



# 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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Newsletter

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

## Global Neighbour Award

We are thrilled to announce The Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne have achieved Bronze



Award status in Christian Aid's [Global Neighbours scheme](#) in recognition of its wide-ranging steps to love their global neighbour.

The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world

Alison Brown, Global Neighbours Schools Programme Officer at Christian Aid, said: "The Global Neighbours Scheme was launched in partnership with the Church of England's Education Office with a vision of helping young



people understand more about the inequalities in this world and helping them to become courageous advocates for those who have no voice.

It's wonderful to see how staff and pupils at the Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne have taken this to heart and are seeking to tackle injustice. "

Well done to all the staff and children and an extra special thank you to Miss O'Neill who has led on this project.

## Extra Curricular After school Clubs

We have spaces available for all after school clubs for the summer term. These are booked and paid directly via ParentPay. Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Durrant will send an email confirmation of your child's place on the club.

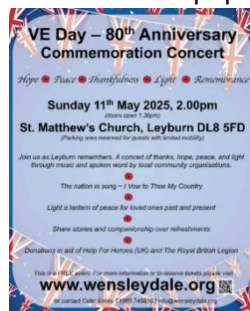
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sports at Middleham, Y3-6</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday Club at Spennithorne, all children</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sports at Spennithorne, all children</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Forest School at Middleham Y3-6</b>

## ParentPay

Due to staff absence, there may be a delay in payments showing as confirmed on ParentPay, this will be updated next week.

## VE Day Celebrations

This year marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War, we will be acknowledging this occasion across the Federation. All pupils are invited to wear blue, red or white accessories, eg hair clip, socks with their school uniform on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Sycamore and Oak class will visit the Key Centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm to sing at the celebratory lunch for Middleham residents.



Following her success at The Wensleydale Tournament of Song Nina in Year 6 has been asked to sing a solo and be a lamp bearer at the celebrations taking place at St Matthews Church in Leyburn on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, please do pop along and show your support.

## 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.

We raised £100 at the games stall at Middleham Racing Open Day, thank you to everybody who came to say hello.

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### 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.

**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 **17<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.'*

### **Year 6 SATS Information Evening**

The Year 6 SATS Information evening for parents/carers and their children will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April at Middleham School. Following the meeting, the PowerPoint will be shared with all Year 6 parents/carers and put onto the school website. If you are unable to attend and have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact school and Mrs Mann or Mrs Bradbury will happily chat to you at a more convenient time.

### **Class News**

Birch class played a barrier game in English to develop speaking and listening skills. We used positional language to direct our partner on where to place the animals in the garden and then removed the barrier to check!

Sycamore class are exploring body percussion, they used clicks, taps and jumps to create rainforest sounds



### **Stars of the week 25.4.25**

<b>Maple Class</b>	Flo for superb work in phonics all week. Well done. Matilda for superb work in phonics all week. Well done.
<b>Birch Class</b>	Rocco for being safe, ready and respectful in every lesson. Well done! Leon for super effort in maths this week. Well done!
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Freddie for super retrieval skills. Savannah for an excellent growth mindset and developing her independence in maths
<b>Oak Class</b>	Maya A for a super start back and for always spreading such joy! Well done Maya.



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#### Diary Dates

22.04 – 3.06 Birch Swimming lessons – more information has been sent home  
23.04- 21. 05 Oak Swimming lessons – more information coming soon  
28.04 - Maple Class visit to The Wensleydale Railway  
29.04 – Year 5 Mini Police  
29.04 – Year 6 Parent/Carer SATS information evening, 3.15pm  
02.05 - Sycamore Cluster Cricket Event – information sent to those involved  
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 **95%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is 95%



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