

20th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and rewarding couple of weeks at Appleton Wiske, with so many opportunities for our children to learn, participate and come together as a school community.

Last week, **Father Simon** led our Remembrance Assembly. It was a touching and reflective occasion and a lovely opportunity for our whole school to come together and remember those who have served and sacrificed.

I also had the pleasure of joining some of our Key Stage 2 pupils at the cross-country event. I was incredibly impressed by their determination, resilience and encouragement of one another. They represented our school brilliantly, and we are very proud of them.

We have also welcomed some fantastic visitors into school. **Hannah Wood** delivered practical and engaging fire-safety workshops to all our classes, while Class 1 and our nursery also enjoyed an exciting French-themed day with a special visit from the **Barry family**, who shared French stories, songs and vocabulary with the children.

Our Early Years children ventured out into the village with a visit to our local church, helping them to develop their understanding of our local area and community. This week, our Year 6 pupils also attended Crucial Crew, taking part in valuable sessions covering fire and water safety, e-safety, hate crime and drug awareness.

As always, it has been wonderful to see our children enjoying such a broad range of experiences beyond their everyday lessons.

We are also excited to be beginning our work with the **When The Adults Change** team. We are proud of the strong behaviour culture already established at Appleton Wiske but our ambition is always to keep improving. This programme will support us in developing an even stronger **relational approach to behaviour**, built around consistency, positive relationships and clear expectations.
Importantly, there will also be ideas and strategies that can support families at home. As our work develops, we look forward to sharing useful tips and information with you and taking you on this journey with us.

Finally, thank you for responding so quickly and positively to our introduction of **ClassDojo**. Hopefully, you are already noticing more regular snapshots and updates about teaching, learning and everyday life in school.

As we develop this further, we will gradually phase out our formal newsletter, with our **final newsletter being published at the end of the autumn term**. Rather than reducing communication, the aim is quite the opposite: to share the same information with you **more regularly and more immediately** through ClassDojo.

The school office will continue to send important event reminders, key dates and wider school and community information as usual.

If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Larder
Headteacher

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for supporting Children In Need on Friday 13th November. The pupils looked great in their spotty and yellow outfits, and we raised **£113.55**.



Parent/ carer assemblies Autumn 2026/2027- (2.35pm start unless stated otherwise)

- Friday 4th December
- Wednesday 16th December (Carol Service - 2.30pm)

We are supporting **The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal**, helping to provide Christmas gifts for children experiencing hardship, homelessness or financial difficulties. Last year, more than **74,000 presents** were shared with children through the appeal.
If you would like to support the appeal, please donate a **new, unwrapped toy or gift** suitable for a child aged 0-16. Suggested gifts include toys, books, colouring sets, games, stationery, toiletries, clothing accessories and gift vouchers.
📍 **Donations can be left at St Mary's Church or The Village Shop by 4 December.** Thank you for your support! 🎄 ❤️

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the most important aspect of our work in school. If you ever have any concerns, please contact me via the school office. For more information about safeguarding in our school, visit the safeguarding page on our website: http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding.

To help keep all of our children safe, please continue to observe the **no parking areas marked by the yellow lines** outside school and ensure that **all gates are securely closed** after entering or leaving the site. Your cooperation plays an important role in maintaining a safe environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe at all times.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.36% which is above our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **Penalty notices are being issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. Well done to **Class 2** once again for winning the fortnightly attendance award.



PE days

Class 1:

- Tuesdays - Forest (gloves and hats needed during the winter months)
- Thursdays - Indoor PE

Class 2:

- Tuesdays
- Thursdays

Class 3:

- Tuesdays
- Wednesdays

COMMUNITY LINKS

Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and RNIB.

Please keep sending in your used Stamps.

Thank you.



ABSENCE

Please ensure the school office is notified by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.



LUNCH MENU
W/C 23rd November 2026



Main Choice **OR** Sandwich

Monday - Chicken Burger **OR** Egg Sandwich
Tuesday - Pizza with Baby Potatoes **OR** Ham Sandwich
Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna Sandwich
Thursday - Mac and Cheese **OR** Cheese Sandwich
Friday - Battered Fish and Chips **OR** Ham

LUNCH MENU
W/C 30th November 2026

Main Choice **OR** JP

Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Diced Potatoes **OR** Baked Beans JP
Tuesday - Pizza & Chips **OR** Cheese JP
Wednesday - Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Beans JP
Thursday - Pasta Bolognese **OR** Tuna JP
Friday - Fish Fingers & Potato Wedges **OR** Cheese JP



2 December	-	Rec/Y6 Height and Weight Measurement Programme
4 December	-	Celebration Assembly – 2.35pm
8 December	-	Nativity dress rehearsal for school
9 December	-	Nativity Performance – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
10 December	-	Nativity Performance – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
11 December	-	Christmas Dinner
11 December	-	Nursery Christmas event
16 December	-	Carol Service – 2.30pm
18 December	-	School closes for Christmas
4 January	-	Training Day
5 January	-	School re-opens

APPLETON WISKE
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



BREAKFAST CLUB

8:00am – 8:35am

Start the school day the right way!

Children can enjoy:

- Cereal
- Toast
- Fruit juice
- A calm and friendly start to the morning



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

3:15pm – 6:00pm

A fun, safe and engaging environment for children after school.

Activities may include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Computers & Technology
- Games & Toys
- Outdoor Sports (weather permitting)
- Occasional Cooking Activities



SNACK TIME

Children staying after **4:15pm** will be provided with a snack.



BOOKING INFORMATION

Term Bookings:

Please complete a booking form.

Daily or Weekly Bookings:

Email the school office or call the office.

We look forward to seeing you!