



The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

Executive Headteacher – Mrs Marie Mann

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 21st November 2025 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

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 Christmas 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.

Please note that this Christmas, families can request places from Monday 17 November, but bookings won't be confirmed until Friday 21 November. This short wait gives everyone time to browse activities and express interest before places are allocated. You should hear back within a week to let you know if your child has a place. This new approach helps make things fairer, giving every family an equal chance to enjoy FEAST activities and meals.



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, [visit the website](#).

Governor Visit in school

Revd. Jeff Payne recently visited the schools for a 'book look' to see how children's handwriting and English are progressing. Revd. Jeff said, 'it was a delight to see the progress children are making. Well done to the children for their hard work. I would encourage parents to read and write with their children; it makes a big difference to their learning and chances of success.'

Stay and Play

On 2nd December 9.30-10.30am preschool aged children and their parents/carers are invited to a stay and play in our EYFS classroom at Spennithorne School. We will be enjoying a variety of activities and have opportunity to explore our environment.

Class fundraising



The second shop for ordering Class Fundraising items

reopens today until 1st December.

If you have lost your code, don't worry! Simply complete this form on the website to recover their artwork.

Lost Codes – Class Fundraising



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Carols Around the Christmas Tree

On Friday 5th December at 6pm you are invited to the Christmas light switch on in Middleham town square.

Refreshments are provided.

Children are invited to go along and join in with the singing, all children remain the responsibility of their parents at all.

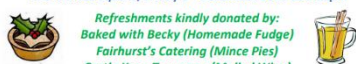


CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

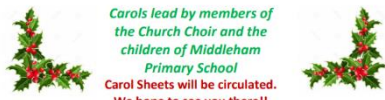
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON BY OUR MAYOR, CLLR IAIN PEAD-JOWETT

ADDRESS AND CHRISTMAS PRAYER BY REVS LIZ MOODY AND JEFF PAYNE.

The Market Square, Friday 5th December 2025 at 6.00pm



Refreshments kindly donated by:
Baked with Becky (Homemade Fudge)
Fairhurst's Catering (Mince Pies)
Castle Keep Tearooms (Mulled Wine)
The Dante Arms (Sausage Rolls and Non-alcoholic wine)
The Wensleydale Hotel (Savoury Canapes)



Carols lead by members of the Church Choir and the children of Middleham Primary School

Carol Sheets will be circulated. We hope to see you there!!

The Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools



FOMASS

Our next fundraiser is a film night at Middleham school on the 4th

December at 5.30pm, this event

is for children currently attending Spennithorne and Middleham schools. We will be showing The Polar Express, entry is £5 and will include juice and snack.

FOMASS Dates for Diaries

4.12 – Christmas Movie Night, Middleham School, 5.30-7pm

26.03 – Chocolate Bingo, venue and time TBC

If you would like to contribute fundraising ideas or offers of help, please get in touch fomassschools@gmail.com

Keep up to date with our fundraising efforts at <https://www.facebook.com/FOMASSchools/>

Class News

Sycamore Class

In Forest Schools this week, we enjoyed learning how to light a fire, build tents, make bracelets, climb trees, and cut kindling. On our fire, we made hot chocolate and popcorn, and the children learned to use knives safely.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Diocese of Leeds

Church of St Mary & St Alkelda, Middleham

Sunday @ 3



Sunday 7th December

3pm

for music, stories, prayer and fun!



Bring the kids, bring the family!! Everyone welcome!



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Stars of the week 21.11.25

Maple Class	Leo for demonstrating our school value of resilience. Well Done.
Birch Class	Matilda for making a super effort in all her learning this week. Rocco for fantastic maths work and great attitude to learning.
Sycamore Class	Riley for beginning to develop a growth mindset. Walter for a super piece of English writing
Oak Class	Finlay for a super week in maths and for super focus. Martha for amazing writing to include atmosphere.

Diary Dates

21.11 Class Fundraising shop reopens
 24.11 Birch Class Forest School
 01.12 Class Fundraising shop closes
 01.12 Maple Class Forest School
 01.12 Flu vaccinations in school
 02.12 EYFS stay and play for pre-school children and parents
 03.12 Final swimming lesson for Sycamore and Oak Class
 04.12 FOMASS Christmas film night, Middleham School 5.30-7pm
 07.12 (Sunday) Christingle Service at Middleham Church, 3pm – more information coming soon
 08.12 Federation Day at Middleham for Nativity rehearsal, more information coming soon.
 11.12 Federation Nativity, 1.45pm and 6pm – more information coming soon
 15.12 Federation day at Middleham for Christmas celebrations, more information coming soon.
 17.12 Christmas lunch day, more information coming soon
 19.12 School closes for the Christmas holidays.
 05.01 Staff Training Day
 06.01 School reopens for all pupils.

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 **93 %**

Our attendance for the school year so far is **95%**



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