

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2025

THANK YOU



A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week last week by wearing odd socks as part of their school uniform on Monday morning

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

The PE focus this week is **teamwork**. 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 & Punctuality



GET IN THERE!

SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

School attendance Wb 10.11.25 🙄	86.5%
Class with the highest attendance wb 20.10.25:	Class 7 98.6%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.6%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 10.11.25	week	*cum.
Class 1	74.6%	91.7%
Class 2	88.7%	95.5%
Class 3	79.3%	94.6%
Class 4	69%	92.6%
Class 5	91.5%	94.3%
Class 6	86.1%	94.9%
Class 7	98.6%	97.3%
Class 8	89%	93.9%
Class 9	50%	65.8%
Class 10	84.8%	87.1%
Class 11	71.4%	89.6%
Class 12	92.5%	94.1%
Class 13	95%	96%
Class 14	88.4%	94%
Class 15	97.1%	96.4%
Class 16	90%	93.3%
Class 17	92.9%	92.6%
Class 18	97.5%	96.7%

*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**
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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 **268 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.

We currently have **115 pupils** in our Attendance Aces Club.

SICKNESS & ILLNESS

Last week we had a significant number of pupils missing school due to being ill – coughs and colds, high temperatures and sickness bugs. We have re-introduced hand gel at classroom doors, promoting hand washing and are ensuring pupils wear coats for outside breaks. Please also see additional NHS **Little Bug Busters** information on Page 5 of the newsletter.

Attendance Bands



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

Last week (wb 10.11.25) we had a total of **162 pupils with improving attendance** (up from 161 the previous week).

Unfortunately we have 129 pupils with a declining attendance trend, including moving from green to amber or red band or from amber to red band. This is mainly due to sickness, and includes 59 pupils from Y1 and Y2 who were particularly badly affected with illness last week.

Please remember that to avoid sickness spreading we operate a 24 hour rule. Pupils should not return to school until 24 hours after the last time they have been sick.

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

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 18th November

Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics at Eston Sports Centre
Rhyme Time 9am @ KFC Foundation



Wednesday 19th November

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

Friday 21st November



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 18th November

NEW Y3 Prehistoric Clay Pot Family Workshop – Class 7. 9am Dining Room

Wednesday 19th November

NEW Y3/4 Prehistoric Clay Pot Family Workshop – Classes 8 and 10. 9am Dining Room

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

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

Thursday 2nd April

NEW 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	- Chicken Alfredo - Pizza wrap (V) served with oven roasted wedges	Steamed Eves pudding and custard
T	- Homemade Cottage pie - Quorn burger in a bun (V) with roasted potatoes	Jam shortbread fingers
W	- Toad in the hole served with mashed potato - Macaroni cheese served with crusty bread (V)	Beetroot chocolate brownie
Th	- Minced beef and dumplings served with mashed potato - Curry and rice (V) served with naan bread	Pear crumble and custard
F	- Battered fish or Fish portion and chips - Cheese and Tomato crustless Quiche (V)	Homemade biscuits
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	
	<i>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</i>	

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



A big thank you to all the pupils, parents/carers and staff who joined in last Friday to help celebrate Children in Need

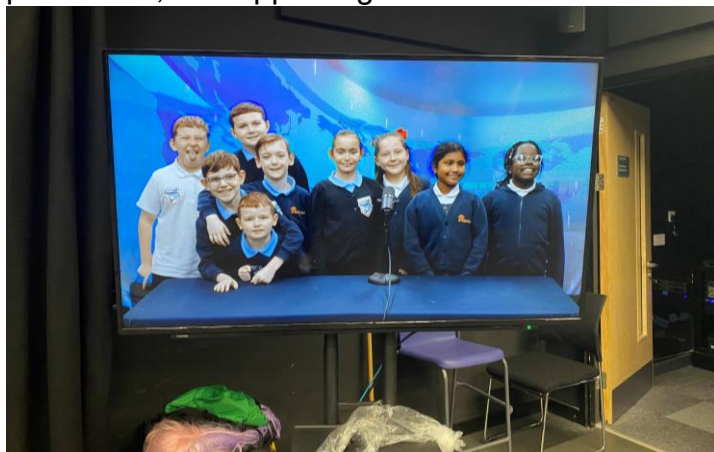
Donations are still coming in and the total raised will be shared as soon as possible.

Please see photographs on Page 6 of the newsletter

CLASS 15 WE ARE ENGINEERS

Class 15 were very lucky winners of a STEM competition with WE ARE ENGINEERS following a live broadcast lesson earlier this term

The prize was an all expenses paid visit to spend the day with big ideas at Middlesbrough College. The children had the opportunity to explore different careers in; IT, Game design; TV and film production; and app design.



SCHOOL SECURITY SCHOOL GATES

We are aware of your concerns regarding an increase in incidents in the local area close to the school, and have been working with our trust, Endeavour Academies, to update our security arrangements. A further incident on the afternoon of Friday 7th November has accelerated these plans.

We are in the process of purchasing electronic gates for the pedestrian gates and vehicle gates at our Barnaby Avenue entrance, near the school car park. These gates will be fully closed during the day, with the school being accessed via an intercom system controlled by our school reception. This installation will require some building work onsite and we estimate that it will be ready in the new year.

In the short term, until the new gate arrives, the existing gates at the Barnaby Avenue entrance will be closed between 8:45am and 2:30pm every day.

Visitors wishing to access site will need to telephone our school reception (01642 804101) who will contact a member of staff to open the gate.

The gate will be opened and manned by a member of staff between 11:20am and 12:40pm to allow Pre-school and Nursery drop off and pickup, and again at 2.30pm - 2.45pm to allow access to the visitor car park.

Please be aware that during the school day access will continue to only be available through the Barnaby Avenue entrance gates. The gates at Heywood Street and Ayresome Green Lane will continue to be locked closed from 8.55am-2.45pm to help keep our school site secure.

The safety of your children is our number one priority, and we are confident that this will offer significantly enhanced security.

This arrangement has been running successfully from Tuesday 11th November. We will keep you informed about progress on the installation of new gates and will review our procedures again once the new gates are installed.

Thank you for your continued support.

LITTLE BUG BUSTERS!

Your GP will only prescribe antibiotics if they're really needed – to protect your child now and in the future.



To check your child's symptoms use the Healthier Together app.



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Know when to seek urgent help – and when self-care is safest.



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Most coughs, colds, fever and sore throats get better without antibiotics.



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

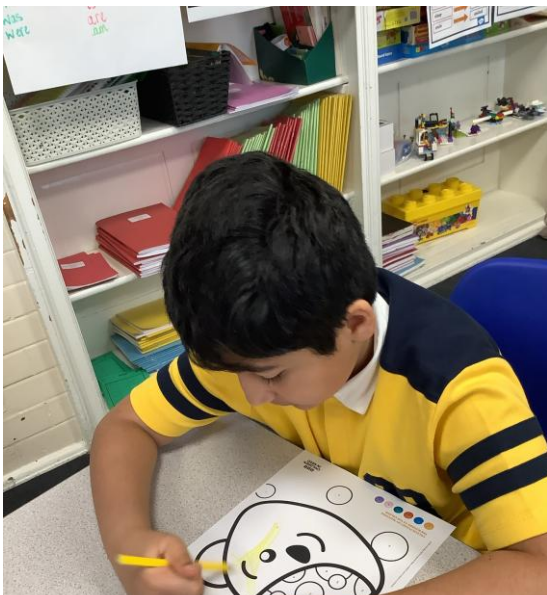
Do you have questions or concerns about their speech and language skills?

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

To book a call with her ring
01642 579120

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated



Middlesbrough Council Primary School Admissions Reception Intake September 2026

Children start primary school full-time in the academic year in which they turn 5 years of age. The first class they attend is called Reception class.

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will start primary school Reception class in September 2026.

You can apply for a primary school Reception place online using the Middlesbrough Council Citizen Portal.

Click [HERE](#) to access the Middlesbrough Council Citizen Portal.

The website is open for applications between 14 November 2025 and 15 January 2026. You can find out more in the timetable below.

Your child won't automatically be given a school place - you have to apply.

In November 2025, Middlesbrough Council will send you an application pack by post, which will tell you how to apply.

If you do not get an application pack, please contact the school admissions team.

Emily Green - Admissions Officer (starting primary school) Phone: 01642 726518

It's your responsibility as a parent or guardian to apply for a school place at the right time.

Timetable for Primary School Admissions, September 2026 intake

14 November 2025	Application packs sent to parents with details of how to apply. Online applications open.
15 January 2026	Closing date for online and paper applications. Closing date for applications to defer entry to Reception for one year.
16 April 2026	Letters and emails sent to inform parents of their child's school place. Letters are sent by 2nd Class post.
June and July 2026	Appeals heard by independent panels.

If you need support to access the admissions procedures or complete the forms, please contact the school office in the first instance.

If English is not your first language our admin team can put you in touch with support from Middlesbrough EMAT team.