



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 16th May 2025 – Newsletter

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



VE Day

We are very proud that children from the Federation participated in the VE Day concert held in Leyburn last weekend.

Nina sang a solo rendition from Les Miserables and Toby was a flag bearer representing his Cub pack and joined fellow Cub members on stage as they had the whole congregation joining in with the campfire song 'Flee Fly Flo'.

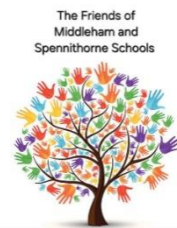
Middleham Mayor, Honor Byford, got in touch with school to share thanks on behalf of Middleham Key Centre following the Sycamore and Oak Class visit last week. '...many thanks for the mini concert, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. There were some hankies out!'

Start of school day – Polite reminder

Staff are not available to supervise pupils before **8:35am at Middleham** and **8:50am at Spennithorne**. The only exception is for pupils travelling on the Federation or County bus, as a member of staff is on duty to supervise these children upon arrival.

Bike/Scooter to school - Safety!

Please can we remind you that if child/children are coming to school on their bike or scooter they need to be wearing a helmet. Please dismount before entering the school grounds for everyone's safety. Many thanks for your support in this matter.



FOMASS NEEDS YOU

We are still looking for people to join the FOMASS team. 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 fomassschools@gmail.com and ask the team any questions.

Movement for Good

The next round of funding is open, to help us win £1000 please nominate us via this link [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award](#). Search for Friends of Spennithorne School (1075309) and enter your details, it takes less than 2mins to do.

Our next fundraiser, film night, is tonight at Middleham school 5.45pm. Entry is £5 per child, cash preferred but card machine will be available and includes a drink and popcorn. Children can choose to watch either Wild Robot or Shrek, parents can drop and go, collection is at 7.45pm.

Upcoming Events

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 this event, they are £5. Please spread the word to friends, family and community members who may want a stall at our very popular fayre.

Class News

In Maple Class this week, we've been learning about owls as part of our 'Amazing Animals' topic!

Today was especially exciting because we got to explore some barn owl pellets. These pellets are actually clumps of fur, bones, and feathers that owls can't digest. Instead, they compact these indigestible parts into pellets and spit them out. It's really fascinating to see what owls eat!



Oak Class

Oak Class are thoroughly enjoying making coasters and baskets for their eco project recycling art!

They are using old magazines and glue to make these fabulous little baskets! Amazing perseverance too. Well done everyone



Pupil Celebration



A fantastic Well Done to Ruby and Oliver, and their Mum, who participated in the Cancer Research Race for Life, both Ruby and Oliver ran the full 5km and have raised over £1500.

We love celebrating achievements from outside of school. If your child has celebrated a success in an activity that you would like to add to the newsletter please send a photo and details to Mrs Clarkson.

Stars of the week 16.5.25

Maple Class	Martha for great knowledge in our Owl topic this week.
Birch Class	Heath for having a fantastic attitude to learning in all lessons. Grayson for always being ready to learn.
Sycamore Class	Jude for concentration and hard work. Molly S for always bringing joy to her friends.
Oak Class	All the Year 6 children for their perseverance, hard work and positive attitudes. Well done all of you. You are amazing!

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 **98%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is 65%



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Diary Dates

19.05- 23.06 Oak Swimming lessons – more information has been sent home
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 3.30pm
20.05 - Oak Class Boys Cluster Cricket Event
22.05 - Oak Class Girls Cluster Cricket Event
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
13.06 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
18.07 Last Day of term



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