



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 28th November 2025 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

Vaccination UK

The flu vaccination team will be in both schools on Monday morning, 1st December, to administer nasal flu sprays for children who have been signed up to receive it. More information can be found at [Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

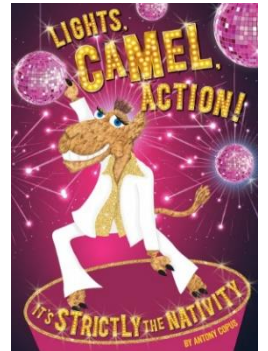


Mrs Hirst

Mrs Hirst, new headteacher, will be in school on Thursday 4th December 2025 spending time with children and staff on each site.

Lights, Camel, Action

We are busily rehearsing for our Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action'. If your child has lines, please support them to learn these at home. Requests for costumes have gone home for children who need them. Please get in touch with school if you need any help with sourcing outfits.



Christmas Events

The Christmas Events letter has been sent home today, please ensure you complete every online form before next Thursday 4th December,

[Federation Day for Nativity Rehearsal at Middleham School 8.12.25](#)

[Nativity Performance at Middleham 11.12.25](#)

[Christmas Celebration Day at Middleham 15.12.25](#)

[Christmas lunch 17.12.25](#)



Open the Book

Over the last 2 weeks the Open the book team have retold the story of Moses and the burning bush, an amazing story brought to life with great enthusiasm and very realistic flames! Thank you Open the Book team.

School Visit

Sycamore and Oak class had a very interesting visit to the Hindu temple in Catterick this week. They learnt lots of fascinating facts about Hindu Gods, symbols and prayer. The children behaved wonderfully and showed great curiosity.



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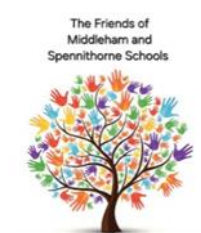


The next competition will be the Winter Wonderland UK Maths Contest running from 12 to 18 Dec.



Candlelighters

Each year Lailah-Faye in Oak class visits the paediatric cancer ward to donate toys for children who will be staying in hospital over the Christmas period. If you have any new and unopened toys you would like to donate please drop these into either school next week and Lailah will take them with her.



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.

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers we have had to cancel the bag packing fundraising event at Leyburn Co-op.

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/>

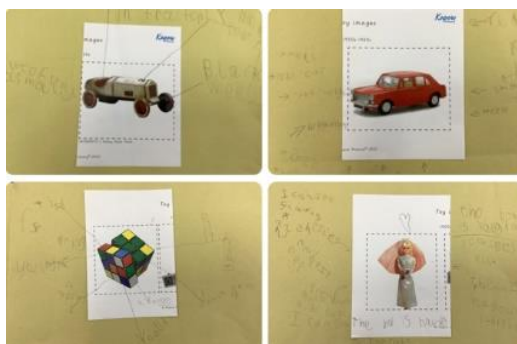
FOMASS Dates for Diaries

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

26.03 – Chocolate Bingo, venue and time TBC

Class News

Children in Birch Class have been exploring how toys have changed through history. We looked at old and new toys, described their features, explored what they are made from and identified similarities and differences.



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Stars of the week 28.11.25

Maple Class	Euan for super concentration and hard work all week. Well done
Birch Class	Olivia for her amazing contributions in our history lessons. Rileigh for listening and focusing brilliantly in lessons.
Sycamore Class	William S for being a kind and compassionate member of our school community. Mia C for being a supportive and helpful member of our classroom community
Oak Class	Louise for amazing DT skills and working independently. Thomas for making a fabulous DT model and for solving problems independently.

Diary Dates

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
 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.
 10.12 Final swimming lesson for Sycamore and Oak Class
 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 **95%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is **92%**



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