



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 5th September 2025 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

A message from Mrs Mann

Welcome back, everyone – and a very warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year! We hope you've all had a restful (and hopefully sunshine-filled!) summer. The school has been far too quiet without the sound of laughter, and learning. We're so excited to see familiar faces back in the playground and to meet our new pupils – we can't wait to get to know you all. This year promises to be full of new adventures, discoveries, and probably a few muddy shoes along the way. Let's make it a great one together!

Welcome Service

We would like to warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a **Welcome Service** in **Collective Worship at Spennithorne School on Thursday 11th September at 2.45pm**. During the service, the children in Maple and Birch Class will be performing a short presentation, and we hope many of you will be able to join us in celebrating the start of a new school year together.

Following the service, we will also be holding a **Phonics Information Evening at 3.45pm**, which will provide an overview of our **Little Wandle** phonics and reading programme. This session is particularly useful for parents of children in Reception and Key Stage 1, but all are welcome.

Open Evening on Tuesday 30th September 2025

Please spread the news to friends and family with a child starting school in September 2026, we are hosting an open evening on the Tuesday 30th September, 4 – 5pm at our Spennithorne site. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a look around our fabulous Early Years environment.

Message from the office.

If your child will be missing from school for appointments please ensure you inform the school and provide evidence of the appointments, additionally if your child is unwell and unable to attend school please ensure you notify the office by 9am. You can leave an absence voicemail or send an email to Mrs Durrant middlehamadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk or Mrs Clarkson spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk.



Parking

Please be aware of parking safely outside Middleham Primary School at pickup and drop off times.

We are aware that there have been incidents of unsafe parking outside Middleham School, such as cars parking on zig-zag sections on the road opposite and driving along pavements. Please avoid parking directly opposite school, where possible, to ensure residents have access to their properties and the school buses have enough room to manoeuvre.

Alternative off road parking is available at the Key Centre and we encourage everybody to use this where possible.

At Spennithorne the school gates open at 3.20pm, please avoid waiting on the main road before this time to ensure traffic can flow freely. A polite reminder to leave the school site quickly so that staff can secure the site for after school clubs.

Please help

Please can we remind you to ensure your child's name is in every piece of clothing for school, this makes returning jumpers and cardigans much easier. Also reminder that children need a named water bottle, please no juice, and a coat in school every day.



Drop In and meet the Head and Chair

You will now be aware of the proposals to change our Federated School Structure. We are hosting a drop in session ahead of the more formal consultation that will be held by North Yorkshire Council. The drop in session will take place on Tuesday 9th September at **Spennithorne School from 6 – 7pm**, this is an opportunity to drop in and ask any questions to Mrs Mann and Mr Hadfield.

Spennithorne and Harmby Villages Show

Next Saturday, 13th September, is the annual Spennithorne and Harmby Villages Show at Harmby Village Hall. Children across the Federation have entered classes so please do pop along, 2-3.30pm to support the event. Adults entry is £1 and children are free, entry includes refreshments.

Swimming lessons

Sycamore and Oak class will be going to Catterick leisure centre for swimming lessons this term, further information will be sent soon.

Sundays@3

You are warmly invited to St Mary and St Alkelda Church at Middleham for their Sundays@3 service this Sunday at 3pm. There will be music, prayer and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there.



G.O.A.L (Game of Actual Life)

The children in Oak and Sycamore Class were delighted to welcome Mr Carson into school today to launch The Game of Actual Life. The children had fun, stepping in to the life of a 22 year old, thinking about what life might be like! They have all got a job, watch this space over the next few weeks as the game unfolds...!

Parent Governor

Information and nomination forms for the parent governor vacancies were emailed to parents earlier in the week. The closing date for nominations is Monday 22nd September 2025. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mann for a confidential conversation if you would like to know more about the role.

Stars of the week 5.09.25

Maple Class	Whole class award for settling in so well. Well Done Maple Class
Birch Class	Daniel for showing a fantastic attitude to learning and helping others. Lilly K for a great start to Year 1, super listening, learning and helping.
Sycamore Class	Bonnie for always being ready to learn.
Oak Class	Andrew for such a positive start and for participating fully. Josh W for being an amazing and supportive role model.

Diary Dates

09.09 Parent Drop in session with Head and Chair regarding Federation plans, Spennithorne school 6-7pm
11.09 Welcome Service at Spennithorne School, 2.45pm
11.09 Phonics and Reading information session for parent/carers at 3.45pm, Spennithorne
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