



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 24th January 2025 – Newsletter

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

Start and End of Day

Many thanks to parents for your support with the drop and go system at Spennithorne, it has made the start to the day much smoother for staff and children. During the adverse weather we adapted a new end of day system that staff have also found very successful, consequently we will be keeping this system. Staff will send your child out of school at the end of the day when they have made eye contact/ waved to their parent/carer to acknowledge they have been seen on the playground.

Please continue to park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. The accessible parking space and drop and go areas at both schools are in use throughout the school day, please use these spaces as intended.

The Key Centre is available at Middleham for parking at the start and end of the school day.

This is a polite reminder that parent/carers are responsible of any younger siblings on school premises.



Sumdog

The latest Sumdog competition is the Yorkshire and Humberside Maths Contest and runs from 31st Jan to 6th Feb. Pupils have opportunity to answer up to 1000 personalised questions and all correct answers count towards both an individual and class score. If you require your child's log in details please get in touch with Mrs Clarkson.

FOMASS

The Tesco Blue token Scheme is well underway, **if you are not offered a blue token at checkout please do ask for one or grab one from the self service check out as you leave.** Money raised from this project will go towards creating outdoor provision at our Spennithorne site.

You can share our Facebook posts to help spread the word to the wider community, [FOMASS Facebook page](#) and [Spennithorne and Middleham Primary School Facebook page](#)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Everyone has a responsibility to refer a child when it is believed or suspected that a child has suffered significant harm and /or is likely to suffer significant harm.

Where there are significant immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact the police on 999.

If you believe the situation is urgent but does not require the police, please call 0300 131 2 131 to make a telephone contact. Should your call be outside of business hours (Monday – Friday / 9am-5pm) please still call 0300 131 2 131 to speak to the Emergency Duty Team.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with us, please do not hesitate to make contact with either school. More information can also be found on our school website: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

If we have a concern about the welfare of a child, we will always act in the best interests of the child.

Train to be a Teacher

Swaledale Alliance offer school based Initial Teacher Training in the Hambleton and Richmondshire Areas.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up for the September 2025 programme visit

www.swaledalealliance.org

The Swaledale Alliance works with Best Start Teacher Training and Career Teacher Training Partnership to offer school based Initial Teacher Training in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

The benefits of training through Swaledale Alliance are:

- High quality training
- Seek and support hours
- Local placements available in town, village and countryside schools near you.

TRAIN IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

TO APPLY VISIT: WWW.GOODTEACHERS.CO.UK FOR TEACHER TRAINING

Applications for September 2025 now open!

Information: www.swaledalealliance.org | 01754 628095 | www.swaledalealliance.org | 0153 214

Ygam

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YGam is an incredibly informative website that supports you with information around game types, age restrictions and why children choose to engage in gaming. The website provides you with information on why children like to game, along with what you need to know to keep your child safe by identifying potential risks, holding conversations and setting safety controls. Alongside a wealth of information, the website also hosts numerous online parents workshops, which are highly informative and free. More information and online booking can be found at

https://parents.ygam.org/workshops_booking_page/

Workshops are scheduled for :-

- 11/02/2025 – 12:00 – 1:15pm – Safer Internet Day
- 19/02/2025 – 6:00pm – 7:15pm
- 18/03/2025 – 10:00am – 1:00pm



Cluster Football

Well Done to the Year 3 and 4 children who attended a cluster football competition at The Wensleydale School this week. FEDMAS team 2 made it to the final and came 2nd overall!



Class News Maple Class

In maths, children were introduced to the concept of zero. We used the vocabulary 'nothing there', 'none', 'zero' and 'empty'. We went on a hunt around the classroom to see where we could find 'zero'. We even found objects that looked similar to the shape of the numeral 0!



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Diary Dates

31.01 Year 5 Forest School
4.02 Community Lunch – invitation sent to year 6 parents/carers
7.02 Birch Class Forest School
14.02 Oak Class Forest School
14.02 School closes for half term
24.02 School open to all pupils
27.02 NCMP Checks Reception and Year 6 – information has been sent.
10.03 (Spennithorne) & 12.03 (Middleham) Parents Evening – more information to follow
18.03 Dales Music and dance workshop for children and parents – – more information coming soon
2.04. Easter Service and art gallery – more information coming soon
3.04 FOMASS Chocolate Bingo 5.45pm – more information coming soon

Stars of the week 24.1.25

Maple Class	Ivy for working so hard on our ladybird challenges and showing great enthusiasm. Well done
Birch Class	Toby S for making a brilliant effort in phonics lessons. Harry for excellent effort in reading lessons.
Sycamore Class	Sofia for some super writing in English this week.
Oak Class	Oliver G for fabulous multiplication and division work in maths. Super Oliver! Harriet for being a super member of our school community.



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