



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 17th October 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

School Council



Each class undertook the great responsibility of a democratic vote to elect our newest School Council Leaders. Congratulations to Thomas, Louise, Jack W, Heath, George LJ, Rocco, Piper and Martha. They have already met to discuss lots of school topics including choosing our Christian Values for the next half term; kindness and compassion. Their first event of the year will be showing support for The Royal British Legion and Remembrance Day, *'We will have lots of poppy items in school all week for people to choose from at break times'* Suggested donation is £1, if you are able, items include wrist bands, pencils and poppies.

Harvest Festival

Children are hard at work practicing their singing and learning their words for the Harvest Festival on Thursday. We have started to receive donations in school, if you are able to donate items please can these be brought into school by 9am on Thursday morning as they will be collected by members from the Storehouse before the service.



Sumdog

The Yorkshire and Humberside Maths Contest starts today and will end on Thursday next week, children in Birch, Sycamore and Oak should be logging on to Sumdog every week as part of their homework and this contest is an extra reason to do our Maths learning. 1000 tailored questions are available for each child to answer, there are individual and class certificates up for grabs. We've had some great results in the past including top scorers and class lead places, lets do even better this time.

The Northern Echo

Next Tuesday 21st October The Northern Echo are publishing a special First Class of 2025 supplement which will include a photo of our Maple class children. Pick up your copy at a newsagent.



Swimming

Sycamore and Oak class will start their 6week swimming course next Weds, 22nd October. Please ensure children bring their 1-piece swimwear and a towel in a bag, long hair is tied up and all piercings and jewellery must be removed.

Half term

School closes next Thursday for half term following our Harvest Service at St Alkelda's Church, Middleham. We will re-open for all children and staff on Monday 3rd November.

Parents Evening

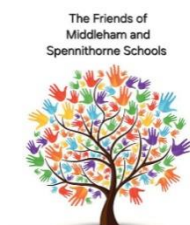
A letter has been emailed to all parents regarding Parents Evening, please ensure you complete the online form in the email. Mrs Clarkson will be in touch to confirm time slots next week.



Starting school 2026

The application to enrol children for starting school September 2026 is now open until 15th January. If you, or somebody you know, has a child starting school next year you can follow this link [North Yorkshire School Admissions](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions) to register a place.

FOMASS



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**. £5 entry, cash preferred, includes 5 glowsticks and unlimited drinks. Sweets and crisps will also be available to purchase, again, cash is preferred.

This event is for pupils of Middleham and Spennithorne schools.



Bags 2 school Collection – Bags 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 at <https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

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

If you were unable to join our last 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

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 – Maple Class

In Maths sessions, Maple Class have had a great time making comparisons between different objects based on their size, length, weight, and capacity!

We learned some vocabulary words like longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, more, less, full and empty. It was a fantastic way to explore our indoor and outdoor areas!

Pupil Celebration

This weekend Jesse received three rosettes for taking part in The Horse of The Year Show. Well done Jesse!



Stars of the week 17.10.25

Maple Class	Ava for super spelling and handwriting this week. Well Done.
Birch Class	Jai for making an excellent effort in all lessons. Piper for super listening and effort in every lesson.
Sycamore Class	Robyn for her continuous contribution and enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life.
Oak Class	Reuben for fantastic contribution to our harvest service. Louise for contributing fully to our harvest service and for showing lovely enthusiasm.

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

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

21.11 Class Fundraising shop reopens

01.12 Class Fundraising shop closes

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

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

19.12 School closes for the Christmas holidays.