



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Newsletter**  
**This term our Christian Value is Respect**

## Cool Milk

Our schools provide milk via the Cool Milk scheme. School milk is free for under-5s, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price of **31p per day**. The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme

Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, school milk will not only provide them with essential nutrients, but as it is rehydrating and energy boosting it also bridges the gap between breakfast and lunch to help children stay focused. For more information on how milk can benefit children visit [www.coolmilk.com/why-milk-is-great](http://www.coolmilk.com/why-milk-is-great).



## Holiday Activities

We are excited to invite families to join us for Family February Fun—a series of FREE, creative, and engaging family learning sessions taking place throughout the school holidays across North Yorkshire. These sessions offer fantastic opportunities for parents, carers, and children to learn together through a range of hands-on craft activities. Families will discover fun and practical ways to support children's learning both at home and in school. To enrol on the sessions and find out more information please follow this link [North Yorkshire Council Free Holiday Activities](#)

## FOMASS



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the meeting this week, we discussed lots of fundraising ideas and are very excited for these plans.

### FOMASS Dates for Diaries

24.02 Bags 2 School Collection at both schools  
01.02 Penny War week

13.02 Non uniform day. 'Wear what you love'

26.03 Chocolate Bingo, venue and time TBC

Our next event will be a 'penny war'. Each class will have a jar to collect 1p and 2p coins over a 2-week period, 1p is worth 1 point and 2p is worth 2 points. The class with the most points will win a prize. More details will be coming soon but start saving your coins now!!

We will also be inviting children to come to school in non-uniform on 13<sup>th</sup> February with the theme 'Wear what you love' with a suggested £1 donation for FOMASS funds.

We welcome all fundraising ideas and offers of help, get in touch [fomassschools@gmail.com](mailto:fomassschools@gmail.com)

Keep up to date with our fundraising efforts at <https://www.facebook.com/FOMASSschools/>



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## Y3/4 Football

Well done to the Y3 and 4 boys who joined the cluster football event at The Wensleydale School today. You showed great teamwork, determination and perseverance.

### Class News

Maple and Oak Class are both exploring Space at the moment.

Maple were very excited to discover a dark space den earlier in the week. They have also been busy making rockets, enjoying stories, and finding many interesting space facts in our topic books.



Oak Class have had a fantastic time creating solar systems using art materials.



## Stars of the week 16.1.26

Maple Class	George S for a super effort during all of our reading and writing activities this week. Well done
Birch Class	Grayson for writing an excellent, creative set of instructions. Fearne for engaging brilliantly in all our topics.
Sycamore Class	Max for being a kind, respectful and hard-working member of our community. Heath for being a supportive and caring member of our community.
Oak Class	Elliott for amazing deeper thinking and reasoning in maths this week. Ruby for working brilliantly on her science solar system model.

### Diary Dates

01.02 – 13.02 Penny War fundraising  
 13.02 Non Uniform Day 'Wear what you love'  
 13.02 School closes for Half Term Holiday  
 23.02 School Opens  
 24.02 Bags 2 School Collection  
 17.03 Final Sports After School Club  
 19.03 Final Thursday After School Club  
 27.03 School Closes for Easter Holidays



### 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 **95 %**

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



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