAIL

newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk
or
Call Newport Community Hub on 01642 802892



Community Iftar

Venue - Newport Community Hub
St Paul's Road
TS1 5NQ

Date - Monday 23rd February 2026
Time - 5.00-7.00pm

We would like to invite you to our community iftar. We will be celebrating community, understanding the meaning of Ramadan, breaking fast and sharing a meal together. **This event is free for everyone to enjoy.**

Spaces are limited. Deadline for booking is
Friday 20th February 2026
Please book via email
newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk
or call 01642 802892

For further information on the above events contact: Newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk
☎ 01642 802892

COMMUNITY WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KFC YOUTH FOUNDATION



The Archibald Girls Rising Group attended a special session at the KFC Foundation Hub on Friday 6th February. The girls made cookies and played a truth or trick game - testing their skills in problem solving and communication. The sessions will continue in school each Friday, with a further session at the Hub in the next few weeks.

Focus on Geography

The Class 8 Geographers have continued their learning context of Rocks, Rumbles and Volcanoes.

Last week they were learning about earthquakes. They learnt about what earthquakes are and where they occur. They used a jelly to represent the earthquake and a Munchie to represent the buildings and structures in a place.

They shook the jelly at different intensities to represent the different levels of the Richter Scale and looked carefully to see what happened to the buildings and structures.



Y3 Craft Club

Here are the children from Craft Club proudly showcasing their fantastic creations from this term. They have thrown themselves into every project with creativity, patience and imagination. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experimented with different materials and techniques. Craft Club has been full of laughter, teamwork and a real sense of pride in what they have achieved.

