



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 27th March 2026 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Hope

Mrs Hirst message

As we come to the end of this term, it has been a joy to celebrate Easter together in so many meaningful ways. Our church service was a truly special occasion, and the Easter bonnet parade and egg-decorating competitions showcased the amazing creativity of our pupils. We have also been sending Easter cards to local residents to share the hope and warmth of the season, and our Easter eggs decorated with positive affirmations can now be spotted around the community—small reminders of encouragement and joy. It has been wonderful to see our Christian value of *hope* shining through in all that we do.

As I complete my first term as Headteacher, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our pupils, staff, parents and carers for the warm welcome you have given me. I have loved getting to know you all and becoming part of our vibrant school community. We have many exciting developments and new opportunities planned for the months ahead, and I look forward to sharing them with you.

I wish you all a happy, safe, and restful Easter break. May you be reminded of the hope that Easter brings and feel the joy of Easter morning.

See you all in the Summer term!



Easter Competition

Well Done to everybody who entered in the Easter Competitions, what a fantastic display of creativity we have seen. Many thanks to Middleham Mayor Mr Pead Jowett and Co Chair Governor Ruth Pink for coming into school and judging the entries.

Congratulations to Taylor, Elspeth, Hayden, Bonnie, Oonagh, Toby and Martha who all came 1st in their class entries.

Goodbye

Last week we said goodbye to Miss Walmsley as she heads off on her next adventure. Miss Walmsley has held teaching assistant and midday supervisor roles at both schools over her years with us. Thank you for your contribution to our school Miss Walmsley and we wish you well for the future.

Toys from home.

We respectfully ask that children do not bring toys from home into school, whilst we love to hear about children's special things we have lots of tears over broken and lost toys. If your child would like to share an item from home with their class, outside of show and tell time, we invite you to take a photo of it and share on ClassDojo. If you need help to do this a 'how to' guide is attached to this week's newsletter.



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Middleham Town Council – “No Dog Fouling” Poster Competition

Middleham Town Council is running an exciting competition to design a brand-new ‘No Dog Fouling’ sign to be displayed around Middleham. Pupils are invited to create a poster reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

There will be one winner from each year group, and these winning entries will be taken to the town Council, where an overall winner will be chosen.

The overall winner will receive a special prize, and their design will be made into an official sign to be put up around Middleham.

Entry details:

- Posters can be created on any size plain paper
- Designs should clearly remind dog owners to clean up after their pets
- Please return your poster to school by Wednesday 15th April

We look forward to seeing your creative and thoughtful designs!



NAUWU

Nothing About Us Without Us (NAUWU) is a Children and Young People’s Mental Health Advisory Group for children and young people aged 10 to 25. There are a number of upcoming local NAUWU meetings and new priorities that have been set to improve mental health services for children and young people across Humber and North Yorkshire. Attached to this weeks newsletter is more information.

TEACHING ASSISTANT QUALIFICATION
Support your local school
Are you 18 or over, have some spare time and would love to work with children?
Be a **volunteer** in your local school and gain a Teaching Assistant qualification too!
Interested?
If so, the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning could be the perfect course for you.

Why train with the Swaledale Alliance.

- ✓ Support children in your local school.
- ✓ Gain a nationally recognised qualification.
- ✓ Full support as you embark on a new career.

APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

MORE INFORMATION
Email: info@swaledalealliance.org
Visit: www.swaledalealliance.org

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Teaching Assistant Qualification

Swaledale Alliance are offering a NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning from September 2026. If you are interested in becoming a teaching assistant or learning more about the role please contact Swaledale Alliance directly info@swaledalealliance.org or www.swaledalealliance.org

FOMASS

Thank you to everybody who joined us for Chocolate Bingo this week, we had a great turn out and lots of fun was had. We raised over £400, this money will go towards enrichment opportunities for all children across the Federation.

www.facebook.com/FOMASSchools/

FOMASS Dates for Diaries

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

The Friends of
Middleham and
Spennithorne Schools



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Stars of the week 27.03.26

Maple Class	Imogen for always trying her very best and for super phonics work this term. Well done
Birch Class	Jack L for being a super helpful member of the class, always offering to tidy up Charlie for super phonics learning and confident word reading
Sycamore Class	Mia for her positive attitude towards working and always trying her best. Yashvardhan for his excellent mindset when facing a challenge.
Oak Class	Thomas for showing great skills and ideas in his non-chronological report. Sofia for impressing Mr M in PE sessions this week.

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%**

Diary Dates

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

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



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What's On over Easter

<https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/>

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EASTER FAMILY FUN!

helmsley artscentre

THU 9 APR

OUT OF THE BOX

Darryl J Carrington PRESENTS

FAMILY SHOW

Little Amélie

WED 8 APR

WORKSHOPS

TOKYO SKETCH STUDIO

Easter Art Workshops

30th & 31st March

MON 30 - TUE 31 MAR

www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

<https://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whatson?filterselect=21&submit=go>

Easter on the Ripon Canal.

Golden eggs, pirates and prizes!

Running Saturday 28th March until Monday 13th April.

Tickets £6 pp, Family tickets £22 (4 passengers)

Kids under 3 go free!

Open from 10.30 am for trips, drinks, snacks and duck food!



Hop Aboard for Easter

with Ripon Scenic Cruises

Book online:
www.ripon-scenic-cruises.co.uk

Please see our website to book in advance. Walk ons welcome too. www.ripon-scenic-cruises.co.uk

ML SPORTS AND FITNESS LTD

<https://mlsportsandfitness.pembee.app/listing/holiday-camps>

Musical Theatre Workshop – Northallerton Town Hall

<https://ajtheatricalproductions.com/stage-schools/>



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AGED 4-12
YEARS



**EASTER
HOLIDAYS**

HANDY HELPERS HOLIDAY CLUB

SOME OF THE EXCITING THINGS
WE'LL BE DOING!

- ARTS & CRAFTS WITH MISS OKEY
 - PIZZA MAKING
 - EGG PAINTING
 - CHOCOLATE NESTS
- SPORTS WITH MISS J & MAKING BUNNY EARS ...AND SO MUCH MORE!

Bookings Now Open!

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BEDALE SCOUT HUT
Ofsted Registered

SESSION TIMES & PRICES
 7:30am - 6:00pm - £34
 Morning Session
 7:30am - 1:00pm - £24
 School Day
 9:00am - 3:30pm - £24
 Afternoon Session
 1:00pm - 6:0pm - £24

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

**Church of St Mary & St Alkelda,
Middleham**

Good Friday

From the Sunday@3 Team

Join us on

Friday

3rd April

10am-12pm

**For crafts,
activities and treats!!**



Bring the kids, bring the family!!

Everyone welcome!



RICHMONDSHIRE RUFC presents GIRLS TRY RUGBY DAY — FREE —

Thursday 9th April from 10am to 2pm

For girls in Year 2 to Year 7

At Richmondshire Rugby Club,
Theakston Lane, Richmond
DL10 7DT



At Richmondshire Rugby Club,
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Sponsored by Richmond Duck Club



RUGBY NIPPERS CAMP



TIME: 10AM-2.30PM

DATES: 31ST MAR-2ND APR 2026

YEAR 3,4 & 5 BOYS AND GIRLS

FUN-FILLED DAYS PACKED WITH GAMES DESIGNED TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP RUGBY SKILLS.

- BALL HANDLING
- COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK
- EVASION AND FOOTWORK

LEAD BY EXPERIENCED COACHES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
RICHMONDSHIRE RUFC

PRICE: £22.50 PER PLAYER/DAY

BOOK HERE:

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Leyburn Community Library
Thornborough Hall



Free!

Storytime

in March 2026

Saturday 7 March 10:30 - 11:15

Saturday 28 March 10:30 - 11:15

In partnership with
 North Yorkshire
County Council



The Old Horn Inn

Easter Sunday Children's Egg Hunt

Join us for a wonderful Easter adventure!

Start your journey at The Old Horn Inn and follow the hidden egg trail along the way. Keep your eyes open... the Easter Bunny has been busy!

— What to expect: —

- Egg hunt trail through the village
- Special visit from the Easter Bunny
- Chocolate treats for all children who complete the hunt
- Prize for finding the Golden Egg
- Easter photo spot at the finish

Starting Point: The Old Horn Inn
 When: Easter Sunday
 From 10am

Bring a basket, bring your smiles,
and enjoy a lovely village
Easter tradition.

All children welcome



Poppy turns 10 Dance-a-thon



10 hours of
dancing

Saturday 11th April 2026
 10am - 8pm
 Crakehall village hall

drop in anytime throughout the day
 Dance for an hour.... or all 10

£5 suggested donation
 Children welcome
 (must be accompanied by
 an adult)

Sponsorship forms
 available if you'd like to
 take on the challenge




BEETLE DRIVE

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
 2026
 7 PM

EAST WITTON
 PARISH ROOM

£5 PER PERSON




PRIZES UP FOR
GRABS!



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