



24 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy and productive half term and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break. I would like to thank you for all your support over the last 8 weeks which is very much appreciated by all the staff. The children are a credit to you and they have really made the most of their opportunities inside and outside the classroom. Their attitudes, enthusiasm and the manner in which they approach school life is wonderful.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.93% which is close to 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.**

GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEW BOOKS FOR SCHOOL

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Sarah Hurhangee for her donation of £100 towards new books for our school. Sarah has very kindly made the donation in memory of a valued member of Appleton Wiske Classics Book Club, with the following dedication:

A gift from the Appleton Wiske Classics Book Club (2021-2024), in memory of an enthusiastic and much-loved member, Caroline Brannen (died July 2025). Caroline's first job when she started out in the book trade was as a children's bookseller and encouraging reading was always close to her heart.

We will certainly put Sarah's generous donation to good use – thank you.

TENT AND GAZEBO FOR FOREST SCHOOL

Thank you so much to Clare Moore and Guy Newnam for providing Forest School with a new tent and gazebo. Clare and Guy took the time out to set up these new items ready for the children to enjoy. We are very grateful indeed for their generosity and support.

LOGS FOR THE CLASS 1 OUTDOOR AREA AND FOREST SCHOOL

A big thank you to Mr Rennison for providing us with lots of freshly cut logs for the Class 1 outdoor area and Forest School. The logs have been put to good use in both areas for children's seating. We are very grateful – thank you.

SMALL WORLD RESOURCES FOR EYFS

Thank you very much to Miss Farrington for donating lots of fantastic small world resources for our EYFS room. They are already being used in the different learning areas by the children which is great to see – thank you.

TENNIS RACKETS AND TENNIS BALLS

Many thanks to Hutton Rudby Tennis Club for providing us with tennis rackets and tennis balls for the children to play with during playtimes and lunchtimes. Mrs Morton very kindly organised this donation on behalf of the tennis club.



DARK NIGHTS PRESENTATION

On Monday 20th October, children in Years 2 to 6 enjoyed a presentation from North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue around the theme of dark nights. The children took on board important messages about safety and also made their own sensible and mature contributions.

CLASS 3 SCIENCE – HEART DISSECTION



Not for the faint-hearted but an important aspect of their science topic on animals and humans, the Year 5/6 pupils took part in a heart dissection activity this week. Miss Rowling was very impressed with the way in which her pupils embraced this task and it was definitely a worthwhile experience. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Turner for organising the supply of the animal hearts which were kindly donated by Hutchinson Hobbs Farm Shop.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL FINALS



Our Year 5/6 football team qualified for the finals by winning every game in the recent qualifying competition in Northallerton on Tuesday 14th October (they did not concede a single goal which is amazing). Congratulations to the team for finishing in 1st place!

The finals took place in Thirsk on Wednesday 22nd October and the quality of football on display was of a very high standard. On the day we finished in 9th place out of 11 schools. Overall, we finished in 9th place out of 66 schools in the Hambleton area – a fantastic achievement. Well done to Arthur, Barney, Bennji, Dylan B, Dylan Q, Fab, Noah, Oliver R, Rory and Rupert.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

A massive thank you to the Friends of the School for organising such a fantastic Halloween Disco! The children had a spook-tacular time dancing and showing off their costumes. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event. We raised £81.00 for school funds.



BONFIRE BAKE-OFF – FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM

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 usual time of 2.30pm (this is a change to the time advertised in my previous newsletter). 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.



POPPY APPEAL

We are collecting for the Poppy Appeal the week beginning Monday 3rd November up until Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November. Please send donations in with your child (£2 recommended) and they can choose from a range of items including the traditional poppy flower.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY



Please remember to order your child's school photograph through Tempest Photography. For free delivery, orders need to be placed by Monday 27th October.

Have a lovely half term and we will see everyone on Monday 3rd November.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

Happy, Healthy and Productive

DATES TO REMEMBER

24 th October	-	School closes for Half Term
3 rd November	-	School reopens
7 th November	-	Bonfire Bake-Off Assembly, 2.30pm
17 th November	-	Crucial Crew - Y6
20 th November	-	Flu Vaccinations Rec – Y6
1 st December	-	Staithes Museum Visit
2 nd December	-	North Yorkshire Police - PCSO visit
4 th December	-	Power Down Pete
15 th December	-	Reception/Year 1 Nativity – 9.30am and 2.00pm
17 th December	-	Christmas Carol Concert, 2.30pm – 3.00pm
19 th December	-	School closes for Christmas
5 th January	-	School Training Day
6 th January	-	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 3RD NOVEMBER 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 10TH NOVEMBER 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

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!