



6 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have enjoyed the last couple of weeks with your children and families. We have one more week of school before the children can enjoy a well earned break.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.45% 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 2** for winning the fortnightly attendance award.



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>.



PHONICS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Thank you to all the parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1 who attended our phonics information session on Wednesday. I hope you found it useful. If you have any further queries about our approach to phonics, please get in touch. Thank you to Mrs Hainsworth for leading the session.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations for parents of children in Nursery will be arranged individually with Mrs Hainsworth.

Parent consultations for parents of children in Reception to Year 6 will take place during the week beginning 2nd March. Letters with booking slips will be sent home soon. Please return your slip to the school office.



NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

The Happiness Heroes have organised a non-uniform day to raise money for a 'happy mind area' in school. As it is Children's Mental Health Week next week, the theme is going to be 'come as someone or something that makes you happy.' Children can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 13th February, and it would be great if they could dress up based on the theme. We are hoping to raise as much money as possible for our 'happy area' – a suggested donation is £2. Thank you for your support. **Please note there will be no PE on this day so the children don't need to wear their PE kits.**



WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Children can come to school on World Book Day in onesies, PJs or dressed as a book character. We like to give these three options so there is no pressure to spend a fortune on outfits. The choice is yours! We are not raising money on this occasion, just celebrating our love of reading.

GOVERNOR VACANCY



We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in the role and would like to know more about it, please contact our Chair of Governors – Jane Quy – via the school office.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Many thanks to the Friends of the School for their unwavering support and commitment to our school. Their hard work and dedication ensure that events are organised and much needed funds are raised for the school.

Please see the attached poster which illustrates how your generous donations are put to good use for the children.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider joining us at the meetings and sharing your ideas. Even if you can't make the meetings, perhaps you're available to help out at events. Any help would be appreciated. Please see the FAQs attached to this newsletter to find out more about the Friends of the School. Thank you.

BOOK SALE – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

To coincide with World Book Day, there will be a book sale on Thursday 5th March straight after school in the hall. Come along and choose some books. There will be honesty boxes for donations.

EASTER BAKE-OFF – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH AT 2.30PM (RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS)

The Friends of the School have organised an Easter Bake-off for Friday 27th March. Just like the previous bake-off, 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. There will be a cake sale after the assembly.

SAVE THE DATE

May Fayre – 1st May

Uniform Swap Shop – 1st May

ROLES

The following roles have been agreed:

Chair – Jo Sygrove

Treasurer – Sophie O'Keeffe

Secretary – Deana Said Heywood

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL AT 5.00PM

Please join us on Wednesday 15th April at 5.00pm. Free childcare is available at our After School Club.



BOOK DONATION

A big thank you to Clare Moore for her kind donation of books for children in Class 3 – we are very grateful, thank you.

Please remember that school closes on Friday 13th February and reopens on Monday 23rd February.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the half term break when it arrives.

Yours faithfully

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Mr N Clark
Head Teacher



13th February - Non-Uniform Day
 13th February - School closes for Half Term
 23rd February - School reopens
 26th February - Sustainable Travel Workshops
 3rd March - Parent Consultation, Class 3
 4th March - Parent Consultation, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3
 5th March - Parent Consultation, Class 1, Class 2
 3rd March - KS1 Fun Run, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
 5th March - World Book Day
 5th March - Book Sale – after school
 10th March - Y3/4 Tball, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
 17th March - Y5/6 Dodgeball, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
 27th March - Easter Bake-off – 2.30pm
 27th March - School closes for Easter
 13th April - School Training Day
 14th April - 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 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

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 23RD FEBRUARY 2026

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Chicken Nuggets **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Pizza & Diced Potatoes **OR** Cheese JP
 Wednesday - Gammon & Mashed Potato **OR** Tuna JP
 Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** Cheese JP

