

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

www.appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk

12 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you enjoyed the half term break with your children and made the most of the glorious weather, although it seems a while ago now! We are into our final half term of the school year and it promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with opportunities for the children to learn, celebrate and create lasting memories. I am especially looking forward to enjoying these special moments with our pupils and celebrating all that makes our school such a happy, healthy and productive place to be. Please do get in touch if we can help you with anything and thanks very much for all your support.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.62% which is very 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 1** 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>.



HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT

The Governing Body conducted a thorough recruitment process before the half term break and have appointed Mr Joe Larder as the new Headteacher. Mr Larder is currently the Deputy Headteacher at Richmond Methodist School and is looking forward to starting at Appleton Wiske in September. I will be working with Mr Larder in the coming weeks in preparation for next academic year.



CLASS STRUCTURE 2026-27

The class structure for next year will be as follows:

	Year Groups	Number of pupils
Class 1	EYFS/Year 1	18 + Nursery
Class 2	Year 2/3	29
Class 3	Year 4/5/6	27



YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BEWERLEY PARK

Our Year 5/6 pupils had a wonderful time on their recent residential, taking part in a range of adventurous activities including climbing, canoeing, a river walk and a visit to Brimham Rocks. Throughout the trip, they showed great teamwork, resilience and determination, supporting one another and embracing new challenges. We are very proud of how they represented the school. Thank you to Miss Rowling and Mrs Atkinson for helping to make the experience such a success.

Happy, Healthy and Productive

YEAR 5/6 VISIT TO HARTLEPOOL POWER STATION



Our Year 5/6 pupils visited Hartlepool Power Station last week. It was a really interesting school trip and a great opportunity for the children to experience a unique environment. The security procedures were really strict which also added to the intrigue and excitement!



MULTICULTURAL DAY

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome a Muslim visitor called Yazi to our school. The children enjoyed a range of activities and learned all about Yazi's faith and culture. They listened attentively, asked thoughtful questions and gained valuable insights into Islamic beliefs and traditions. This proved to be a worthwhile opportunity to deepen understanding and promote mutual respect.

LUNCH PRICES £

The Governing Body has made the decision to continue subsidising school lunches next academic year in order to help support our families. The cost of a school meal for school-aged children will remain at £4.00. Please remember that all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive a free school meal through the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive free school meals.



CLUB PRICES

The Governing Body has reviewed our Extended Schools Policy with new charges coming into effect next academic year. We hope you agree that our wraparound care represents good value for money and remains competitive with other schools in the area. Sessions and charges from September 2026 are as follows:

Breakfast Club			
Monday to Friday	8.00am – 8.35am	Breakfast provided	£5.50 per session
After School Club			
Monday to Friday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Drink and biscuit	£5.50 per session
Monday to Friday	3.15pm – 5.00pm	Drink, biscuit and snack	£11.00 per session
Monday to Friday	3.15pm – 6.00pm	Drink, biscuit and snack	£16.50 per session



NON-UNIFORM DAY – THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

The School Council has suggested a non-uniform day just for fun! This will be on Thursday 18th June. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately depending on the weather, including sensible footwear. There is no charge for this event.



TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC – WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

We are looking forward to our Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday 17th June. Our cook, Elaine, will provide a picnic lunch for all the children instead of a cooked meal. Alternatively, children can bring their own packed lunches.



CLASS 3 PRODUCTION – 'LET LOOSE!' – MONDAY 6TH JULY AT 1.30PM AND 6.00PM

Our Year 5/6 children are looking forward to performing their end of year production of 'Let Loose!' which promises to be an entertaining show filled with music and laughter. There will be two performances on Monday 6th July at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. We will provide more information soon about how to reserve your seats.



WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT – PAST PUPIL ROSIE WILSON

I would like to say a big thank you to Rosie Wilson who has been on work experience at our school this week. Rosie has helped children in all year groups and supported lots of different activities. It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming Rosie back to our school and we are very proud of her.

SUMMER DISCO – THURSDAY 2ND JULY



The Friends of the School have organised a summer disco for Thursday 2nd July from 6.00pm until 7.15pm for children in Reception to Year 6. It costs £4 per child and includes a drink and snack. Please return your child's slip and payment by Friday 26th June.



GENEROUS DONATION

A big thank you to Mrs Race for donating a mud kitchen for the early years play area and also an assortment of puzzles.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

- 15th June - NCMP Rec/Y6 Heights & Weight Measurements
- 15th June - New Parents Information Evening
- 17th June - Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 18th June - Non-Uniform Day
- 23rd June - Y6 Bikeability
- 25th June - Y5/6 Puberty Talk
- 26th June - Roger & Rosie - Wildlife area (all classes)
- 29th June - Nursery Trip to Thornaby Fire Station
- 30th June - Y6 Bikeability
- 1st - 2nd July - SFX Transition Days
- 2nd July - Summer Disco - 6pm
- 3rd / 10th July - Transition morning for new Reception children
- 6th July - Class 3 Production - 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- 7th July - Y1 Multi Skills, Northallerton School
- 8th - 10th July - Northallerton School Transition Days
- 13th July - Class 3 Musical Performance
- 14th July - Great Yorkshire Show - Year 6
- 15th July - Year 5 Festival - Northallerton School
- 15th July - Class 2 Trip to Shildon Railway Museum
- 17th July - Leavers' Assembly - 2.00pm
- 17th July - School closes for Summer



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 JUNE 2026

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

- Monday - All Day Breakfast **OR** Ham Sandwich
- Tuesday - Crispy Salmon Strips **OR** Cheese Sandwich
- Wednesday - Ham, Cheese, Tuna Sandwich
- Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich
- Friday - Battered Fish & Chips **OR** Egg Sandwich



LUNCH MENU W/C 22nd JUNE 2026

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

- Monday - Chicken Katsu and Rice **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Tuesday - Pizza **OR** Cheese JP
- Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Thursday - Lasagne **OR** Tuna 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!