

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”



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Children's Mental Health Week 2026



Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place this week (February 9th – February 15th).

The theme for this year is '**This is My Place**', which emphasises the importance of belonging and feeling valued within the school community.

Children's Mental Health Week aims to raise awareness and encourage conversations around mental health among children and young people. It provides a valuable opportunity for us to shine a light on the emotional wellbeing of our pupils and to support children to feel safe, valued, accepted, and connected in the places where they learn, live, and grow.

Among the special activities taking place this week, Miss Taylor and Miss Smales our Mental Health Leaders and Miss Robinson our Art & Design Leader have launched an exciting competition.

To enter, the children need to draw a sketch of 'their place'. This can be anywhere that helps them to feel their safest, happiest self. EYFS & KS1 pupils are challenged draw and label an image. KS2 need to add a brief description of their chosen place.

Pupils will work on these in class, but can also bring in their thoughts and ideas from home if they want to

The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 18th February**, after which the best entries will be selected to win some mental wellbeing themed prizes



STARS of the WEEK

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

Class 1 – Sophia
Class 2 – Lorena
Class 3 – Sara
Class 4 – Frat
Class 5 – Ollie
Class 6 – Phoebe
Class 7 – Nnamdi
Class 8 – Faiyez
Class 9 – George
Class 10 – Charlie
Class 11 – Delaney
Class 12 – Chidindu
Class 13 – Theo
Class 14 – Heleem
Class 15 – Alexis
Class 16 – Corey
Class 17 – Ayo
Class 18 – Aleeza
Breakfast Club – Phoebe, Class 6
Congratulations to all the stars!

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

The PE focus this week is **passion**. 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 2.2.26	94.8%
Class with the highest attendance wb 2.2.26:	Class 16 99.2%
Attendance for the school year to date:	93.6%

Archibald Primary School Attendance League Table 2025-2026

Wb 2.2.26	week	*cum.
Class 1	85.7%	92.8%
Class 2	96.7%	94.4%
Class 3	91.3%	93.2%
Class 4	92.1%	92.7%
Class 5	98.9%	94.3%
Class 6	95.9%	95.4%
Class 7	98.6%	96.4%
Class 8	99%	95%
Class 9	77%	74.1%
Class 10	89.5%	91.6%
Class 11	93.2%	92.1%
Class 12	96.9%	94.8%
Class 13	90%	92.9%
Class 14	97.5%	93.6%
Class 15	96.4%	95%
Class 16	99.2%	95%
Class 17	98.6%	92.8%
Class 18	98.9%	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 **341 pupils with 100% attendance for the week** 11 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. We currently have **209 Archibald Attendance Aces** - pupils with 100% attendance for this term.

Celebrating Attendance

- Last week we had **341 pupils with 100% attendance** for the week. This includes **68 pupils who have 100% attendance** for the school year to date
- We currently have **207 pupils in the green attendance band** – attendance for the school year at 96% or above.
- We currently have **121 pupils in the amber attendance band** – attendance for the year to date is above 90% but below 96%
- Last week **281 pupils (69%) had improving attendance rates from the previous week**

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!

Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day 2026 – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI - see Newsletter page 4

Rhyme Time at KFC Foundation



Thursday 12th February

NEW Y5 Peat Rigg Parents Meeting
2.15pm Dining Hall

NEW Don Revie Mosaic Project – family workshop – Dono9ng Hall form 3pm

Friday 13th February



ECO SHOP

open from 2pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday 16th February

NEW Y1 Class 3 – Chinese New Year Family Workshop

Tuesday 17th February

NEW Y1 Class 4 – Chinese New Year Family Workshop

NEW Nursery Family Workshop

COMING SOON

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

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

MIDDLESBROUGH SCHOOL MEALS

LUNCH MENU THIS WEEK

Week 3

Main Course

Dessert

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

Fruit sponge and custard

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

Fruit Cheesecake

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

Apple and banana cake

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

Steamed chocolate sponge and custard

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- 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

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](#)*



DON REVIE MOSAIC PROJECT

Free Family Workshop Thursday 12th February From 3pm - Dining Hall

The mosaic artist, Helen and Derek will be back in school on Thursday 12th February to lead some pupil workshops and after school a parent/carer and pupil workshop where you can come along with your children to help work on the mosaic.

Why not do something creative together to mark Children's Mental Health Week?



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026



AI technology is increasingly part of all our lives, so this Safer Internet Day we are starting a conversation about how to use it safely and responsibly. Use these top tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe online.

Enjoy going online together and talk regularly about your family's online lives

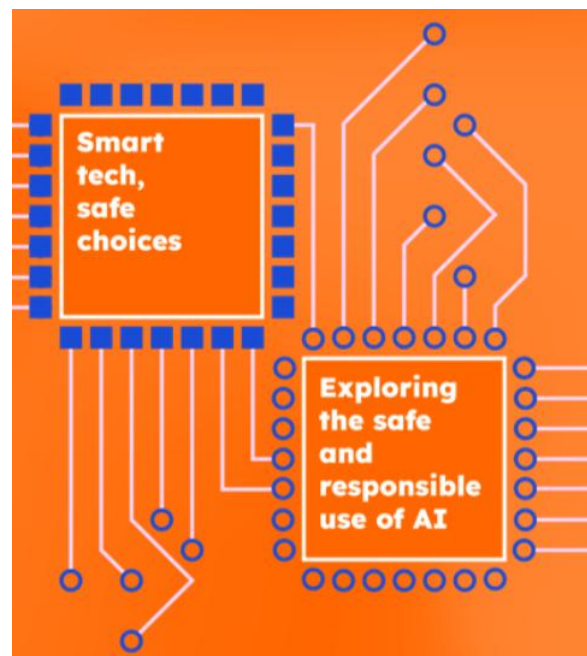
The internet is amazing and can help us all to access information and entertainment. Spend time online with your child to understand how they are using technology and talk together about the good and the bad parts of being online. Talk about your own experiences and find other opportunities to get the conversation started, like stories in the news. Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that they see or experience online.

Understand where AI technology is being used and the impact it can have

From summaries on search engines, to voice assistants and photo editing tools, AI powered features are being added to many of the apps and devices we use day-to-day. Look out for information and warnings notifying you where AI technology is in use or where content has been created using AI. Help your child to recognise these too. Remember, AI can make some tasks simpler but may also collect data about you and your family, or share unreliable information, so consider how to use it safely and responsibly.

Recognise what safe and responsible use of technology looks like

To use technology, including AI, safely and responsibly, it's important to reflect on the potential impact it can have on yourself and others. How does your use of technology make you feel? How can you use technology with kindness and respect for others? Does your use of technology benefit you or help you build skills? How might it affect you now, and in the future? Ask these questions of your own internet use, as well as your family's.



Stay informed with free resources

Young people have told us about the incredible ways they're using AI, but also about their worries for what it means for the future. Issues such as the environmental impact of AI, what it means for job prospects, and the threat of deepfakes can seem scary but remember, you don't need to have all the answers. Stay informed using free resources like those produced for Safer Internet Day and talk to your child about their concerns about new technology – you can always work together to find more information.

Know where to go for help if something goes wrong

Like any technology, using AI comes with risks. Some AI tools, like ChatGPT, have built-in reporting features where you can raise issues such as inappropriate or harmful content. Many social media platforms also allow you to report content you suspect has been created with AI. Additionally, AI generated content can break the law. If you see illegal images that show child sexual abuse (including AI generated images), you should report these to the IWF and on the platform where they are being shared. If someone creates an image of you or your child using AI these can also be reported on the platform where they are being shared, and AI generated nude images can be reported to Stop NCII (for images of adults) and Report Remove or Take It Down (for images of under 18s).

INFORMATION FROM NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB



UCQ SKILLS COURSES

- Are you aged over 19 and earning **under** £37,000 per year?
- Would you like to gain new skills and qualifications?

We are offering three funded (free) essential skills courses for those people living with a TS postcode, who meet the above criteria. UCQ are delivering the courses. Each course will be delivered at Newport Community Hub. You will receive a qualification for each on completion. You will need to attend all three.

THE COURSES

- **Manual Handling Level 2** (16th February 2026 9.30am-2.00pm)
- **Food Hygiene Level 2** (17th February 2026 9.30am-2.00pm)
- **First Aid Level 3** (18th February 2026 9.30am-3.00pm)

Venue: Newport Community Hub, St. Paul's Road, TS1 5NQ

To book:

Email: newportcommunityevents@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Call: 01642 802892

Places are limited, early booking is recommended.



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
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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

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or call 01642 802892



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PACKED WITH
MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER
AND CONNECTION.**

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ON THE EDUCATION HUB

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



For further information on the above events contact:

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☎ 01642 802892

COMMUNITY WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KFC YOUTH FOUNDATION



We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work in partnership with the KFC Foundation Hub. We have several projects running at present. Recently, Sawdust hosted a workshop the KFC Foundation Hub with local young people to design and build bespoke furniture for outdoor spaces across Middlesbrough, including benches, tables and signage. The project aimed to transform underused areas in Newport, creating a more welcoming, vibrant and well-cared-for environment. The young people led the entire design process, choosing the colours, styles and types of furniture. We were very proud of our Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils who were chosen to take part in this exciting opportunity



WHY DOES BELONGING MATTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH?

Our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued.

When children and young people have a strong sense of belonging, they:

Feel more confident to be themselves and try new things.

Develop resilience to cope with challenges and setbacks.

Build stronger relationships and communication skills.

Experience less anxiety and loneliness.

Have better self-esteem and understand their own worth.

Feel motivated to contribute positively to their communities.



More recently our Y6 'Girls Rising' Group spent the afternoon at the KFC Foundation Hub engaging in a range of fun wellbeing activities at the end of their practice SATs week1.