



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 26th September 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

An update from Mrs Mann

I wanted to let you know that from Monday 29th September, I will be starting my new role at another school. In my absence, I'm very pleased to share that Mrs Ibbotson has been appointed as Acting Headteacher and will be leading the school on Mondays. I will still be in school from Tuesday to Friday to support the team and ensure a smooth transition. The staff and leadership team remain dedicated to providing the best for our children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Open Evening

Parents and Carers of children due to start school in September 2026 are warmly welcomed to our open evening at Spennithorne school next Tuesday 30th September 4-5pm. This is a lovely opportunity to explore our school site and chat to staff about joining our Federation. Please share this information with friends, family and members of the community. Visits to our Spennithorne and Middleham sites can also be arranged throughout the year by calling the school office to book an appointment, 01969 623474 (Spennithorne) or 01969 623592 (Middleham).

Cool Milk

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In school we offer individual cartons of cows milk for children registered through the CoolMilk scheme. Children under 5 receive this for free and children over 5 receive this at a subsidised rate of 31p per day. If your child would like to have milk in school please register them via coolmilk.com/register more information about the scheme can also be found at <https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

Parking at School

Gentle reminder for all parents, grandparents and family members who collect children from school, at both schools we have designated disabled parking spaces that are in use daily, please ensure these are left for their designated use.

Additionally, to enable staff to safeguard and secure the school grounds, please can parents and pupils leave the school site promptly at the end of the day.

Also a reminder that younger siblings remain the responsibility of parents whilst on school grounds.



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 year's 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.



Open the Book

Many thanks to the Open the book team who have visited both schools over the last 2 weeks using wonderful to bring the Creation Story to life.



Y5/6 Girls football

A huge well done to our wonderful girl's football team who came third overall in the football cluster tournament at The Wensleydale School. Well done Ruby and Louise for scoring the winning goals! Fantastic team work and especially to Louise for encouraging the team so well



Class News – Birch Class

In RE this week we have thought about our school vision 'Fruitful lives rooted in love, a place to learn, love and grow', we then looked at our own roots and thought about how fruitful they are.



Pupil Celebration

Last weekend Leon helped clean the war memorial in St Alkeldas Church Middleham and was a great help, he also left his own poppy. Well Done Leon.

Congratulations to Molly who took her Contemporary and Tap exams and Bonnie who took her Ballet exam recently with Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy. They both worked so hard and achieved fantastic results, Well Done.

Congratulations to George LJ who received his certificate this week following completion of the Summer Reading Challenge through North Yorkshire libraries. George has successfully read 6 books over the summer holidays earning stickers, stationery and a medal. Well Done.



Stars of the week 26.09.25

Maple Class	Ruben for being such a caring, kind and sensible member of year 1. Well done
Birch Class	George J for his wonderful creativity in art lessons. Martha for being ready to learn in every lesson.
Sycamore Class	Molly S for working hard to uplevel her writing in English lessons. Gorochana for always being ready to learn.
Oak Class	Molly B for amazing writing this week Arthur for super maths and for always participating so well

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

- 30.09 Open Evening for September 2026 starters at Spennithorne 4 – 5pm
- 01.10 FOMASS meeting, Coverbridge 7.30pm
- 07.10 Tempest Photography in school, individual and sibling photos
- 10.10 World Mental Health Day
- 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
- 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.