



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

### Headteacher Recruitment

This week, we welcomed candidates to the school as part of the headteacher recruitment process. Throughout the visits, there were many positive comments about the children, particularly noting how polite, engaged, and welcoming they were. It was a real credit to our school community and something we can all be proud of. The governors are currently finalising the process and will share the outcome with parents and carers as soon as they are able.

### Safeguarding and School policies and procedures

Attached to the newsletter this week is the updated safeguarding letter and details of where to find school policies and procedures.

### LEAP

We continue to provide LEAP (Learn, Explore Adventure, Play) opportunities at both schools every break and lunchtime. The children continue to show such great imagination and concentration on the playground.

To further support the play we would really appreciate donations of sturdy cardboard boxes, plastic crates, wooden planks, toy farm animals and buildings, costume jewellery and dressing up clothes such as hats and jackets. Donations can be taken to either school office.



### Christmas Design

Thank you to everybody who has returned their Christmas design sheets, these have now been sent to Class Fundraising who will send a sample card with details of ordering. The online shop will open for 1 week between Sept/Oct initially with plans to open a second week later in the year.

### Sumdog

All children in Year 1-6 will now have login details to the maths programme Sumdog.

Sumdog is a games-based digital learning platform that helps children practice and improve their numeracy and literacy skills through adaptive, engaging games. It creates a personalised learning experience by using a diagnostic test to determine a student's level and then adapting the difficulty of questions. It is important that children answer all questions themselves, parents don't be tempted to play for them even though the games are lots of fun!



All children are expected to access Sumdog for at least 20minutes each week as part of their homework, if you have any problems logging in please contact Mrs Clarkson at

[spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### Harmby Show

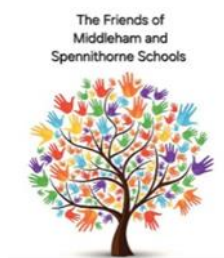
We are thrilled to announce winners from the Spennithorne and Harmby Show last weekend. Congratulations to Hayden in Year 1 who came 3<sup>rd</sup> place with his Going on a Bear Hunt collage, Bonnie in who came 1<sup>st</sup> place, Minnie who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sid who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Y3/4 handwriting class. Also a very special Well Done to Jack in Oak Class who received the Young Peoples Handwriting trophy. Superb work everybody.

### Cooler weather

As the weather is getting cooler and wetter please ensure your child has a warm, named, waterproof coat in school every day. We like to get outside in all weathers so ensuring your child has the appropriate clothing really helps to support this.

## Parent Governor

Applications for the role of Parent Governor close on Monday, further information about this role including the application form, has been sent home via email. If you have any questions about what the role involves please get in touch with Mrs Mann.



## FOMASS

The Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne will be holding their first meeting following the summer break on Wednesday 1st October at Cover Bridge 7:30.

The agenda will cover brainstorming and planning some of this years fundraising events raising money for our brilliant schools and children.

It is also a chance for anybody new to pop along and find out what we do. We welcome any new members and any ideas you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Year 5/6 boys football



Overall the boys came 5<sup>th</sup> in football, FEDMAS A team won one of their matches with Jesse and Jack W scoring for their team.

The FEDMAS B team drew in one of their games with Elliott scoring in this match.

Everybody demonstrated great teamwork and

sportsmanship, Well Done boys.



## Class News – Maple Class

As part of our 'Marvellous Me!' topic, Maple Class have discussed families and how they are all different. The children enjoyed using pebbles to create their own pictures of people and pets who are special to them. Why not have a go at this activity with your child at home and send the photos in to ClassDojo.



## Pupil Celebration

Congratulations to Jai and Ruben who have been presented with their certificates following completion of the Summer Reading Challenge through North Yorkshire libraries. They have read 6 books over the summer holidays earning stickers, stationery and a medal. Well Done.

## Stars of the week 19.09.25

<b>Maple Class</b>	Harry - for showing great enthusiasm and trying hard to complete all of his ladybird challenges. Well done
<b>Birch Class</b>	Finely for writing a wonderful descriptive text. Charlie for trying his best in effort lesson. Great effort.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Harry for super homework. Freddie L for working hard in G.O.A.L sessions
<b>Oak Class</b>	Theo for such a positive, super learning attitude. Martha for amazing deeper thinking in our RE lesson.

#### Diary Dates

22.09 Parent Governor nominations close.

26.09 Year 5 & 6 Girls Cluster Football at The Wensleydale School– information has been sent to children involved.

30.09 Open Evening for September 2026 starters at Spennithorne 4 – 5pm

01.10 FOMASS meeting, Coverbridge 7.30pm

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