



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

Executive Headteacher – Mrs Zoe 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Respect

### Mrs Hirst news

What a fantastic week it's been in school! The classrooms have been buzzing with energy, and it's been a real joy to see so many happy faces walking around our schools. The children have shown such impressive resilience and enthusiasm in everything they've encountered, and the staff and I couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes all the difference, and together we're creating a wonderful environment for our pupils to thrive.

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead. Warm regards,  
Mrs Hirst

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Everyone has a responsibility to refer a child when it is believed or suspected that a child has suffered significant harm and /or is likely to suffer significant harm.

Where there are significant immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact the police on 999.

If you believe the situation is urgent but does not require the police, please call 0300 131 2 131 to make a telephone contact. Should your call be outside of business hours (Monday – Friday / 9am-5pm) please still call 0300 131 2 131 to speak to the Emergency Duty Team.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with us, please do not hesitate to make contact with either school. More information can also be found on our school website: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

If we have a concern about the welfare of a child, we will always act in the best interests of the child.

### Visit to school

There was a real buzz at Spennithorne school this week when Maple Class welcomed a visit from George's parents onto the playground with their tractor and mule. The children have been exploring the topic 'transport' and loved the hands-on learning experience this event provided. A massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Smith for coming in to school.

If you, or somebody you know, has skills, knowledge and resources that would enhance the pupils learning please get in touch.



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## FOMASS

The Friends of  
Middleham and  
Spennithorne Schools



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!!

### FOMASS Dates for Diaries

01.02 Penny War fundraising fortnight  
13.02 Non uniform day. 'Wear what you love'  
24.02 Bags 2 School Collection at both schools  
26.03 Chocolate Bingo, venue and time TBC

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/FOMASSchools/>

## Class News

In computing, year 1 and 2 have been learning to type using a word processor. We have been exploring the keys on the keyboard and their functions. Today, we used the toolbar to make our writing bold. Well done!



### Stars of the week 23.1.26

<b>Maple Class</b>	Jude for using his phonic knowledge to help him read fluently in our reading sessions this week. Well done
<b>Birch Class</b>	Elspeth for producing some beautifully neat writing and artwork. Piper for taking pride in her beautiful artwork.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Leon for using his super imagination when completing his craft projects. Yashvardhan for working hard in our maths lessons
<b>Oak Class</b>	Louise for always showing respect to everyone and for a super learning attitude. Josh W for a super respectful attitude and amazing learning attitude .



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### Diary Dates

01.02 – 12.02 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 **97%**

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



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