



Important Dates

School reopens: Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday:
Monday 4th May 2026

May Half Term
Break up Friday 22nd May
Return Monday 1st June

End of school year: Friday 17th July

Café 16

Please remember Café 16 is open to the public Monday and Tuesday, 10am until 2.30pm with lots of yummy new treats on offer.



School Events

Easter Fair

The Easter fair was a huge success, raising over £2000. Thank you for your support and for the Easter eggs donated. Students worked really hard to turn these into raffle prizes.

Comic Relief

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief! We had a fantastic day and are delighted to have raised an amazing £133.50.



Message from Emma

What an incredible term this has been!

Across the whole school, our children and young people have thrown themselves into a whirlwind of learning, creativity and fun. From exploring the changing seasons and watching tiny seeds grow, to diving into our Movies and Music theme with drama, dance and red carpet moments, the enthusiasm and joy across every classroom has been wonderful to see. Science Week was a real highlight once again, with experiments galore and brave encounters with the visiting ZooLab creatures!

Our Open Orchestra also shone brightly this term, impressing audiences near and far with their confidence, musicianship and teamwork. It has been just as inspiring to see so many classes developing their independence - whether that's shopping for ingredients, travelling on public buses, cooking meals, or using symbols, signs and eye-gaze to communicate their choices.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Fair, which raised an amazing amount and showcased the hard work, creativity and enterprise happening across school. And of course, well done to all of our students observing Ramadan with such maturity and quiet determination - you make us all very proud.

As we head into the break, I hope you enjoy reading all the wonderful things your children have been up to. Wishing you all a restful Easter full of sunshine, chocolate and special family time.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th April, ready for an egg-citing Summer Term ahead!



Safeguarding Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Emma Fox, Vicky McDermott or Paula Smith. Our safeguarding Governor is David Mudd.

Out of school hours, please contact Middlesbrough as below:

During working hours:
Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5pm
Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
Middlesbrough Multi-agency Hub
Tel: 01642 726004
Email: MiddlesbroughMACH@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Out of hours:
Emergency Duty Team
Tel: 01642 524 552
In an emergency contact Cleveland Police on: 101



Lower School

Blue Class

Blue Class have had a wonderful Spring term! We have been working super hard on our individual targets; Reading & Phonics, Maths, communication, engagement and mark making. We have also enjoyed exploring our Science topic 'Growing & Planting', having lots of fun with seeds, soil and gardening tools, and we loved taking part in lots of different scientific activities during British Science Week.

We have worked on our independence - choosing activities using symbols and objects of reference, washing up, following instructions and our transitions around school are amazing! As the weather has picked up, we have been lucky enough to enjoy some time out and about in the community - we have been to playparks and to Senses Wellbeing Centre, which we have all absolutely loved. We've also been using our bikes and trikes at school!

It's been a jam-packed term full of special events such as Pancake Day, World Book Day, Comic Relief and a visit from Zoo Lab. We've had an absolute blast! Have a gorgeous Easter everyone, and we'll see you for a (hopefully) sunny Summer term!



Bronze Class

Bronze Class have had a very busy term. We loved exploring our Seasons topic and have worked hard in our maths sessions developing our number skills. We have also been practicing our independence skills in many areas.

We have enjoyed lots of special events including World Book Day, Eid, Comic Relief, and our favourite of all - ZooLab, where we were all extremely brave and got to touch and hold a variety of insects including snakes and stick insects!

We hope you have a lovely Easter break! We look forward to a Summer Term packed with sunshine, smiles and lots of fun!



Green Class

Green Class have had a busy spring term! We have been working hard on our independence skills and are making great progress with using photos and symbols to communicate our choices. We have enjoyed participating in fun sensory sessions linked to our topics and engaging in messy play and art activities. A particular WOW moment was our visit from Zoo Lab where we bravely touched and held some interesting animals, including a cockroach, millipede and snake!

Hope you all have a lovely Easter break!



Lower School

Orange Class

Orange Class have had a busy and exciting spring term. We have been working incredibly hard to develop our communication skills through, eye gaze, switches, object of reference and symbols.

We thoroughly enjoyed becoming scientists for a week, where we investigated floating and sinking, experimented with colour mixing and had great fun melting animals frozen in ice. The class also delivered two fantastic sensory assemblies for World Book Day and Eid, filled with singing, signing and dancing.

Other memorable highlights this term have included a visit from Zoo Lab and taking part in Red Nose Day.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break.



Pink Class

What a busy jam-packed Spring Term we have had in Pink Class. We have loved learning all about Princes, Princesses, Monsters, Mermaids, Witches and Pirates as part of our Fantasy topic. We have also enjoyed exploring Sensory Drama linked to the Seasons, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Science Week and meeting reptiles from Zoo Lab. We have also been visited by a real Fire-Engine and got to look inside.

It has been a lovely term for building friendships and learning to play alongside each other as we explore new toys in our classroom alongside our therapeutic curriculum. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to a busy Summer Term together x



Red Class

Red Class have had a wonderful Spring term. We have enjoyed exploring our Fantasy topic engaging in a wide variety of linked Maths, Communication, Art, and Attention Autism sessions. The children have enjoyed our Messy Maths sessions with our five little monsters! We have enjoyed observing signs of Spring and engaging in Spring or Easter art activities. We have also loved spending more time outside in the sunshine. The children like to use the trampette, swing and bikes while out there. We have enjoyed engaging with our topic books and Science Week which included a visit from Zoo Lab. We have also celebrated World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Comic Relief and explored the seasons drama experience. The children have continued to explore a wide variety of environments in school. We enjoy Hydro, Sensory Integration, Bike Track and Soft Play. We hope you all have an exciting time at Easter and enjoy the break. From all the Red Class Staff.



Lower School

Gold Class

We have had a fabulous term in Gold Class. Last half term the children travelled through our 'Walk through the seasons' sensory drama. We explored the different seasons through sight, scent, touch, sound and taste. We really enjoyed the sensory story 'One Year With Kipper'; particularly the wind machine!

This term we've enjoyed a visit from Zoo Lab and have experimented with colour changing Skittles, shaving foam rain clouds and rolling cars down different surfaces for Science Week. We've been taking part in our Sensory Drama sessions with 'Benny Bumble', the children are so animated throughout! Well done Gold Class.



Silver Class

We've certainly been busy this term! The students have had so many special experiences including dressing up for World Book Day and sharing our favourite stories in our puppet theatre. We became scientists for a week engaging in lots of exciting science experiments. Our Seasons topic saw us exploring the changing weather through outdoor learning in Forest School and this was ended with an amazing sensory drama experience. A highlight of this term was the ZooLab experience; everyone was very brave, even holding a variety of fascinating creatures. Recently Silver Class delivered an assembly all about recycling to Lower School, they were brilliant! We have focused on developing independence with outings to the shops and practising cooking skills in HE sessions, our chocolate crispy cakes were delicious!



Yellow Class

Yellow Class have had a fun-filled term. We have been working extremely hard on our letter formation and have produced some beautiful handwriting. We are getting more confident during our number sessions and have been building upon our independence. Some highlights from this term include our visit from Zoo Lab during Science Week and celebrating Red Nose Day.

We have enjoyed playing outside in the sunshine and are looking forward to the warmer weather once we return. Have a lovely Easter holiday with your families, don't eat too much chocolate!



Upper School

Gillian and Hannah's Class

What a lovely and busy term we've had! We've really enjoyed learning through our topics Seasons and Movies and Music. The children have been busy growing plants from seed, learning how to look after the Earth through recycling and saving energy, and exploring religious celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Eid and Easter. We've also enjoyed learning about Elton John, dressing up and having lots of fun pretending to be him.

There have also been some wonderful highlights along the way. We had great fun celebrating World Book Day, where everyone dressed as their favourite characters, and Science Week, where the children took part in exciting experiments and even came face-to-face with Zoo Lab animals.

Thank you for your continued support this term. Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Easter!

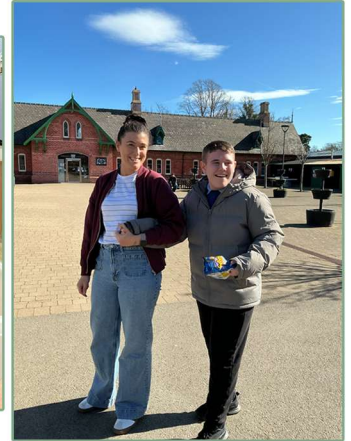


Helen's Class

Helen's Class have been planting peas in home made window green houses. They have roots and shoots now and we potted them into good soil to help them grow. We have explored planting carrot tops and apple pips too.

We have been focusing on choosing our activities. Outside play has been a favourite, especially in the warmer weather. We have been out and about visiting local parks and making good choices there too.

We loved our Minion curiosity tray and watching the film as part of our "Movies and Music" topic and we made some sweet treats to celebrate Eid. We explored Easter events and used cutting skills to make palm leaves and filled lots of eggs for an Easter Fair game.



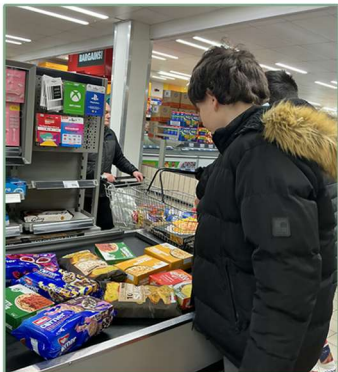
Kate's Class

Kate's Class have had a busy term walking to the shops to buy ingredients to make their own dinner in HE every week, they have learned lots of new life skills.

As a class we created a Ramadan calendar, the students have enjoyed carrying out acts of kindness during the countdown to Eid.

World Book Day was a lot of fun but there was some mischief going on in class from our very own Little Miss Naughty (Laura).

During Science Week we carried out lots of investigations, we learnt interesting facts and even had the opportunity of go to Outwood Academy to participate in an exciting science lesson.



Upper School

Maisie's Class

Another exciting and busy term in our class! We've really enjoyed learning through our topics Seasons and Movies and Music. The children have taken part in lots of hands on learning about the weather through our Attention Autism and Sensory Story sessions, exploring everything from sunshine to snow in exciting, interactive ways.

As part of our Movies and Music topic, the children have also loved joining in with a Disney themed Jabadao movement session, dancing, stretching and expressing themselves through music and movement.

During Science Week, the children explored floating and sinking, took part in lots of exciting experiments, and even enjoyed a special visit from ZooLab. We also had great fun making cards for Mother's Day and celebrating World Book Day and Red Nose Day.

Thank you for your continued support this term, we hope you all have a lovely Easter break.



Sonya's Class

This half term, Sonya's class have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Movies and Music,' topic. We've taken part in 'The Lion King' sensory dance sessions and 'The Greatest Showman' Jabadao sessions with our friends.

We have enjoyed stories, number songs and rhymes, as well as walks out into the community. In H.E. we have enjoyed baking chocolate chip cookies for Mother's Day, crispy cakes for Easter and delightful chocolate covered dates for Eid treats.

Our rebound and hydro sessions have continued to make us smile and our physio sessions give us the stretches we need for relaxation. We loved Science Week, where we explored activities related to rainbows and explored the 3D seasonal sculpture exhibition within our drama studio.

We've enjoyed dressing up in red for Comic Relief and in party clothes for our special 'Red Carpet' event.

We're looking to the weather becoming warmer and getting outside more next half term.



Stacey's Class

Stacy's class have been busy this term visiting Senses Wellbeing Centre. The students have really enjoyed exploring the sensory activities and calming environment.

Students have thrived in their cooking lessons, learning how to make chips, pizza wraps and a cup of tea independently. In PSHE we have been working on taking care of the environment by litter picking and recycling.

During Science Week we got to meet different kinds of creatures and learned interesting facts about them. Some of our students were brave and held/touched the creatures. Braver than some staff!



Post 16

Brian's Class

This term we have been working on money in real-life situations e.g. going to the shops and buying items on our list. In English we have been looking at different types of texts including leaflets, magazines, and websites – and how we use this information to help us. We have been busy in the ILC with our ASDAN qualification – Meal Preparation. Lately we have worked hard on getting ready for the Easter Fair making sweet carrot cones and chick biscuits. We also had great fun during Science Week, racing balloons working on friction.



Nicola's Class

We have had another fantastic term, with students working hard towards their Maths and English Entry Level qualifications, alongside all of their other lessons.

This term, students had the opportunity to work with Wendy Jarvis, Support for Schools Adviser, focusing on careers education and developing skills for the workplace. They took part in mock interviews and a range of engaging activities, which they thoroughly enjoyed while gaining valuable skills for their future. We have also begun travel training, during which we have planned and successfully carried out journeys using public buses. This has supported the development of independence and confidence.

During Science Week, we had a wonderful time attending science lessons at Ormesby School. Students particularly enjoyed participating in a variety of exciting experiments in the science labs.

We have also had great fun organising events such as the Easter Fair and Comic Relief, which were a big success.



Wendy's Class

This term our class has been busy with our enterprise work – making and advertising colouring packs to sell at the Easter Fair. We have started growing beans and flower bulbs in our outside area and we are looking forward to seeing them grow. We have had fun in Maths, learning about money and making shopping lists to buy items in our shop, and finding out about timers and how long it takes us to do fun activities.



Creative Arts

MUSIC

As we hop toward the Easter break, we are delighted to celebrate the incredible achievements of our young musicians this term.

Open Orchestra Performance

Our wonderful school orchestra truly shone, performing for two visiting schools as well as an audience of proud parents and carers. Their confidence, teamwork and musicianship were a joy to watch, and we are immensely proud of all their hard work.

A real highlight was the debut of our brand new piece, Jazz Pig, which is our fun, funky and jazzy cover of the much loved Boro anthem Pigbag. Students threw themselves into the challenge, adding their own creative flair and turning it into a real show stopper. It was a huge hit with the audience!



Aura Strings Concert

As part of our exciting Movies and Music theme this term, 25 students from Post 16 and Upper School enjoyed a wonderful musical experience at Middlesbrough Town Hall. They attended a special performance by a string quartet, featuring well known music from films and computer games.



During the visit, students had the opportunity to learn about the instruments of the string quartet: violin, viola and cello. They heard how each one contributes to the rich sound of the ensemble. The group were fully engaged throughout the hour long concert, recognising familiar themes and discovering new ones along the way.

Classical Cafe Performance

Daniel represented the school beautifully at Middlesbrough Town Hall's Classical Cafe, performing with real dedication and artistry. He played a mixture of solo piano works to a sold out audience, alongside three other musicians from the local area.



ART

Students have been hard at work transforming the drama studio into a magical **Seasonal Sensory Environment**. Using recycled materials, they created sculptures and interactive installations inspired by the **Changing Seasons**. Each area invites visitors to experience a different season through sight, sound, touch and movement.

The exhibition has been running across seven days and is being shared with the whole school community, including friends, families and neighbouring schools. This immersive project is full of creative choice and has been a fantastic way to build confidence, curiosity and engagement.



DRAMA

This term brought a theatrical treat, thanks to our friends at Happy Days Charity. We were visited by the Image Theatre Company, who performed the story of Dr Dolittle. Some of our students even had the chance to join in, playing some of the exotic animals that Dr Dolittle meets. It was a magical and memorable experience for everyone involved.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our **Post 16 Summer Performance** will take place at **Middlesbrough Theatre on June 4 at 6.30 pm.**

Students are already busy devising their own production, with a little help from friends across the school. We cannot wait to share their hard work and creativity with you. More details will follow.



Upper School

Tom's Class

What a busy and exciting term it has been! We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning through a wide range of sensory experiences, particularly using our creative tuff tray activities. One of the highlights was National Science Week, where we had great fun melting ice, investigating different habitats, and even creating explosive reactions with Mentos and coke!

Alongside our classroom learning, we have been working hard to develop our independence and essential life skills. We have taken trips to local shops to purchase ingredients, visited cafés, where we practised staying calm and safe, and begun taking greater responsibility for our own belongings, such as hanging up our coats and putting on our own shoes.

We are incredibly proud of all the progress made this term and look forward to even more exciting learning experiences ahead!



Post 16

Esther's Class

This term has been fantastic! Students have worked so hard, really pushing themselves and making lots of progress. Students loved making gifts for the Easter fair and Mother's Day sale. They created beautiful gifts and enjoyed selling them in school. Every term, students get a chance to take part in work experience. They jumped into new places, tried new things, and demonstrated just how capable and confident they are. They should feel really proud of everything they've achieved, because we definitely are. To end the term, we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at Ormesby Hall. Students participated in lots of fun activities and even received an Easter egg at the end!

