

# Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Believe and Achieve



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## SPORTING SUCCESS



Our Y4 athletes represented Archibald at a recent indoor athletics competition and came 8<sup>th</sup> out of 15 participating schools – well done Y4.



Our Y5 and Y6 athletes represented Archibald at a separate indoor athletics competition, competed well and also came 8<sup>th</sup>. Well done Y5 and Y6!

## STARS of the WEEK

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

Nursery – Eliza

Class 1 – Lennie

Class 2 – Honey

Class 3 – Archie

Class 4 – Drew

Class 5 – Zamand

Class 6 – Walter

Class 7 – Daisy

Class 8 – Ayhan

Class 9 – Roman P

Class 10 – Nam

Class 11 – Onyi

Class 12 – Mohamed

Class 13 – Kakamam

Class 14 – Phoebe

Class 15 – Lucas

Class 16 – Matteo

Class 17 – Mason

Class 18 – Alexis

**Congratulations to all the stars!**

Our school theme this week is **Gumption**. 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 17.11.25	92%
Class with the highest attendance wb 17.11.25:	Class 17 99.3%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.4%

## Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 17.11.25	week	*cum.
Class 1	96.8%	92.2%
Class 2	90.6%	95%
Class 3	92.1%	94.3%
Class 4	92.4%	92.5%
Class 5	88.9%	93.8%
Class 6	86.4%	94.1%
Class 7	95.4%	97.1%
Class 8	88.6%	93.4%
Class 9	66.3%	66.1%
Class 10	95.8%	88%
Class 11	92.3%	89.8%
Class 12	95.4%	94.3%
Class 13	94.2%	95.8%
Class 14	87.9%	93.4%
Class 15	95.4%	96.3%
Class 16	95%	93.4%
Class 17	99.3%	93.2%
Class 18	92.5%	96.3%

\*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 **308 pupils** with 100% attendance for the week which is 77% of our school. 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 **104 pupils** in our Attendance Aces Club.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Attendance Bands



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

Last week (wb 17.11.25) we had a total of **228 pupils with improving attendance** (up from 162 the previous week). This figure includes 31 pupils whose attendance improved enough to move from amber attendance band to green attendance band and six pupils who moved from red attendance band to amber attendance band. Well done!

Unfortunately we have 66 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.



## Diary Dates

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 25th November**

Rhyme Time 9am @ KFC Foundation



**Friday 28th November**



**ECO SHOP**

open from 2pm

### NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday 3rd December**

**NEW** Class 2 Christmas Craft Parents and Carer Workshop 9.15am

**Thursday 4th December**

**NEW** Class 2 Christmas Craft Parents and Carer Workshop 9.15am

### COMING SOON

**Monday 15th December**

End of term Performances:

Y4 @ 2pm, Y5 @ 3.15pm **UPDATED**

**Tuesday 16th December**

End of term Performances:

Y2 @ 9am, Y1 @ 10am. Y3 @ 2pm, Y6 @ 3.15pm **UPDATED**

Nursery and preschool Christmas Family Day – Details to follow

**Wednesday 17th December**

End of term Performance:

Reception @ 9am

**Thursday 18th December**

Christmas lunch

**NEW** Nursery and Pre-school Christmas Party day

**Friday 19th December**

**NEW** Christingle Assembly

**NEW** Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Party Day

– School closes 1:30pm

**Monday 5th January 2026**

**Spring Term 2026**

School opens for pupils 8.30am/8.35am

**Monday 19th January**

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

**Monday 2nd February**

**NEW** Y6 Practice SATs Week

**Monday 23rd February**

Half term Holiday

**Monday 9th March**

**NEW** Y5 Peat Rigg Adventure

**Monday 16th March**

**NEW** Y6 Practice SATs Week

### MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

## LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK

**Week 3**

**Main Course**

**Dessert**

**M**

- Pasta beef bolognaise with garlic bread
- Homemade Cheese pastry or roll with mashed potato (V)

Fruit sponge and custard

**T**

- Chicken and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes
- Chilli con carne and rice (V)

Fruit Cheesecake

**W**

- Roast chicken in gravy with mashed potato
- Lasagne and crusty bread (V)

Apple and banana cake

**Th**

- Burger in a bun served with oven roasted wedges
- Singapore Quorn noodles (V)

Steamed chocolate sponge and custard

**F**

- Fish portion or fish fingers served with chips
- Wholegrain Tomato and basil pasta bake served with garlic bread (v)

Apple oaty Flapjack

**Available Daily**

- Jacket potato with choice of filling (cheese, tuna mayo)
- Daily Vegetable Selection
- Sliced Bread
- Assorted fresh sandwiches and wraps
- Fresh salad bar options

Fresh Fruit  
Fruit Jelly  
Cheese & crackers



*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](#)*

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY**

Saturday 6th December 2025  
12pm-4pm  
Newport Community Hub  
St.Paul's Road  
Middlesbrough  
TS1 5NQ

Free activities include bouncy castles, face painting, wreath making, henna hand painting and more!

For enquires please call either 01642 802892 or email [newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk)

Please join us at 4.30pm for the Union Street Christmas lights switch on

## Y4 WARP & WEFT WORKSHOP

A big thank you to all the parents and carers of Y4 pupils who supported the recent Warp and Weft Workshop. Some amazing weaving work was produced which will be made into wall hangings and displayed in school.



This is one of the latest opportunities we have created for parents and carers to come into school to work alongside their children. Throughout the year we aim to provide at least one opportunity for each year group.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



# Archibald PE 2025-2026

Many pupils love their PE lessons, learn lots of new skills and knowledge and go forward to represent the school at a number of competitions with some fantastic results.

This year, PE continues to be taught by **specialist PE teachers** from Macmillan Academy and MFC Foundation. In all lessons the Class Teaching Assistant will be assisting the PE teacher.

A school PE kit consists of dark blue or black shorts and a dark blue t-shirt which we expect all pupils to wear for PE lessons.

Now the weather is colder most PE lessons will take place indoors, however pupils will still have outside runaround times unless the weather is too wet. Therefore on PE days, please ensure that pupils wear suitable clothing – black or navy blue tracksuit or jogging bottoms are ideal. No logos should be on sportswear. If struggling pupils can wear their school trousers over their PE shorts on PE days. School jumpers should also be worn (plain or school logo only – no sports branded jumpers or hoodies)



In colder weather, pupils may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE. These should be dark blue or black wherever possible. Plimsolls or trainers are needed for outside PE.

**Football kits, football shirts and branded sportswear are not appropriate PE kit and should not be worn.**

In order to save time and make the most of each PE lesson, pupils should come to school in their PE kit on PE days.

Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit in school on the correct days. We have spare kit available to lend if required.

**Please help your child by ensuring all PE kit is named.**

Archibald Primary School PE Timetable 2025-2026		
Day	Teacher	Classes
Monday	Mr Hadfield	7, 8, 13, 10, 16
Tuesday	Mr Foreman	1, 2, 14, 11, 18
Wednesday	Mr Rayner	5, 6, 15, 12, 17
Thursday	Miss Yeoman	1,2
Thursday	MFC Foundation – Beth Dobson	3,4, 9

At the end of each PE lesson the teacher will choose a pupil to be their PE Star.

Each week there is a different focus, and pupil who demonstrate the attribute stand a chance of being chosen as the PE Star and will be awarded a special certificate by their PE teacher.



Our PE attributes are determination, honesty, respect, passion, teamwork and self belief – all character attributes of the worlds greatest sports stars.

# DON REVIE MOSAIC

The mosaic we are working on as part of project to celebrate the life of Don Revie, ex Archibald pupil and England Football Manager is progressing well. This week the artists, Helen and Derek were back in school with the finished design which took elements from a number of pupil's ideas.



They worked with groups of pupils to start to complete the mosaic, teaching them about how a mosaic is put together, the glues and grout that are used and the effects that can be created by using the coloured tiles in different ways.

They also led a parents and pupil workshop after school last Thursday so that parents could work with their children on helping to complete the mosaic.

Thank you to the parents who attended last Thursday afternoon.



## Y3

### Prehistoric Pots Workshop

Thank you so much to the parents who were able to join the Y3 Prehistoric Pot Workshop. The Y3 children had a wonderful time making Bell Pots with you, and can't wait to share the final creations!

