



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 12th September 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

Secondary School Applications

The application round for secondary school places will open from 12 September 2025 onward and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2025. Applications should be made online [Starting secondary school | North Yorkshire Council](#). Please be aware that the home to school transport eligibility criteria changed from 1st September 2024. One of the main changes is that transport is now provided to the nearest school to a home address, subject to the statutory walking distance. This will impact some children where the catchment school for admissions purposes is not the nearest school. To help parents identify the nearest schools to their home address there is a distance calculator available on the website.

The Home to School Travel Policy and a link to the distance calculator can be found on the North Yorkshire website [School transport for reception to year 11 children | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Open Evening

We are holding an Open Evening at Spennithorne School on Tues 30th Oct from 4-5pm for families who have children due to start school. This is a lovely opportunity to walk around our school and meet some of the staff. Please share this event with friends and family who have children starting school next year.

Welcome service

Thank you to all the families that joined us at Spennithorne for our welcome service this week, we hope you enjoyed the service. Many thanks to Rev Liz and Pat the dog for talking to us about our Christian value Love.

Eye tests

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak. Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests and if your child needs glasses they will receive a voucher to help with the cost. Attached to this newsletter is more information about eye testing from children.



Class News

Maple Class are very busy settling in to their new classroom, making friends and exploring the environment.



Birch class have focused on our topic "All about Me" in science. The children took turns drawing around one of their friends on a large piece of paper and labelling the different parts of the body. We used a word bank to help us identify and label the body map, and we discussed the functions of each part of the human body.





Sycamore class have been working hard in maths using concrete manipulatives to support our place value unit.

In art, Oak class have gathered all sorts of objects to make hand made tools to create art work. Sticks, feathers, scrunched paper and acorn cups all made the most amazing marks and patterns!



Stars of the week 12.09.25

Maple Class	Maisie for super listening and having a positive attitude to learning. Well done.
Birch Class	Holly for a positive attitude to learning and for being helpful to others. Mia for super effort in all her learning.
Sycamore Class	William I for a super second week to year 4 Savannah for always showing love and being a good friend Max for a great start to year 3 and working hard on his cursive
Oak Class	Joshua M for settling into Oak Class so well and showing lots of interest and enthusiasm. Sofia for a super start back to school and for joining in with everything so well.

Diary Dates

13.09 Harmby and Spennithorne Villages Show
 19.09 Year 5 & 6 Boys Cluster Football at The Wensleydale School – more information coming soon
 22.09 Parent Governor nominations closes
 26.09 Year 5 & 6 Girls Cluster Football at The Wensleydale School– more information coming soon
 30.09 Open Evening for September 2026 starters at Spennithorne 4 – 5pm
 10.10 World Mental Health Day
 22.10 Sycamore and Oak swimming lessons start, more information coming soon
 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
 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