



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

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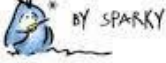
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

Friday 9th May 2025 – Newsletter

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

A POEM FOR YEAR SIX



BY SPARKY

DON'T GET STRESSED.

JUST DO YOUR BEST.

REMEMBER YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED

WITH SKILLS SATS CAN'T TEST.

SATS

Next week, is SATS week for the children in year 6. The tests will take place each morning from Monday to Thursday. These are National statutory tests and are an opportunity for the children to demonstrate all that they have learnt on their education journey so far!

Year 6, we are so proud of how hard you have worked in preparation for the test. Next week is your chance to shine! This weekend, make sure that you do the things that you love to do and enjoy some relaxation time!

VE Day

Sycamore and Oak children enjoyed an afternoon of singing at the key centre yesterday to commemorate VE Day. The audience joined in with some nostalgic WW2 songs and were treated to our award winning songs too! Maple and Birch made flags and medals, decorated cakes and enjoyed lots of VE day themed crafts.



Governor Update

The governors would like to inform you of a recent change to the leadership of our Governing Body.

After serving with dedication and commitment, Mr Wilmington, outgoing Chair has stepped down as Chair of Governors. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank him for his significant contributions to the school in this vital role. Mr Wilmington will be remaining on the governing body.

We are pleased to announce that Josh Hadfield has been elected as the new Chair of Governors. He brings a wealth of experience in education and is passionate about supporting our school in delivering the best outcomes for all pupils.

School Attendance

We have recently seen an increase in the number of holiday requests for pupils during term time. The DfE specify schools 'may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances'. Further information, including our school attendance policy and the Governments National framework for penalty notices from 19th August 2024, can be found on our school website <https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/attendance/>

FOMASS NEEDS YOU

We are still looking for people to join the FOMASS team and particuallry take on the Chair and Secretary roles. If you are interested in learning more about what the role of a PTA member involves you can read more here [PTA committee roles and responsibilities](#), alternatively you can email fomasschools@gmail.com and ask the team any questions.

Our next Meeting is on the **13th May** at 7pm, venue TBC. Do come along and find out more about our role in fundraising for our amazing schools.

The Friends of
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Upcoming Events

Film night – On the **16th May** we will be hosting a film night for all students, tickets for the event will be £5 and include popcorn and drink. The film will be Wild Robot and will be shown at Middleham school, 5.45 for 6pm start. Children are invited to come in pyjamas and bring teddies, blankets etc something to snuggle up with!

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

Summer Fayre 21st 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.

Maple Class

We had the pleasure of welcoming Sandra from Leyburn Dental Practice, who came to share her knowledge about oral hygiene and why taking care of our teeth is so important. She brought along some wonderful models of teeth and dental tools, which helped us understand how to keep our smiles healthy as we grow up.



Stars of the week 9.5.25

Maple Class	Charlie for beautiful handwriting and sentence work this week. You always do everything with a lovely smile on your face! Well done
Birch Class	Jai for a fantastic effort in their writing. Well done. Daniel for a fantastic effort with their writing. Well done.
Sycamore Class	Louise for putting 110% thought and effort into her recycled art project Jesse for a super attitude to learning and his passion in maths
Oak Class	Sam for amazing writing and effort this week. Freddie for super perseverance with writing this week and for completing his writing tasks.



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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 **94%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is 95%

Diary Dates

19.05- 23.06 Oak Swimming lessons – more information has been sent home
12.05 – 15.05 Year 6 SATS
16.05 – Year 5 Mini Police
16.05 FOMASS Film night at Middleham School, 5.45pm
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
27.06 Sports Day from 1.15pm
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



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