

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Archibald Primary School Christmas Jumper Day 2025

CHRISTMAS
JUMPER
Day



We will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on:

Friday 12th December 2025.

For a small donation, pupils can come to school in their Christmas jumper for the day.

Don't worry if you do not have a Christmas jumper – you do not need to go out to buy one. You can easily get creative and decorate your school jumper, or another jumper for the day.

Proceeds from this event will contribute toward our Christmas Party Day

STARS of the WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded 'I Learn' Awards in our Star of the Week Assemblies on Friday morning.

Nursery – Inayah
Class 1 – Levi
Class 2 – Asher
Class 3 – Josophene
Class 4 – Deny
Class 5 – Noah
Class 6 – Abigail
Class 7 – Renesmae
Class 8 – Samuel
Class 9 – Darius
Class 10 – Yahya
Class 11 – Adam
Class 12 – Velencia
Class 13 – Anais
Class 14 – Toby
Class 15 – Damilola
Class 16 – Nancy
Class 17 – Eliza-Mae
Class 18 – Muqbel

Congratulations to all the stars!

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

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

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

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 1.12.25	94.1%
Class with the highest attendance wb 11.25:	Class 13 100%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.5%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 1.12.25	week	*cum.
Class 1	97.9%	93%
Class 2	94.5%	95%
Class 3	91%	93.9%
Class 4	95.9%	93%
Class 5	98.1%	93.6%
Class 6	97%	94.4%
Class 7	96.4%	97.2%
Class 8	91.0%	94%
Class 9	58.8%	65%
Class 10	92.6%	89.2%
Class 11	98.1%	91.8%
Class 12	97.8%	94.8%
Class 13	100%	94.9%
Class 14	90%	92.7%
Class 15	95.4%	94.6%
Class 16	98.3%	94.3%
Class 17	85.7%	92.2%
Class 18	90.7%	95.9%

*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 **326 pupils** with 100% attendance for the week which is 18 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 **91 pupils** in our Attendance Aces Club.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Bands



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

Last week (wb 1.12.25) we had a total of **246 pupils with improving attendance** (up from 228 the previous week). This figure includes 7 pupils whose attendance improved enough to move from red attendance band to amber attendance band and equals over 62% of our school. Well done!

Unfortunately we have 62 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.

END OF TERM

School will close at **1.30pm** on **Friday 19th December**
School reopens on **Monday 5th January 2026**

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Friday 12th December

NEW Christmas Jumper Day – See Newsletter Page 1



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm

This will be the final Eco Shop for 2025. Eco Shop will reopen on Friday 9th January 2026.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th December

NEW 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 –

COMING SOON

Monday 5th January 2026

School opens for pupils 8.30am/8.35am

Tuesday 6th January

Rhyme Time 9am @ KFC Foundation



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

MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK

Week 2	Main Course	Dessert
M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chicken AlfredoPizza wrap (V) served with oven roasted wedges	Steamed Eves pudding and custard
T	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Homemade Cottage pieQuorn burger In a bun (V) with roasted potatoes	Jam shortbread fingers
W	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toad in the hole served with mashed potatoMacaroni cheese served with crusty bread (V)	Beetroot chocolate brownie
Th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minced beef and Dumplings served with mashed potatoCurry and rice (V) served with naan bread	Pear crumble and custard
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Battered fish or Fish portion and chipsCheese 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>	

As next week is the final week of term there will be some changes to the school menu...

MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

LUNCH MENU NEXT 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"> 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	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

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 8 Design Technology

Class 8 have been working through an exciting Food Technology unit of work, and demonstrated their learning through making pizzas.

Just look at these delicious creations...



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.

Class 5

Design Technology Family Workshop

Class 5 were joined by their family and friends for a Food Technology Family Workshop last week. Look at the fun they had practicing their cutting, chopping and mixing skills in order to make their Eton Mess desserts.

A big thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who came to join in.



Archibald Primary School

Nursery and Pre-School Family Day

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

Both 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

