



09 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your children and families. We are settling back into school routines here at Appleton Wiske and embracing the wintry weather! The children have returned with great attitudes and I'm always impressed with how they conduct themselves around school, showing respect and displaying good manners. As always, thank you for your support and please get in touch if we can help with anything.

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance is currently 96.12% 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 1 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.

CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP



RECEPTION/YEAR 1 NATIVITY – *A MIRACLE IN TOWN*

Well done to our Reception and Year 1 pupils for their fantastic Christmas Nativity – *A Miracle in Town*. I thought the performances were brilliant and really entertaining. I could see that both sets of audiences had a great time too.

VISIT FROM SANTA

The children enjoyed a visit from Santa in the last week of term. It was a special moment seeing the reactions of our youngest children when he arrived.

CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas Carol service was a lovely whole school event. Thank you to everyone who joined us and a big thank you to Father Simon for leading the service.

CLASS PARTIES

The children enjoyed their class parties. It was a great atmosphere in the hall with lots of singing, dancing and games.

NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

It was lovely celebrating our Nursery children's first term in school with their families. The children sang songs and dressed up for the Nativity story – it was lots of fun and a special event.



WINTER WEATHER

Thank you for sending your children to school in sensible clothing. We go outside in all weather conditions so they need to be ready for the elements!

PARENT/CARER SURVEYS



Thank you to everyone who completed the recent parent/carer surveys (there was a survey for the school and a survey for the nursery). We have attached the reports for each survey with this newsletter. We received some amazing comments which I would like to share with you below:

"____ loves coming to the nursery!"

"I really appreciate the hard work and commitment the nursery staff have shown towards my child."

"The communication and relationship between teacher and parent is fantastic. From our experience so far we couldn't ask for anything more."

"A real community school that puts wellbeing at the heart of what it does. As a parent, I think the communication is excellent."

"Wonderful school. Our child is very happy here."

"We are really pleased with the school and the progress ____ is making."

"Great school with great leadership."



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please could I request that children do not bring products containing nuts to school. Thank you.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Sygrove for donating resources for our outdoor activity area. They will be put to good use and enjoyed by the children.



A NIGHT OF MAGIC IN EAST HARLSEY



Beat the winter blues with a fantastic night of magical entertainment at East Harlsey Village Hall. This promises to be a fun evening for the whole family. 'Middlesbrough Circle of Magicians' will be performing both close up and stage magic on Saturday 24 January 2026. Tickets £10 adults, £6 children under 12 (+ £1 booking fee per ticket + 99p transaction fee per order) available from <https://fatso.ma/2TKf>

Have a great weekend and keep warm!

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

Upcoming

- 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
- 3rd March - KS1 Fun Run, Northallerton School & 6th Form
- 10th March - Y3/4 Tball, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 17th March - Y5/6 Dodgeball, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 27th March - School closes for Easter
- 13th April - School Training Day
- 14th April - School reposens
- 14th April - Y5/6 Netball, Northallerton School & Sixth Form

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 12TH JANUARY 2026



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

LUNCH MENU W/C 19TH JANUARY 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

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!