



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 24th October 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

Harvest Festival



It was lovely to see so many people in church yesterday for our harvest celebration. The children did a fantastic job in helping us all to take the time reflect and be thankful – well done all.

Thank you for all your kind donations towards our tin pyramid. Visitors from Influence Church in Richmond came to tell the children all about Storehouse. We talked about all the things we are thankful for and how Storehouse helps lots of people.

If you or someone you know needs support please contact the team at Storehouse:

<https://www.influencechurch.co.uk/storehouse/#using>

Head Teacher Awards

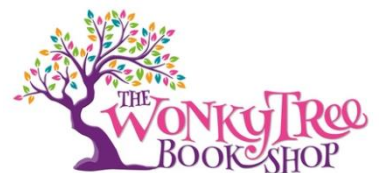
Congratulations to the following pupils who each received Head Teacher Awards this half term, your consistent positive approach to learning and upholding our school values is wonderful.

**Maisie, Thea, Martha HT, Holly, Bonnie,
Gorochana, Sofia, Reuben L**

Parents Evening

We are very excited to welcome The Wonky Tree Bookshop into school for both events. Items will be available to browse, buy and order. The bookshop team have very kindly offered school 10% commission on all orders to purchase books for classrooms and libraries. Updates to follow.

Emails confirming time slots for parents evening on the 3rd and 4th November have now been sent.



Diwali

This week across the Federation classes came together to learn about Diwali, the festival of light. We made rangoli pattern paper plates, craft diya lamps and Diwali cards.

Online courses for parents

The NYES SEND and Inclusion team have launched a new round of in-person courses designed to support parents and carers of children and young people in North Yorkshire with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD.

<https://nyestraining.co.uk/parents>

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.

Half term design activity

A special request from Mayor of York and North Yorkshire

*This year, I am asking pupils to design a Christmas card on the theme: "**Your Favourite Place in York and North Yorkshire at Christmas**"*

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful and historic region, full of incredible landscapes, landmarks, and local treasures. Whether it's a favourite park, a historic building, a scenic view, or even a cosy café or playground, I want to see what makes York and North Yorkshire special to the children who live here.

*The **winning design** will feature on my official Christmas card, which will be sent to key community figures, organisations, and partners across the region. The winner and runners-up will also receive a special certificate and an invitation to meet me at my office in York.*

- *Entries should be on **A4 paper** and designed using any materials or techniques (paint, crayons, collage, digital art, etc.).*
- *Please ensure the child's **name, age, school, and a short explanation of their design** are included on the back.*

If your child would like to enter a design please send this into school by **10th November** and we will scan and send all entries to the Mayor.

School Shop

Please note our school uniform supplier, School Shop, will be closed next Friday, 31st October for their annual stock take.

FOMASS

Many thanks to everybody who joined us for the autumn disco last night.

Attached to this newsletter is our first FOMASS newsletter, please do have a read.

Our next fundraiser is the **Bags 2 school Collection** – Bags can be returned to school from Monday 3rd Nov than 9am on the 5th November, more information about what can be collected can be found at

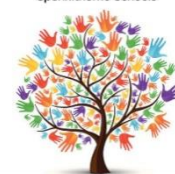
<https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

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 fomasschools@gmail.com

Keep up to date with our fundraising efforts at <https://www.facebook.com/FOMASSchools/>

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FOMASS Dates for Diaries

5.11 – Bags 2 School Collection

12.11 – FOMASS meeting, Spennithorne, time TBC

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

Diary Dates

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.