



10 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It was great to see so many of you at our parent consultations this week. I hope you found it useful talking to your child's teacher about their progress. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We have enjoyed another busy couple of weeks in school with lots to celebrate, and I'm sure the children are looking forward to a well-earned break in two weeks' time.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.31% 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 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**

TRACKING DEVICES – IMPORTANT MESSAGE

North Yorkshire Council has issued the following statement:

It has been brought to our attention both locally and nationally that parents/carers are using devices such as the Apple AirTag to track children on school residentials/trips/visits/outings. Other devices can also include electronic watches that are essentially tracking devices with the capability of sending video footage from the device back to the person tracking i.e. parent. Such devices have the potential to post locations of children's whereabouts on social media.

Tracking devices are therefore not allowed under any circumstances and must not be hidden in pockets/bags etc. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 1 EMOTIONAL COLOURS DAY



On Friday 26th September, the Year 1 children enjoyed taking part in an Emotional Colours Day with visitor Jane Newton. The children had a great day and considered how different colours represent different emotions, this time focusing on the colour yellow. Many thanks to Jane for visiting and sharing lots of resources for the children to make worry jars.



YEAR 3/4 QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Our Year 3/4 hockey team represented the school with pride on Tuesday 30th September at the quicksticks tournament. They played some great hockey and displayed fantastic attitudes throughout the event. Well done to Art, Ava, Bertie, Daisy, Darcy, Henry A, Jay, Jessie, Lucy and Percy.



FOREST SCHOOL

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils have enjoyed their first Forest School sessions. Throughout the year they will be developing a range of skills such as independence, staying safe, teamwork and problem-solving. They worked

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really well together and enjoyed building, exploring and discovering. Of course, no Forest School would be complete without a tasty snack, which everyone enjoyed!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our Harvest Festival on Friday 3rd October was a lovely celebration of community and gratitude. The children shone with their wonderful singing, performances and sharing of work. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to everyone who came along to support us.



TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY – INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Individual photographs will be taken on Monday 13th October. If your child has a younger sibling and you would like them to be in the photograph, you can bring them between 8.00am and 8.30am.



HALLOWEEN COOKING CLUB

After School Club are holding a Halloween Cooking Club on Tuesday 21st October where they will be cooking all things spooky! Please get in touch with the office if you would like to book.

HALLOWEEN DISCO – THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER – 6.00PM to 7.15PM



The children are invited to a Devilish Disco in the school hall. Frightful or fun fancy dress optional, with a prize for the best costume! £4 per child, including drink and snack. Please return your slips and money to the school office.



BONFIRE BAKE-OFF – FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER AT 2.00PM

The Friends of the School have organised a Bonfire Bake-off for Friday 7th November. In previous years, we have asked for cupcakes, biscuits or scones. This year we have decided to go for a 'free choice' approach so your child can make any type of baked product. It costs £1 per entry and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class. We hope you can join us for the assembly which starts at the earlier time of 2.00pm. There will be a cake sale after the assembly.



RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 NATIVITY – MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Save the date for the children's Nativity. Performances will take place on Monday 15th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm. There will be two places available per child for each performance and we will send out booking information nearer the time.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

- 13th October - Tempest Photography – Individual Photos
- 14th October - Y5/6 Football, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 20th October - Dark Nights Presentation – KS2
- 23rd October - Halloween Disco, 6.00pm – 7.15pm
- 24th October - School closes for Half Term
- 3rd November - School reopens
- 7th November - Bonfire Bake-Off Assembly, 2.00pm
- 17th November - Crucial Crew - Y6
- 20th November - Flu Vaccinations Rec – Y6
- 15th December - Reception/Year 1 Nativity – 9.30am and 2.00pm
- 17th December - Christmas Carol Concert, 2.30pm – 3.00pm
- 19th December - School closes for Christmas

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 13TH OCTOBER 2025



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

LUNCH MENU W/C 20TH OCTOBER 2025

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

- Monday - Chicken Burger & Diced Potatoes **OR** Ham Sandwich
- Tuesday - Crunchy Top Mac & Cheese **OR** Tuna Sandwich
- Wednesday - Roast Gammon & Mash **OR** Egg Mayo Sandwich
- Thursday - Beef Mexican Taco with Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich
- Friday - Fish Star (Salmon) & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich

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!