



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 3rd July 2026 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Thankfulness

Mrs Dudman Update

As I come to the end of my first week as interim headteacher, I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome. I have really enjoyed getting to know the two schools and I have been particularly impressed by how polite, friendly, and welcoming the children have been. Our transition days at the start of the week went well, and it was lovely to see the pupils settling so quickly into their new classrooms and routines. Our busy week has continued with lots of visitors to school and visits going on. Today all children have taken part in a clay workshop and we have year 6 out on their very exciting leaver's treat at Thornton Steward Sailing club - we're looking forward to hearing all about it when they get back!

It was lovely to meet some of you at the Teddy bear's picnic on Wednesday, and hopefully I will meet some more of you after school tonight at the summer fair!

School Reorganisation

This week an email has been sent to all families regarding the reorganisation of school to Infant and Junior schools. The email included a document that **must be returned to school by next Friday 10th July**. If you require a paper copy of this document please contact Mrs Durrant or Mrs Clarkson.

Sports Day, 8th July

Our sports day is taking place at Middleham school on Wednesday morning from 9.15am. All children will need to be at Middleham school for 8.45am, and we will open the gates before 9.15 to welcome parents, carers and family members to watch. If you have requested your child travels via Federation bus please ensure you are at Spennithorne school by 8.25am. The sports will last approximately 60-90mins, Spennithorne taught children will be transported back to school in time for lunch and usual end of day collection arrangements will be in place.

Teddy Bears Picnic

It was lovely to have so many parents, carers and family join us for the Teddy Bears Picnic at Spennithorne this week. Sandwiches, sausage rolls and crispy cake were enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to Mrs Crisp and Mrs Harman for making our picnic lunch.



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Rivers4Life

Last year we were visited by the Rivers2U workshop at Middleham school, children in Sycamore class created some beautiful artwork during this workshop and we are thrilled to share with parents, carers and the wider community that this artwork has been transformed into bunting and is now on display at Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

The exhibition is open 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm, until 27th September, at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. Entry is £5 for adults and FREE for children under 16

It's a family-friendly exhibition which has lots of things to engage audiences of all ages, with interactives including some beautiful costumes of river creatures for dressing up, and lots of hands-on activities.

Why not pop along in the holidays!



Read to the Beat



We were thrilled to have Lucy from North Yorkshire libraries visit our schools this week to promote The Summer Reading Challenge 2026. All children can join the reading challenge by visiting any of our local libraries including Leyburn, Richmond, Catterick, Bedale, Masham and Northallerton.

There are prizes available for reading 2, 4 and 6 books during the summer holidays, these can be fiction, non-fiction, picture books, comics in fact any book available to loan!

As part of the National Year of Reading 2026, the National Reading Agency are inviting children to discover stories full of rhythm, music, and creativity, all FREE through your local library.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/4dyAdcT>

FOMASS

Today is our annual Summer Fair, we are very excited to host this event and invite family, friends and the wider community to help fundraise for our amazing children. There are some fabulous raffle prizes up for grabs and lots of activities taking place.

Money raised from FOMASS events contribute the little extras in school, recently we have provided fans and ice lollies during the heat wave and an outdoor classroom at Spennithorne.



Pupil celebration

We had a lovely email from The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy this week

'We wanted to share some wonderful news about two of your pupils who recently performed in our dance show Icons of Music at The Georgian Theatre. We are so proud of them as they worked so hard,'

Huge Well Done to Molly B and Bonnie, we hope you enjoyed participating in the show.



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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 **95%**

Diary Dates

w/c 06.07 Final week of after school enrichment clubs

06.07 Maple and Birch Forest School

07.07 Bishopton Vets visit Birch Class

08.07 Sports Day, Middleham school 9.15am

09.07 Maple and Birch Class, Freeholders Wood visit

14.07 Sycamore class, Inspired Chocolate

15.07 Oak Class, Kingsley Park

17.07 Leavers Service followed by Y6 leavers lunch

17.07 School closes for summer break



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