



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 4th July 2025 – Newsletter

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

Sports Day 2025

Many thanks to all the families and friends who came to support Sports Day at Middleham School last Friday, it was wonderful to have such amazing support for all of your children.



Summer Show 'Zoom'

Our show is almost ready for friends and family to watch on Tuesday and Thursday next week, please note the **earlier start time of 1.30pm** on Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure no more than 2 people per family come to each performance.

Grow £2 project

The children in Year 6 are currently working on their 'Grow a £2' maths project. They have been tasked to think of a product to make, advertise it and budget with the money they have been given. Items will be sold at Middleham School on Tuesday 15th July from 8:45 am to 9:30am, alongside our recycled art gallery pieces. There will also be recycled art projects available to buy at Spennithorne school. Parents and friends are welcome to come along.

All profits from the Grow £2 project will come back to school with the original £2. This money will go towards the Year 6 sailing treat.



Summer Reading Challenge

We were very excited to welcome Lucy from North Yorkshire libraries into both schools over the last week. She came to talk to us about the Summer Reading Challenge that takes place from Saturday 12 July until Saturday 6 September. The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Story Garden medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge. This year the theme is Story Garden which celebrates the great outdoors and the power of imagination. More information can be found at

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Sun Protection

Thank you to all the parents and children who have ensured they have had hats, sunscreen, and water bottles in school during the recent hot weather. We aim to work proactively to educate and protect the children from sunburn and skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight

We continue to encourage children to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day
- wearing suitable hats
- wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and trips
- using a high factor sunscreen (SPF 30+ with at least 4-star UVA protection).

Drinking plenty of water during hot, sunny weather

Please ensure your children have protective items in school and sunscreen is applied at home before coming to school.

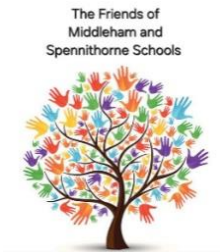
FEAST

FEAST vouchers have been issued to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this summer holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.



If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [Feast North Yorkshire Activities](#)



FOMASS NEWS

Spennithorne School had a visit from Tesco this week, they came to see our school and particularly the area where the outdoor classroom will be placed. FOMASS were presented with a cheque for £1000 from the blue token appeal, this money will go directly to the outdoor classroom structure.

The Saddleroom at Tupgill park are hosting a summer fair 10-4 on the 19th July with proceeds going to FOMASS, there will be food, games, and lots of entertainment. Please help support this event.



The Movement for Good £1000 draw is also still open, to help us win £1000 please nominate us via this link [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.](#)
[FOMASS Facebook](#)

Stars of the week 07.07.25

Maple Class	Maybelle for super singing and dancing during rehearsals for our summer show. Well Done.
Birch Class	Jai for some lovely reading, great focus and discussion about what he read. Olivia for super maths on Sumdog.
Sycamore Class	To be announced next week.
Oak Class	Harriet for amazing courage and outstanding singing! Wow! Kacie for fantastic creativity and for showing lots of enthusiasm this week.



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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 **98%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is 95%



Diary Dates

- 7.07 Federation Rehearsal Day at Middleham School
- 8.07 Summer show 1.30pm and 6pm
- 9.07 Mini Police Celebration Assembly 1pm – Parents/Carers invited to attend
- 10.07 Summer show 6pm
- 11.07 Year 6 Treat Day
- 15.07 Federation Art Gallery – both sites from 8.45 – 9.30am
- 15.07 New Starters Welcome Evening
- 16.07 Maple and Birch Class Community Lunch and Teddy Bears Picnic
- 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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