



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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Newsletter

### This term our Christian Value is Hope

#### Oak Class Shine at Marrick Priory!

This week I was lucky enough to join Oak Class on their residential at Marrick Priory—and what an experience it was. From the moment we arrived, the children showed remarkable bravery, teamwork, and resilience. Whether it was tackling new challenges, encouraging a friend to have a go, or working together to solve problems, they showed the very best of our school values.

One of my favourite parts was simply spending time with the children—chatting over meals, hearing their reflections at the end of the day, and watching new friendships grow. They were a credit to their families and to our school.

I want to offer sincere thanks to the incredible staff who gave up their own time to make this residential possible. Your care, energy, and commitment created the kind of memories that stay with children for life. Moments like these remind me what a privilege it is to be Headteacher and work alongside such amazing pupils and staff. Oak Class, we are so proud of you!

Mrs Hirst



#### Wensleydale Tournament of Song

Huge well done to our Year 1 and 2 children who went to Tenants, Leyburn to compete in The Wensleydale Tournament of Song today.

They came first in their class scoring 84 points and won the class cup, it was last won by Spennithorne school in 1939! The adjudicator commented 'This was a wonderful performance, full of character...you had learned the actions and were following your teacher. You were listening to each other and maintained an accurate pitch for much of the performance' Members of Tenants staff and people in the audience expressed their pleasure at seeing the children so well behaved and enjoying themselves during the tournament. Many thanks to our Governors Ruth and Charlotte for joining us.



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## Easter Competition

Please bring your entries for the Easter competitions to school by 9am on Thursday next week. Children in Reception are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet. Children in Y1-Y6 are invited to decorate an egg or create a scene including an egg based around your favourite book.



## Easter Service

We are looking forward to seeing you in church for our Easter Service on Wednesday. Please note the Federation bus will be parked in Spennithorne school car park during the service, please keep this area clear.

## Red Nose Day

Many thanks for all your donations, we raised £136 for Comic Relief.

## Meningitis

As you are probably aware there have been increased cases of Meningitis in the south of the UK recently, if you have any question or concerns advice is available via [UK Health Security Agency](https://www.ukhsa.gov.uk) and [NHS meningitis](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis), there is also a poster attached to this week's newsletter.

## After School Clubs

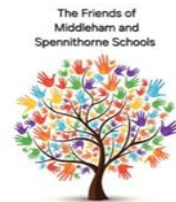
There are no after school clubs next week as it is the final week of the school term, if you need to make any changes to end of day collections please email Mrs Clarkson or Mrs Durrant.

Plans for the next term clubs are underway and these will be emailed to all families during the first week of next term.

## FOMASS

Chocolate Bingo is taking place at The Key Centre on the 26<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

There's still time to make a donation, these can be taken to either school.



**FOMASS Dates for Diaries**  
26.03 Chocolate Bingo, Middleham Key Centre, 5.30pm  
10.06 Bag2School collection  
03.07 Summer Fayre, 3.15pm, Middleham School



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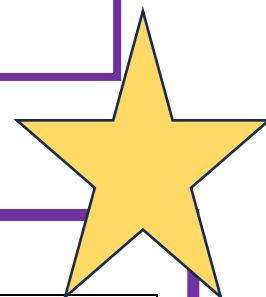


## School Attendance

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%**



## Stars of the week 20.03.26

<b>Maple Class</b>	Josie for her super phonics and sentence work.
<b>Birch Class</b>	Lilly K for a super effort with all her learning this week, particularly her handwriting. Toby for fantastic effort when writing a story, trying particularly hard with letter formation.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Lucy for developing her independence across all subjects. Veer for radiating and spreading positivity.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Whole class award for being superstars at the residential this week.

## Diary Dates

25.03 Easter Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Spennithorne, 2pm.

27.03 School Closes for Easter Holidays

13.04 School closed for staff training day

14.04 School Reopens

20.04 Parents Evening at Middleham for Maple, Birch and Sycamore

21.04 Parents Evening at Spennithorne for Maple, Birch and Sycamore

12.05-15.05 Y6 SATS week

17.06 Y3/4 Sacred space event at Ripon Cathedral, more information coming soon

18.06 Y5 Sports event at The Wensleydale School, more information coming soon



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