



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 3rd October 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

Open Evening

Many thanks to the families who joined us for our Open Evening this week. If you anybody who has a child starting school in September 2026 they are very welcome to come and look around our amazing Federation, please call or email either school office for more information.

Public Consultation

The consultation to discuss proposals for our Federation took place last night. It was a successful event with clarification on some topics, an FAQ information sheet and the PowerPoint presentation are attached to this week's newsletter. You are invited to submit responses to the proposal in writing and online, details of this can be found in the email sent by Mrs Clarkson.

Sumdog Contest



Birch, Sycamore and Oak class are entered into the Yorkshire and Humberside Maths Contest with Sumdog, this will run from 17 Oct 2025 to 23 Oct 2025. To enter, children log in to Sumdog in the usual way and select the contest then they have opportunity to answer up to 1000 personalised questions. 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.

Tempest Photography

The school photographer will be in both schools on 7th Nov, they will start at Spennithorne from 8am for sibling photos, if you would like these photos please ensure you are at school between 8 and 8.20am, children who need to be at Middleham can get the Federation bus, please email Mrs Durrant or Mrs Clarkson to confirm your child's place on the bus.

If your child would usually have PE this day please send them to school wearing their uniform and bring PE kit to change into during the school day.

Photos will be available to purchase and will arrive in time for Christmas.



Class Fundraising.

Order cards have been sent home with all families. The online shop is open until **12noon on the 8th Oct**. There will also be another opportunity to make purchases, details will be available later in the year.



FOMASS

Many thanks to everybody who joined our first meeting of the school year on Thursday. If you were unable to join us but would like to contribute fundraising ideas or offers of help please get in touch fomasschools@gmail.com

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

Our first fundraiser this year will be the very popular **Autumn Disco**, this will be held at **Middleham school** on the **23rd Oct 6-7.15pm**. Further information will be released soon.

Bags 2 school Collection – This will take place at both schools on 5th November, bags will be sent home to be filled over half term.

FOMASS Dates for Diaries

23.10 – Autumn Disco, Middleham School, 6-7.15pm

5.11 – Bags 2 School Collection

12.11 – FOMASS meeting, Spennithorne, time TBC

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

26.03 – Chocolate Bingo, venue and time TBC

Class News – Sycamore Class

Children in Sycamore class have been very busy sewing Egyptian collars in their DT lessons. Well Done.



Stars of the week 3.10.25

Maple Class	Bobby for working so hard on his letter formation this week. Well done
Birch Class	Hayden for support effort in maths. George LJ for trying his best in every writing lesson.
Sycamore Class	Jesse for going above and beyond in lessons but also in his homework. Minnie for going above and beyond in lessons but also in her homework
Oak Class	Jack D for amazing presentation of work and handwriting, Aarya for super English sentence writing this week.

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 **96 %**

Our attendance for the school year so far is **96%**



Diary Dates

10.10 World Mental Health Day

22.10 Sycamore and Oak swimming lessons start, more information has been sent

23.10 Federation Harvest Service at Middleham Church, 2pm – all welcome (more information will be shared)

24.10 (Friday) School closed for staff training and half term holiday

3.11 School reopens to all pupils

w/c 3.11 Parent Teacher Consultations, more information coming soon

07.11 Tempest Photography in school, individual and sibling photos

10.11 Odd sock day for Anti bullying week, more information coming soon

7.12 (Sunday) Christingle Service at Middleham Church, 3pm – more information coming soon

11.12 Federation Nativity, 1.45pm and 6pm – more information coming soon

20.12 School closes for the Christmas holidays.