



The Federation of Middleham Church of England (VA) Junior School and Spennithorne Church of England (VA) Infant school 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 9th October 2026 – Newsletter



Hello Yellow!

Tomorrow is World Mental Health day, so we have been using some of the Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' ideas to explore ways of keeping ourselves feeling mentally well. We have had an exciting presentation from Rock Steady Music this morning and this afternoon have taken the opportunity to think about things that help to make us feel happy. We have been making yellow art work and exploring calming techniques.



Safeguarding - Do you know what your children are doing online?

#WakeUpWednesday produces guides for parents each week to help parents to keep their children safe. We are aware that some of our older children are accessing TikTok, which has an age restriction of 13. Please read the information for parents below and also the flyer attached.

TikTok

Now the world's go-to short video platform, TikTok captivates young audiences with its endless stream of engaging clips, but not without potential pitfalls. From unsettling or age-inappropriate content to harmful viral challenges, misinformation and even radicalisation, this ever-popular app can expose children to content that may not always be suitable for them.

This #WakeUpWednesday guide explores TikTok's hidden hazards, including in-app spending, compulsive screen time and privacy concerns, offering clear advice for parents and educators. With expert insight and practical safety tips, it aims to help families ensure that TikTok use remains fun, positive and, most importantly, safe.

School Council

Huge congratulations to our new school Council Leaders at Spennithorne, Thea, Florence, Ruben and Lily S. We hope you enjoy your time representing your classes and peers.



Harvest Festival

Next week, 15th October, we are looking forward to our annual Harvest festival. Children and staff are working incredibly hard learning songs and stories to share. Please ensure you have completed the online form to confirm how your child will be going home following the service.

[Harvest Festival Going Home Arrangements](#)



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River Trust

We welcomed the Dales River Trust the federation this week, we have had great fun exploring invertebrates from a local stream. The children represented the schools superbly.

We have lots more exciting opportunities planned with the River Trust including art and music workshops.

Keep an eye on ClassDojo for more photos and news.



RockSteady – Launch

What fun we had across the Federation this morning as Rock Steady musicians came in to school to showcase musical instruments.



Each student is bringing home a sign up form with further details of how to register your child if they are interested in joining the rock steady class bands.

Booking is made directly with Rock Steady, more information can be found in the leaflet.



FOMASS

Every child will be bringing home a leaflet today to book a place on the autumn discos taking place at Middleham school on 22nd October. Leaflets and money are to be handed in to a member of FOMASS by 16th October.

FOMASS NEWS
WhatsApp group



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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 **96%**

Stars of the week 9.10.26

Maple Class	Imogen for super effort during phonics this week. Well done Noah for making sensible choices and working hard in all of our lessons this week. Well done
Birch Class	Navaeh for always persevering in her learning and sharing ideas with the class. Lily S for her amazing sentences this week in whole class reading.
Sycamore Class	Harry for putting 110% effort into his learning and applying a growth mindset throughout the week. Jack B for excellent contribution in lessons and sharing his fabulous ideas with the class.

Diary Dates

13.10 FOMASS meeting, check Facebook page for further details.
15.10 Federation Harvest Festival, St Michaels Church Spennithorne, 2pm. Family and friends invited. Please complete the online form.
19.10 NSPCC Workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6. More details to follow
22.10 School closes for Half Term
22.10 FOMASS Disco night at Middleham, time TBC.
23.10 Staff Training Day, school closed
02.11 School reopens
02.11 + 03.11 Parents Evening for Spennithorne Infant school.
04.11 Oak class swimming lessons start, more information coming soon
06.11 Tempest Photography in school, individual and sibling photos.
09.11 + 10.11 Parents evening for Middleham Junior school
12.11 Children in Need – wear something spotty
13.11 Crucial Crew for children in Oak Class
16-21.11 Anti Bullying Week
02.12 Flu Vaccinations in school, more information coming soon
06.12 Christingle Service at St Alkelda's Church Middleham, all families welcome
15.12 Infant School Nativity, Spennithorne school.
17.12 Whole school Christmas Carol Service, 2pm. More information coming soon
18.12 School Closes for Christmas holidays

Term dates for the next school year are available on our website
<https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/>



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