



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 10th October 2025 – Newsletter
This term our Christian Value is Love

World Mental Health Day

Today we reflected on the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise and invest in good mental health.

Children spent time engaging in activities that they felt were good for their mental health such as reading a book, dancing, exercising, painting and much more



Mrs Hirst

Mrs Hirst, our new Headteacher from January 2026, will be visiting school on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. She will be at Middleham in the morning and at Spennithorne in the afternoon. If you see her on the playground, do come and say hello. Throughout the day, she will also be visiting classrooms to spend time with the children and getting to know the school community.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Celebration will be held at St Alkeldas Church in Middleham on **Thursday 23rd October at 2pm**. Every child will participate in this celebration, and we welcome you to join us in church for the service.

Please ensure you complete the online form for your child/ren to confirm end of day arrangements.

[Harvest Service Collection Arrangements 23.10.25](#)



Yorkshire Water – Water Safety

This week children across the federation attended a water safety virtual assembly hosted by Yorkshire Water.

We learnt about different types of water structures including reservoirs, rivers and the sea, the dangers of entering water unsupervised and how to stay safe when near water. We also learnt the acronym **SAFE - Stay Away From the Edge**

The children listened carefully and demonstrated great knowledge of dangers in water, how to stay safe and how to call for help.

River Bus

Children at Middleham had a visit from the River Bus this week. We explored the journey of a river as well as key features of a river. Children learnt about the importance of dams and tree planting and we used magnifying glasses and microscopes to look at freshwater invertebrates.

Thank you very much to the River Bus team for visiting our school.





FOMASS

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 have been sent home and black bin bags are also accepted. These can be returned to school from Monday 3rd Nov and no later than 9am on the 5th November, more information about what can be collected can be found <https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

If you were unable to join our last meeting but would like to contribute fundraising ideas or offers of help please get in touch fomasschools@gmail.com

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 – Oak Class

In science this week, we have been investigating the hardness of different materials and thinking about which materials would be suitable for different purposes and why. Excellent hard work Oak Class!



Stars of the week 10.10.25

Maple Class	Thea for being a caring and hardworking member of Maple Class. Well Done.
Birch Class	Jasmine for always trying her best in every lesson. Ashton for being a super supportive friend to others.
Sycamore Class	Samuel for super contribution in PSHE. Riley for working extra hard in science lessons.
Oak Class	Thomas for amazing writing and presentation. Toby C for a fabulous learning attitude in maths and careful mathematic thinking.

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 **97%**

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



Diary Dates

- 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.