



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 18th September 2026 – Newsletter

Secondary School Application

The application round for secondary school places is open now and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2026. Applications should be made online [Secondary School Application](#). Please use this website for additional information.



Uniform

Please ensure you name your child's uniform, it is much easier to return clothing to the correct children when names are clearly written/stuck inside. Stickers/sew in labels or biro all work very well. Staff try to ensure each child brings home their jumper at the end of each day, your cooperation to support your child in remembering their jumpers/cardigans is greatly appreciated. If your child brings home another child's clothing please return to school as soon as possible.

Eye health

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak. Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests and if your child needs glasses they will receive a voucher to help with the cost. Please contact a local optician to book an appointment.



Birthday Celebrations

We are again asking that you do not bring sweet treats into school to celebrate your child's birthday with their class, this helps us to keep school allergy free and supports the Governments healthy lifestyle guidance. If you wish to give a gift to celebrate a birthday each class has a book list on Amazon which you are welcome to purchase from, these can be sent directly to school or brought in.

[Maple Class Amazon Book List](#)

[KS1 Amazon Book List](#)

[KS2 Amazon Book List](#)



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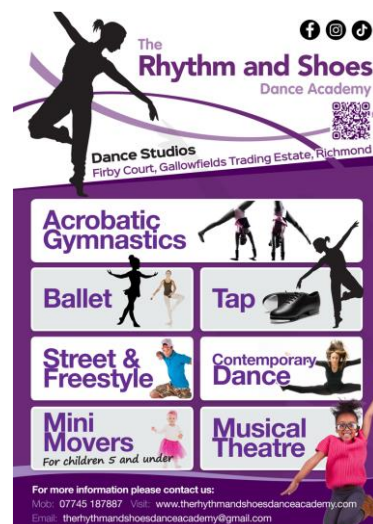


Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have almost finalised clubs for Spennithorne students and are working on a programme for children at Middleham. If you know anybody or a group that would be available to do an after school club from 3.15-4.15 for KS1 and KS2 one or two nights a week please encourage them to contact Mrs Durrant or Mrs Clarkson, we would love to hear from them.

Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy

Many of our pupils enjoy dance and movement classes outside of school, if your child is interested in trying a dance workshop Rhythm and Shoes in Richmond currently have spaces available and would love to have you join their studio. More details can be found <https://www.therhythmandshoesdanceacademy.com/>



Class News

Maple Class had their first Literacy lesson called 'Drawing Club.' We discussed the vocabulary, setting, and characters from the book, and then we created some wonderful drawings of the Colour Monster. We also talked about how he felt about his first few days at school. In the end, we all agreed that we were feeling happy!



Stars of the week 18.9.26.26

Maple Class	Scarlett for being so keen to complete her ladybird challenges this week. Well done
Birch Class	Jude for working really hard in all subjects. Maybelle for amazing work in History comparing different homes.
Sycamore Class	Yash for an excellent attitude to all of your learning and being respectful, safe and enthusiastic. Bonnie for superb attitude and learning, always doing your best and being respectful.
Oak Class	Louise for working extremely hard in every lesson. Gorochana for making an excellent effort in every lesson.



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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 **98%**

Our attendance for the school year so far is **98%**

Diary Dates

22.10 School closes for Half Term

23.10 Staff Training Day

02.11 School reopens

04.11 Oak class swimming lessons start, more information coming soon

06.11 Tempest Photography in school, individual and sibling photos.

02.12 Flu Vaccinations in school, 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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