



# The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

Executive Headteacher – Mrs Hirst

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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Joy

### Mrs Hirst message

I hope you all had a lovely and restful Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to begin the summer term together. With the brighter mornings and a welcome turn in the weather, the school already feels full of renewed energy and enthusiasm. The summer term is always a very busy and exciting time, and we have lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead. There are many enriching opportunities planned for our pupils, and we are excited to see them continue to learn, grow and shine. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — I look forward to sharing the term's highlights with you.

### Enrichment Clubs

The club letter has now been sent home, places are filling fast. If you would like your child to attend an enrichment club after school please email Mrs Clarkson. Payment will be allocated on ParentPay next week.

### Forest School

We are very excited to be restarting forest club in school. Children in Maple and Birch should come to school wearing their forest school clothes, children in Sycamore and Oak please bring your outdoor clothes to change in to at lunch time.

20 <sup>th</sup> April	Maple
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Birch
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Sycamore
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak

### Attendance

Last term we saw an increase in the number of children arriving late to school, we are monitoring this situation closely and are keen to prevent this going forward. Please note that arrival after the close of registration time is classed as an unauthorised absence.

Under the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 these absences can be used as evidence against you if legal action were to be considered by the

Local Authority under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The Local Authority are closely monitoring all school attendance in line with, 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance, August 2024 (DfE).' Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day. If you are having problems getting your child to school please chat to your child's teacher to discuss how we can support this.



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## Cricket

Cricket coaching is taking place in Middleham for children of all ages. For further details please contact Richard [sandy9969@gmail.com](mailto:sandy9969@gmail.com) or Tom [Thomas.chilton@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.chilton@gmail.com)

### FOMASS Dates for Diaries

- 22.04 FOMASS meeting, venue TBC
- 10.06 Bag2School collection
- 03.07 Summer Fayre, 3.15pm, Middleham School

## Class News

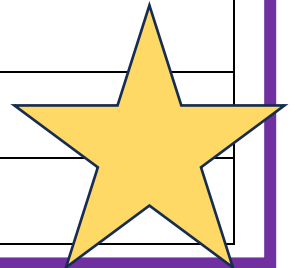
Maple Class are very excited by the arrival of caterpillars this week. We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and now we are watching as the caterpillars have become chrysalises and we are eagerly anticipating as they hatch from their cocoons.

Many thanks to Mrs Morey for gifting us the caterpillars.



### Stars of the week 17.04.26

<b>Maple Class</b>	Beatrice-May for sharing with us her super knowledge of the life cycle of a butterfly. Well Done
<b>Birch Class</b>	AJ for amazing attention to detail in art. Maybelle for fantastic writing in English lessons.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Jack W for super recall of times table facts. Tia for super recall and retrieval in our English lessons
<b>Oak Class</b>	Joshua M for having an excellent week back at school. Aarya for beautiful writing this week in English.



### Diary Dates

- 20.04 Parents Evening at Middleham for Maple, Birch and Sycamore
- 21.04 Parents Evening at Spennithorne for Maple, Birch and Sycamore
- 20.04 Forest School enrichment club at Middleham
- 22.04 Art Club enrichment club at Spennithorne
- 23.04 Thursday enrichment club at Spennithorne
- 04.05 School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 22.05 School closes for May half term
- 01.06 School reopens
- 12.05-15.05 Y6 SATS week
- 18.06 Y5 Sports event at The Wensleydale School, more information coming soon
- 17.07 School closes for summer break

### 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 **96%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is **95%**



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