



# The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

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Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value, chosen by the Collective Worship Leaders, is Joy

### LEAP – Learn, Explore, Adventure, Play



You may have heard the buzz on the school playgrounds this week, we are very excited to have introduced the LEAP programme at playtimes and lunchtimes for the children. From colouring to digging in the sand pit, making a car from tyres and crates to building a ball run from gutters the imaginative play, team work and focus has been wonderful to see. It has been a joy to walk around the playground seeing the children driving in a bus to the dog park or making soup in the mud/water kitchen!

A huge thank you to Mr Fox and his neighbour for the generous donation of the table tennis table. This has been a real hit with the KS2 children.

To further support the play we would really appreciate donations of plastic crates, wooden planks, toy farm animals and buildings, costume jewellery and dressing up clothes such as hats and jackets.

### Warmer Weather

Now we are seeing some warmer weather please ensure children have had suncream applied at home each morning, they may also bring a named bottle of suncream into school to top up themselves if required. Children should also have a named water bottle (water only please, no juice), sun hat and coat each day.

Can we also remind you to ensure school jumpers have your child's name in them.



### FREE Online Sleep Workshops

FREE Online Sleep Workshops - for our North Yorkshire parents and carers kindly provided by the

fantastic charity [Kids](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../online-send-sleep...)

The sleep workshops will be delivered by 2 highly experienced trained sleep practitioners who can offer parents/carers guidance and strategies to address their child's sleep issues. We recognise that parents often feel overwhelmed, exhausted and not sure what to try next. We provide a non-judgmental service where we recognise the struggles parents and carers face when dealing with children's sleep problems.

Topics covered in this workshop will include: Circadian rhythms and sleep patterns, melatonin and cortisol, sleep associations, environmental factors, sensory needs, diet and strategies to support families.

Thursday 22nd May, 6.30-8.30pm, Book your place here -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../online-send-sleep...>

Monday 2nd June, 9.30-11.30am, Book your place here -

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Wednesday 18th June, 6.30-8.30pm, Book your place here -

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Friday 20th June, 9.30-11.30am, Book your place here -

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### Swimming lessons

Thank you for your understanding following the announcement from Richmond pool that they are unable to provide swimming lessons this term. We are very fortunate to have been able to negotiate a last minute space with Catterick Leisure Centre for our Year 5 & 6 children. We understand the disappointment for the children who will be unable to attend lessons in school this year but please be reassured that we have looked at all of the options for providing swimming lessons taking into consideration National Curriculum targets, pool availability and transport. We are reviewing the long term PE plans and will be taking into account the exceptional circumstances we face.

## VE Day

Next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, is VE Day. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue accessories with their uniform. We will be marking the occasion in school with various activities, check our Facebook page for photos. [The Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne Facebook](#)

## Online Safety

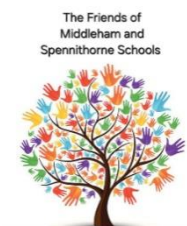
In school, we teach our children to be respectful, responsible and safe online and they are continuously reminded about how to stay safe and seek help and advice if they require it.

This month's online safety newsletter from Knowsley City Learning Centres includes information about Cyberbullying, Minecraft and Roblox. Please take 10mins to read the information included,

Additional information is also available on our school website. <https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/online-safety/>

## FOMASS NEEDS YOU

FOMASS are in desperate need of new members in order to continue their work fundraising for our schools. We are particularly looking for people who would be interested in the Chair and Secretary roles which will need filling before September 2025, the current Chair will stay in position to help the transition of this role so please do get in touch if you are interested.



## Upcoming Events

**Film night** – On the **16<sup>th</sup> May** we will be hosting a film night for all students, tickets for the event will be £5 and include popcorn and drink. The School Council are organising a vote to choose the most popular film. Further details will be available soon.

**Stall at Finghall Barrel Push** – On the 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a stall at Finghall Barrel Push, it's a fun filled event so do pop along.

**Summer Fayre 21<sup>st</sup> June** – tables are available for people to rent for the event, they are £5. Please spread the word to friends, family and community members who may want a stall at our very popular fayre.

Our next Meeting is on the **13<sup>th</sup> May** at The Old Horn, Spennithorne

## Middleham Sports and Fancy Dress

Message from The Organiser, Lizzie Alderson 'Hi everyone, this will be my last year organising Middleham Feast Day (Sports and Fancy Dress) If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be interested in taking over, please contact me on 07753183573.'

## Sycamore Cluster Cricket

A super morning was had at Middleham Cricket pavilion this morning as we took 2 teams to the cricket cluster event. 5 teams were entered and we came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Miss O'Neill and Mrs Forrest were very impressed with the excellent team work and communication skills of our students, well done.

## Maple Class Visit

A massive thank you to the volunteers and organisers at The Wensleydale Railway who delivered a fabulous day of fun and activities for Maple Class this week. We were taken back to the 1920's to explore life on the railways including toys in the station masters house, weighing parcels in the parcel office, and life in the house kitchen.

Check out our Facebook page for more photos [Fedmas Facebook Page](#)



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## Stars of the week 2.5.25

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| <b>Maple Class</b>    | Piper for challenging herself to make a very tricky repeating pattern during our maths work this week. Well done  |
| <b>Birch Class</b>    | Ashton for always applying his learning in our exploring time, he drew a brilliant Venus flytrap after studying them in English.<br>Olivia for persevering brilliantly with her sewing in DT. |
| <b>Sycamore Class</b> | Veer for spreading joy with his positive and upbeat attitude<br>Walter for always having a growth mindset when facing new challenges  |
| <b>Oak Class</b>      | Ella for a fabulous piece of persuasive writing.<br>Charlie for super general knowledge and listening.  |

### Diary Dates

19.05- 23.06 Oak Swimming lessons – more information coming soon  
 5.05 – School Closed for Bank Holiday  
 08.05 – Wear blue, red and white accessories with uniform for VE Day, KS2 at The Key Centre  
 12.05 – 15.05 Year 6 SATS  
 16.05 – Year 5 Mini Police  
 16.05 FOMASS Film night  
 19.05 Oak Class Parent/Carer Edinburgh Information Night 3.15pm  
 20.05 - Oak Class Boys Cluster Cricket Event – more information coming soon  
 22.05 - Oak Class Girls Cluster Cricket Event – more information coming soon  
 26.05 – 30.05 School Closed for May Half term  
 2.06 – School Opens to all pupils  
 4.06 – 6.06 Oak Class visit to Edinburgh  
 13.03 Brownlee Foundation Triathlon in Harrogate – more information coming soon  
 19.06 Year 5 to Wensleydale School for Summer Sports Day  
 21.06 - Save the date – FOMASS Summer Fair  
 23.06, 24.06, 26.06 Year 6 Bikeability – more information coming soon  
 25.06 KS2 Make Music Day in York – more information coming soon  
 2.07 Transition morning – more information coming soon  
 Wb 7.07 Summer Show – dates and times to be confirmed ASAP  
 9.07 Mini Police Celebration Assembly 1pm – Parents/Carers invited to attend  
 15.07 New Starters Welcome Evening 15.07  
 18.07 Year 6 Leavers Service (11am – invitation open to all parent carers) followed by lunch with Year 6 parent/carers – more information coming soon  
 18.07 Last Day of term

### School Attendance

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' wellbeing and gives them the best chance of learning and reaching their potential.

We aspire for attendance at The Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne schools to be 97%, this

week our attendance is **96%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is 95%



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