The Federation of Middleham Church of England (VA) Junior School and Spennithorne Church of England (VA) Infant Schools

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

This term our Christian Value is Love

Safeguarding – Doxing

Doxing (short for dropping documents) is when someone's personal information is shared without their consent. This could include phone number, home address, place of work or sensitive information about a person or their family. This weeks #wakeupwednesday, attached to the newsletter shares more information and highlights the risks of Doxing.



Let there be Life, 28th November, Grinton Church.

All children in Reception to Y6 have been involved in the Let there be Life project, we have created artwork, explored our local environment and the final workshop, taking place in school on Monday, will involve lots of music and movement.

All the workshops that the children have participated in will come together at Grinton Church next Saturday, 28th November where we will be performing alongside Reeth and Gunnerside schools, Dales Dance, Muker Band and Marske Community Choir.

Students are invited to come and join the performance showcasing all the work we have been doing over the last few weeks. It is an amazing opportunity and we are very excited to have been included in this event.

Mrs Ibbotson and Mrs Foxwell will be our school leads for the rehearsal from 3.30pm and the show starts at 5pm and is expected to finish at 6pm.

Children must bring an adult with them who can stay. There is no charge to attend however the organsiers do ask you book a ticket via the website Let there be Life! concert Tickets, Saturday, November 28 • 5 PM - 6 PM | Eventbrite

We are asking for photo consent for both the workshop on Monday and the performance on 28th November, please ensure you have completed the online form by 9am Monday morning.

Let there Be Life. A Community event celebrating life on earth with music, dance and art. – Fill in form

AntiBullying Week

Across the Federation our students have engaged in a variety of lessons and activities to learn about Anti bullying Week and how they can be empowered to 'Break the Silence' We have reflected on starting conversations about bullying, speaking up for ourselves and others, listening to the opinions and views of peers and learning how to take action to tackle injustice and bullying.

Lessons covered thought provoking subjects including 'The Power of You', 'Kindness Everyday' and 'Kindness is Powerful'



Job Vacancy

We are currently advertising a part time HLTA role based at Spennithorne. If you, or somebody you know, is interested in the post the application form can be found on the NYCC job website.

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Cool Milk

As you are aware, at The Federation of Middleham Junior and Spennithorne Infant schools we have a milk scheme administered by Cool Milk.

Midmorning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch.

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Every child over 5 is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/parents

Tesco Blue Token

This week we heard from Tesco that the deadline for the blue token scheme has been extended and will now finish on 10 January 2027. This is very exciting news and will mean our schools will feature in store over the Christmas period, a particularly busy time for all shops. Keep popping your blue tokens into our slot! Thank you.

Tempest Photography

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your child's school individual photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 24th November 2026. Order through the Tempest website using your paper order forms , visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk

Help shape our algorithms

Do you follow our Facebook page? We post lots of photos and news of our school adventures but our audience numbers are very low, it would really help our reach if you 'liked' the photos you see, comments also help boost our visibility. Middleham and Spennithorne Facebook

FOMASS

The next bag2school collection is on 2nd December, bags can be dropped into either school from Monday 30th and no later than 9am on the 2nd December.

Our current fundraiser is the 'FOMASS Christmas Square Draw'. Squares are available at £5 each, the draw will take place on the 17th December and the winning square will win £250. Squares can be bought by contacting FOMASS via Facebook or email friendsofspennithorneandmiddleham@outlook.com FOMASS members are also on Spennithorne playground most days at drop off and pick up.

https://www.facebook.com/FOMASSchools/



Christmas Events in the Community



Mother Christmas
Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes are hosting for the 3rd year an accessible visit with Mother Christmas. The event is on Saturday 5th December for children with additional needs, siblings are also invited to meet Mother Christmas. More details can be found at www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk or emailing hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Middleham Christmas Lights switch on - Friday 4th December 6.00pm Market Place Middleham - The Council would like to invite children and their families to join us for the light switch on and carol singing around the Christmas tree.

Middleham Key Centre Christmas Fair - Sunday 6th December 2026, Middleham Key Centre from 10am everyone is welcome. There will a number of stalls ranging from antiques and collectables, hand knitted items, sweet treats, photography items, skincare and arts and crafts.

Spennithorne Light switch on - Saturday 5th December. Meet on the Green at 4.30pm, lights switched on at 5pm. Head to The Old Horn Inn afterwards to warm up with drinks and food.



Bauble Donations – St Michael and All Angels Church, Spennithorne, are looking for donations of blue and silver baubles to decorate the church tree. If you have any to donate these can be brought to school to send to church.



Class News
Children in Oak Class had a fantastic visit to Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge last week. They listened attentively to talks on: fire safety, water safety, online safety, drug awareness and hate crime.
Well done Oak Class for continuing to show our 3Bs out in the community.



Sycamore class have recently finished a class competition on Sumdog working on subtraction skills, well done to all that entered and a special congratulations to Mia who completed the competition with 100% accuracy.

Maple and Birch children were lucky enough to have a visit from the dental nurses from Leyburn Dental Practice this week. Children learnt about good oral care and used models to demonstrate good teeth brushing.



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Stars of the week 20.11.26

Maple Class	Eleanor for working so hard on her letter formation and doing lots of extra work at home too! Well done Bobby for contributing so well to our discussion work during our Year 1 lessons. Well done
Birch Class	Maisie for always following our school values and being an excellent friend. Fearne for her involvement in all parts of the nativity and performing her lines.
Sycamore Class	Holly for super effort in times tables lessons. Bonnie for writing an excellent diary entry in English.
Oak Class	Scarlett for excellent perseverance and achievement in swimming lessons. WI for excellent independent writing.

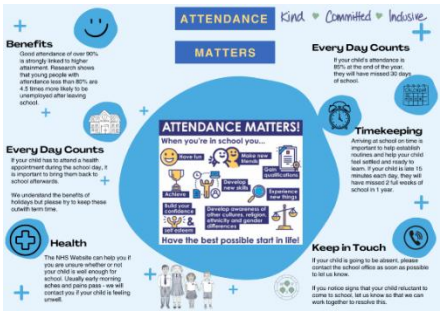
School Attendance

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 **97%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is **97%**

There is a variety of bugs going around schools at this time of year. We continue to encourage pupils to wash their hands regularly and sneeze/cough into sleeves and tissues, thank you for supporting this at home with your children.



Diary Dates

25.11 Oak Class Swimming 4/6
02.12 Bags2School Collection at both schools
02.12 Oak Class Swimming 5/6
02.12 Final Rock Steady Music session of the Autumn term
06.12 Christingle Service at St Alkelda's Church Middleham, all families welcome
09.12 Oak Class Swimming 6/6, final session
10.12 Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
15.12 Infant School Nativity, Spennithorne school.
16.12 Middleham Junior Pantomime Visit, more information to follow
17.12 Whole school Christmas Carol Service, 2pm. More information coming soon
18.12 School Closes for Christmas holidays
11.01 NCMP visit Reception and Y6
28.01 Spennithorne Infant Theatre visit, more information to follow

Term dates for the next school year are available on our website
https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/

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