

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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The Endeavour Foundation supports our families, academies and communities as we work together to support children and young people to be safe, healthy and achieve well academically.

We understand that navigating challenges—both big and small—can be overwhelming at times.

To help support you, we've put together a document with helpful resources, including links to services and support available to families in our community.

The document can be accessed by clicking the link [HERE](#)

Archibald Primary School is supported by the Endeavour Foundation; a charity which aims to drive change and unlock the potential of children and young people.

By collaborating with businesses, charities and other local organisations we are making a positive difference to our local community and have worked on exciting new projects to support health, employability, and families.

To find out more, watch our short film by following the link to our website [HERE](#)

We are looking forward to our continued involvement with the Foundation and working with our partners to build on the early successes and accelerate into the new year!



INSPIRING FUTURES



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.



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

Class 1 – Minahil
Class 2 – Chester
Class 3 – Hadi
Class 4 – Lottie
Class 5 – Jimmy K
Class 6 – Archie
Class 7 – Olivia
Class 8 – Jessie
Class 9 – Romaine
Class 10 – Shahd
Class 11 – Emilia
Class 12 – Archie
Class 13 – Caa
Class 14 – Belle
Class 15 – River
Class 16 – Rawen
Class 17 – Julia
Class 18 – Tegan
Breakfast Club – Keegan H
Congratulations to all the stars!

Our school theme this week is **initiative**. 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 Dashboard



GET IN THERE!

SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

School attendance Wb 12.1.26	93.7%
Class with the highest attendance wb 12.1.26:	Classes 10 & 12 100%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.5%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 12.1.26	week	*cum.
Class 1	96.3%	93.7%
Class 2	95.6%	94.5%
Class 3	89.3%	93.8%
Class 4	92.1%	92.6%
Class 5	91.9%	93.3%
Class 6	98.5%	95%
Class 7	93.6%	96%
Class 8	97.5%	94.4%
Class 9	79%	73.8%
Class 10	100%	91.2%
Class 11	92.4%	92%
Class 12	100%	94.7%
Class 13	88.3%	93.8%
Class 14	91.7%	93.3%
Class 15	92.9%	94.7%
Class 16	93.8%	94.5%
Class 17	91.4%	92.6%
Class 18	94.1%	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 **331 pupils** with 100% attendance for the week – that's 21 more than the previous week. Well done! 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.

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

Monday 19th January

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



Tuesday 20th January

Rhyme Time at KFC Foundation



Friday 23rd January

ECO SHOP
open from 2pm



NEXT WEEK

Monday 26th January

Y3 Class 7 Swimming lessons at Borocuda – Continue every afternoon this week



Thursday 29th January

Class 6 visit to Teesmouth Field Centre, Hartlepool

Friday 30th January

Class 5 visit to Teesmouth Field Centre, Hartlepool

COMING SOON

Monday 2nd February

Y6 Practice SATs Week 1

Monday 23rd February

Half term Holiday.

School closed all week.

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

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 3	Main Course	Dessert
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasta beef bolognaise with garlic bread• Homemade Cheese pasty 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">• Roast chicken in gravy with mashed potato• Lasagne and crusty bread (V)	Apple and banana cake
Th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burger in a bun served with oven roasted wedges• Singapore Quorn noodles (V)	Steamed chocolate sponge and custard
F	<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)	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	
	<p><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></p>	



FOR PARENTS OR CAREERS WITH CHILDREN
FROM BIRTH TO 2 YEARS

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.



STORIES, SINGING AND GAMES
FREE SNACKS & DRINKS

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH NEW PEOPLE
MAKE FRIENDS

FREE FAMILY FUN!



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

Sessions take place every Tuesday

Focus ON SCIENCE

Year 6

Y6 have been learning how animals adapt to survive in different environments as part of their science lessons.

Last week, their focus was on how birds' beaks have adapted to improve their ability to catch and eat food.

They investigated how the size and shape of a beak determined which food each bird could catch. Spoons, tweezers and chopsticks were used to represent different beaks catching 'food' such as raisins, paper clips and beads.



Year 3 & 4 Class 10

This week Class 10 used what they had learnt in their new Science topic and went on an environment walk around school to identify where they could find push forces and pull forces.



YEAR 3 GEOGRAPHY – CLASS 8

Last week Class 3 began to explore further about tectonic plates and how the Earth is split up into different tectonic plates. They learnt that these plates are constantly moving but very slowly so we do not feel it. They explored how the plates can move in different ways at a plate boundary and used crackers and custard to represent the different types of plate boundary; convergent, divergent and transform.



ENDEAVOUR ACADEMIES FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Hours: 37.5 hours per week –
Term time only plus 5 training days
Salary: NJC Scale Point 13-15

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](#)

PEER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNINGS 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?

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
West Middlesbrough Family Hub, Stainsby Road

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
family.support@daisychainproject.co.uk
01642 531248 (option 1)





10 tips for better sleep for your child

Looking for ways to help your child get a better night's sleep?

Here are 10 practical tips to help your child fall asleep more easily, stay asleep longer, and wake up feeling rested and ready for the day

1. Know how much sleep they need

Not sure what your child's bedtime should be? View our [average sleep needs table](#) to see how many hours of sleep each age group usually needs. Start with the time your child needs to wake up and count backwards based on their age.

A 9-year-old, for example, needs around 9–11 hours of sleep – so if they're up at 7am, bedtime should be around 9pm.

Naps count too! If your child naps during the day, you'll need to factor this in.

2. Stick to a routine (even at the weekend!)

Consistency is key. Get up and go to bed at the same time every day – weekends and holidays included. This helps their internal body clock (circadian rhythm) stay on track, making it easier to fall asleep and wake up naturally.

3. Create a wind-down hour

Help your child shift from busy to bedtime with a relaxing hour before sleep.

Do – Try reading, quiet crafts, colouring, relaxing music, a warm bath or bedtime stories

Don't – Avoid screens, loud games, and big emotional chats close to bedtime – these can all raise cortisol, the 'awake' hormone, and delay sleep

4. Create a calm, screen-free sleep space

Their room should feel calm, cosy, and safe. Keep it cool (16–18°C), dark, and clutter-free

Cut out screens an hour before bedtime – engagement with screens can produce cortisol and keep us awake, and blue light can delay melatonin, the hormone that helps us feel sleepy

5. Let there be (less) light

Too much light – even from streetlamps or screens – can fool the brain into thinking it's still daytime.

Dim the lights during wind-down time. Use blackout blinds or curtains to keep the room dark for sleep

6. Keep stress out of bedtime

A calm child sleeps better. Include calming activities in your child's day – like drawing, walking, stretching or breathing exercises. Save stressful or emotional conversations for earlier in the day and remember, a calm parent helps create a calm bedtime atmosphere.

7. Get active during the day

Daytime movement helps build up sleep pressure, making it easier to fall asleep at night. Encourage outdoor play, walking or exercise, especially early in the day.

Avoid energetic activity too close to bedtime – try gentle yoga or stretching instead.

8. Eat for better sleep

What and when your child eats can affect how well they sleep.

- Try a light supper with sleep-friendly foods like toast, bananas, or warm milk (including non-dairy options)
- Avoid sugary snacks and caffeine (including fizzy drinks, chocolate, and sweetened cereals) in the evening
- Stick to regular mealtimes during the day to help set your child's body clock

9. Keep naps early and short

For little ones, naps are still important – just keep them earlier in the day. Make sure naps finish before 2pm so they don't interfere with bedtime. Older children or teens should avoid napping, but if they really need one, keep it under 20 minutes.

10. Support them through life changes

Big changes can disrupt sleep – moving house, starting a new school, or family changes. Stick to routines as much as possible and create daytime space for your child to talk about how they're feeling. Feeling secure and supported can help them settle more easily at night.

For more information visit the sleepaction.org website – click [HERE](#)

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