



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 7th November 2025 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

Parents evening

Thank you to all parents for attending your child's parent consultation appointment. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and ask any questions you had.

Odd Sock Day



Monday 10th November is Odd Sock Day, a fun and meaningful event that marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week in the UK. We invite everybody to wear mismatched socks to celebrate their individuality, raise awareness about bullying, encourage the acceptance of differences and promote kindness and respect.


Sumdog

Before half term we competed in the Yorkshire and Humberside maths contest. Well Done to everybody who took part. A special congratulations to Mia McG who came 16th and Finley G who came 24th out of 1790 pupils. The next contest is the Winter Wonderland contest taking place from the 12th to 18th December.

Forest Schools

We are looking forward to welcoming Rob from Acorn to Oaks to lead some forest school sessions over the next few weeks. On Monday 10th November the session will be for Oak Class. Children can come to school wearing clothing suitable for outdoor exploration including long sleeved top and trousers, waterproofs and wellies. Please see diary dates for each class forest school session.

LEAP

We are in real need of new and interesting loose parts to update our LEAP provision at both of our schools. If you have any of the items listed in the picture here  we would be incredibly grateful for them to support your child's play.

Know when your child is too ill for school

The NHS has published [guidance](#) to help you decide whether your child is well enough to attend school, including information on a range of common childhood illnesses and conditions, such as coughs, colds, chickenpox, measles and headlice.

It's usually safe for you to send your child to school with mild illnesses, like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should stay at home if they have a high temperature of 38C or above.



Healthy lifestyles in school

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle into school every day, these can be kept in school as children will refill them each morning and throughout the day as necessary.

Fruit is provided for all children at breaktimes, therefore there is no need to send in snacks for your child.

We're on the lookout for loose parts! If you can donate any, we'd be extremely grateful. Items may include:

- Small world figures
- Bread, milk, bottle and grocery crates,
- Briefcases
- Buggies, pushchairs
- Cable drums
- Cuddly toys
- Foam pipe covers and noodles
- Guttering
- Keyboards
- Metal pots, pans, trays
- Hats and bags
- Phones
- Piping, gas, water and drainage
- Planks
- Deck chairs
- Small children's bike wheels, wheels



From September 2025 we are no longer accepting cakes/treats to be given out for birthdays/celebrations, we appreciate the kind thought behind this gesture however due to school policy and children's allergies and preferences we are unable to share these with the children.

Packed lunches - A healthy packed lunch will give children the energy and nutrition they need to get the most from their school day – helping them to stay healthy, feel good and be ready and able to learn. Just like school meals, packed lunches should be made up of foods from the main food groups in the Eatwell Guide www.nhs.uk/live-well/eatwell/the-eatwell-guide and portions should be appropriate for a child's age and size. This will ensure every child has a healthy and nutritionally balanced lunch.

Please do NOT include the following items:

Sweets and chocolate bars – these foods are high in sugar and calories, low in goodness, and are harmful for teeth.

Squash or fizzy drinks – water is best for teeth.

Additionally, please remember that we aim to be a nut free school therefore ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Autism - Family Support

Autism Central is a peer support programme commissioned by NHS England. Our programme delivers accessible education to families and carers of autistic people. We offer **group events, 1:1 support sessions** and **online resources**, all helping to build an understanding of autism. All aspects of the Autism Central programme are **free**.

Friday 24th October we will be starting the delivery of our **1:1 support sessions**.

Please book your 1:1 support with Autism Central by clicking here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sQzvW3ix1J>

We are also already delivering **online group events**, please click the link below to view all upcoming events (*including 10+ group events taking place next week*):

[Events | Autism Central](#)

For further support, you can also browse our online resources here:

[Understanding autism | Autism Central](#)

[Supporting health and wellbeing | Autism Central](#)

[Navigating education | Autism Central](#)

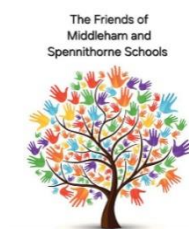
[Navigating support | Autism Central](#)



SENDIAS

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service is a free service that provides information and advice on SEND policy, process and law to parents, carers of children with special educational needs or a disability or to young people with a special educational needs or disability up to the age of 25. More information can be found attached to this newsletter and online [Home > SENDIAS North Yorkshire](#)

FOMASS



Autumn Disco – What a wonderful time we had dancing with our glow sticks on the last day of half term, we hope the children

enjoyed it as much as the adults!

We raised a fantastic £452.90

Bags 2 school Collection – Thank you to all of the bags donated

for the Bags2School collection, between the

schools we collected an amazing 540kg of clothing and shoes. The amount raised will be announced as soon as we hear.

Our next meeting will be on the 12th November at Spennithorne School, 7pm, everybody is welcome to join.

If you were unable to join our next meeting but 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

12.11 – FOMASS meeting, Spennithorne School 7pm

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

26.03 – Chocolate Bingo, venue and time TBC

Class News – Maple Class

Maple Class have started their 'Celebrations' topic with a wonderful, large- scale Firework collage. The children worked as a team to discuss their ideas and collaborated well together to produce this fantastic piece of artwork.



Sycamore and Oak Class

This week pupils have been learning about Remembrance Day and why remembrance is important. Oak and Sycamore have created a display of artwork inspired by Remembrance.



Stars of the week 07.11.25

Maple Class	Navaeh for showing compassion, kindness and for being a sensible member of Maple Class. Well done
Birch Class	Elspeth for being a kind and thoughtful member of our class. Maybelle for making excellent effort in all her lessons.
Sycamore Class	Robyn for being kind and compassionate in swimming lessons. Tia for always being kind and compassionate to her peers.
Oak Class	Elliott for amazing contribution in English this week. Scarlett for fantastic effort in swimming this week.

Diary Dates

10.11 Odd sock day for Anti bullying week.
10.11 Oak Class Forest School
17.11 Sycamore Class Forest School
21.11 Class Fundraising shop reopens
24.11 Birch Class Forest School
01.12 Class Fundraising shop closes
01.12 Maple Class Forest School
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
15.11 Federation day at Middleham for Christmas celebrations, more information coming soon.
17.11 Christmas lunch day, more information coming soon
19.12 School closes for the Christmas holidays.



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 **96%**