



12 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas festivities are in full swing here at Appleton Wiske Community Primary School! There have been lots of events and activities over the last couple of weeks as well as the usual high expectations in classrooms. It's certainly a busy time of year! We have one more week to go until the children can enjoy a much needed break. Thank you so much for all your support this term – it's very much appreciated.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.04% which is below 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 3 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**

VISIT FROM STAITHES MUSEUM

On Monday 1st December, the children received a visit from Staithes Museum and found out more about local and general history. There was a range of artefacts and resources on display which brought it all to life.



POLICE VISIT

On Tuesday 2nd December, the children enjoyed a visit from the police and learned more about how they keep us safe within our community. They were given the opportunity to ask questions, some of which were very thought-provoking and interesting!



VISIT FROM POWER DOWN PETE

On Thursday 4th December, we enjoyed a visit from superhero Power Down Pete! The day started with a whole school assembly on pollution followed by class activities. Class 1 learned about energy through a parachute game and giant snakes and ladders. Class 2 enjoyed learning more about recycling through songs and fun games. Class 3 developed their understanding of renewable energy and even created rockets which were blasted across the field!

INDIVIDUAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

On Monday 8th December, we were treated to some superb individual musical performances. Well done to Alfred, Jay and Ellie for playing the piano, and well done to Amelia for performing on the piano and clarinet. I am very proud of these pupils for having the confidence to perform in front of an audience. Thank you to the family members who attended and thank you to Mrs Dyke for providing support.



YEAR 5/6 MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

We certainly have some talented musicians in our school. On Thursday 11th December, our Year 5/6 pupils performed group and whole class Christmas songs on their guitars and ukuleles. The performances were fantastic and I could see how much our visitors enjoyed the show. Thank you to everybody who attended and thank you to Mrs Rhodes for supporting the children.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN



On Thursday 11th December, the children looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers. We raised £154.90 for *Save the Children* – thank you for your support.



MUSICAL VISITORS

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Moore for visiting our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children on Thursday 11th December. They performed a range of Christmas music as well as music linked to 'Carnival of the Animals'. They played on a range of instruments and the children were captivated throughout.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to our lovely cook – Elaine – for serving up a delicious Christmas lunch today. It was a great atmosphere full of festive cheer.



GENEROUS DONATION FROM MR ROWLING

Thank you very much to Miss Rowling's Dad for donating a bookcase and range of books to the Class 3 reading corner. We pride ourselves on our love of reading and aim to provide pupils with good quality books which enthuse and inspire them. Mr Rowling's donation has certainly helped us to achieve this aim – thank you.



BOOK DONATION

Many thanks to one of our past pupils Ben Price for donating some great books to school. Ben's Mum dropped the books off earlier this week and it was lovely to hear how well he is getting on.



POPPY APPEAL – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We raised £227.00 which is absolutely fantastic.



RECEPTION/YEAR 1 NATIVITY – A MIRACLE IN TOWN – MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The children can't wait to perform their nativity in front of an audience! Performances will take place on Monday 15th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT (R-Y6) – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Carol Concert. We hope you can make it.



CLASS PARTIES – THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

It's party day on Thursday 18th December! There will be a range of activities and games as well as lots of Christmas music! We'll provide the snacks and drinks. Children can come to school in party clothes (sensible footwear please).



NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Our delightful nursery children will be celebrating Christmas through songs, artwork and festive activities on Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm in the school hall. Families of Nursery children are welcome to join us; please return your booking slips to the school office.





100 SQUARE COMPETITION

The Friends of the School are organising a 100 Square Competition for the final week of term. We would be grateful for any donations towards Christmas Hampers. Thank you very much for your support.

Please remember that school closes on Friday 19th December and reopens on Tuesday 6th January.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15th December - Reception/Year 1 Nativity – 9.30am and 2.00pm
- 17th December - Christmas Carol Concert, 2.30pm – 3.00pm
- 18th December - Class Parties
- 18th December - Nursery Christmas Celebration – 2.30pm
- 19th December - School closes for Christmas
- 5th January - School Training Day
- 6th January - School reopens
- 21st January - KS2 Cross Country, Northallerton School & 6th Form
- 10th February - Y5/6 Tag Rugby, Northallerton School & 6th Form
- 13th February - School closes for Half Term
- 23rd February - School reopens

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.



COMMUNITY LINKS

Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and RNIB.

Please keep sending in your used Stamps. Thank you.



LUNCH MENU W/C 15TH DECEMBER 2025



Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges OR Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Spaghetti Bolognese OR Cheese JP
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding OR Tuna JP
 Thursday - Pork Meatballs with Rice OR Baked Bean JP
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips OR Cheese JP

LUNCH MENU W/C 5TH JANUARY 2026

Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake OR Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Chicken Korma with 50/50 rice OR Cheese JP
 Wednesday - Minced Beef & Dumplings OR Tuna JP
 Thursday - Hot Dog & Potato Wedges OR Cheese JP
 Friday - Battered Fish & Chips OR Baked Bean JP

APPLETON WISKE
BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB
8AM – 8:35AM

JOIN OUR BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 8AM! CHILDREN CAN ENJOY CEREAL OR TOAST WITH JUICE TO KICK-START THEIR SCHOOL DAY.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
3:15PM – 6PM

EVERY EVENING AT CLUB, CHILDREN CAN ENJOY ARTS & CRAFTS, COMPUTERS, GAMES, AND A PLAY AREA WITH TOYS. WHEN THE WEATHER PERMITS, THEY'LL HEAD OUTSIDE FOR SPORTS. COOKING CLUB WILL BE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS ONLY—KEEP AN EYE ON THE NEWSLETTER FOR DATES!

CHILDREN STAYING AFTER 4:15PM WILL BE SERVED A SNACK!

FOR TERM BOOKINGS, PLEASE FILL IN A BOOKING FORM. FOR DAILY OR WEEKLY BOOKINGS, JUST EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE!