



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

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 1st May 2026 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Joy

Be Tick Aware

Ticks can be active all year round, but they are most active in the months April to July, and sometimes later in the autumn. Activity continues over the winter months but at a significantly reduced level. So, we are reminding people to be 'tick aware' as they enjoy the great outdoors at any time of the year. More information is available at <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

Staff Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a HLTA role within the Federation, if you or somebody you know is interested in this role the application form can be found on the North Yorkshire recruitment page [HLTA Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools](#). Applications close on the 1st June 2026

Warmer weather

We have enjoyed some glorious warm days this week, fingers crossed it continues. Please ensure your child has in school a named water bottle, named hat and if required a named bottle of sunscreen for them to reapply during the school day.



Forest School

Mr Stokes has been offering some fantastic forest school sessions so far this term, we are learning about tool use, fire safety, den building and exploring our natural environment.



Online Safety

This month Knowsley City Learning Centres team are highlighting Group chats, a 90second video for parents can be found [here](#). This video provides a quick overview on group chats, potential risks, dealing with peer pressure and using the blocking and reporting tools.



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FOMASS Plans are well underway for the summer fair. If you or somebody you know would like a stall please contact FOMASS directly for further information

www.facebook.com/FOMASSchools/

Donations for the tombola and water to wine/soft drink stalls are gratefully received these can be handed to a member of FOMASS.

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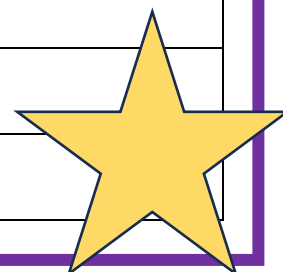


Class News

Birch class have been very busy using the maps we drew last week to create a relief version using lots of different materials such as tinfoil, string, lolly sticks, tissue paper and cotton wool.

Stars of the week 01.05.26

Maple Class	Heidi for always trying her best in everything she does. She is always ready to learn! Well done
Birch Class	Charlie for a brilliant positive attitude coming into school this week. Jack B for sharing his fantastic knowledge in English lessons.
Sycamore Class	Mia for spreading our Christian value of joy. Max for super independence in maths.
Oak Class	Scarlett for spreading joy to everyone in the class. Joshua M for demonstrating excellent skills in maths 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

- 04.05 School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 11.05 Sycamore Class Forest School
- 22.05 School closes for May half term
- 01.06 School reopens
- 12.05-15.05 Y6 SATS week
- 18.05 Oak Class Forest School
- 09.06 Tempest Photography class photos
- 10.06 FOMASS Bags2School Collection
- 18.06 Y5 Sports event at The Wensleydale School, more information coming soon
- 03.07 Federation Day at Middleham
- 03.07 FOMASS Summer Fair, 3.15pm, Middleham School
- 17.07 School closes for summer break



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