



26 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe there are only three weeks of the school year remaining! It's been another busy couple of weeks at Appleton Wiske with lots to celebrate. I would like to say how impressed I've been with the children's attitudes and resilience in such warm weather. They have got on with their learning without any fuss despite the high temperatures in classrooms. Thankfully we have a few shaded areas outside which have been popular spots during playtimes and lunchtimes. We shouldn't complain about sunny weather but I have to admit I'm hoping for lower temperatures next week!



### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.58% 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>.

### GOVERNING BODY UPDATE



In July, two of our longest serving members will be stepping down from the school's governing body. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please contact Jane Quy via the school office for more information. The vacancies will be advertised in the new school year.



### THANK YOU TO KATE GREEN AND SCOTT WILSON

Kate Green and Scott Wilson have served on the governing body for many years and have both provided wonderful support to our school. Kate's children – Daniel and Sophie – and Scott's children – Rosie and Daisy – attended our school until fairly recently. Both Kate and Scott have decided that the time is now right to step down from the governing body and focus on new commitments. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to say a massive thank you to Kate and Scott for their loyalty, dedication and unwavering support towards our school over the years. They will certainly be missed.

### CLASS STRUCTURE 2026-27



In case you missed it in the previous newsletter, 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

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## SPORTS DAY

I hope you enjoyed Sports Day as much as we did. The children were absolutely brilliant, giving it their all and cheering on their friends. Well done to the Yellow Team for winning the Sports Day trophy. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported the children. A big thank you also to Father Simon and his team of volunteers for putting up the gazebo which provided much needed shade for the children.



## YEAR 2/3/4 TENNIS

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 2/3/4 pupils enjoyed an afternoon of tennis with sports coach Duncan Burgess. The children developed a range of skills and had a great time. Duncan was so impressed with the children's fantastic attitudes and good manners. I don't take these moments for granted and always feel incredibly proud when a visitor pays our pupils such lovely compliments.



## TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, our whole school enjoyed a picnic on the field with a wide and wonderful range of teddy bears. It was a lovely event followed by fun activities for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. Thank you to our cook Elaine for providing picnic lunches and also to Mrs Hainsworth for organising such a fantastic afternoon for her pupils.



## EMOTIONAL COLOURS DAY - YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Jane Newton today who worked with the pupils on the theme of emotional colours. The focus today was 'all the colours' and Jane dressed up as a multicoloured rockstar! This was Jane's final visit so I would like to say a big thank you to her for visiting the children and helping them to understand their emotions in different situations linked to different colours. It has been a really worthwhile project.

## SUMMER DISCO - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY

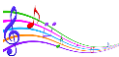


The Friends of the School have organised a summer disco for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 6.00pm until 7.15pm for children in Reception to Year 6. It costs £4 per child and includes a drink and snack. Please return your child's slip and payment as soon as possible.



## CLASS 3 PRODUCTION - 'LET LOOSE!' - MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Please return your slips to book your places.



## CLASS 3 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE - MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2.30PM

Our Year 5/6 pupils will be performing their guitars and ukuleles on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Join us in school at 2.30pm.



## END OF YEAR AWARDS AND LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2.00PM

Save the date for our leavers' assembly which will take place on the last day of term at 2.00pm. We look forward to celebrating the children's achievements with you.



## CLUB BOOKINGS - FRIDAYS

Please note that we require a day's notice for club bookings on a Friday due to staffing requirements. We always try to be flexible with club bookings as we understand that circumstances can change for parents, but Fridays are proving to be challenging with the number of last-minute bookings we are receiving. Thanks for your support.



## FOREST SCHOOL

I would like to say a big thank you to Tony and Linda Elsdon who have allowed us to access their woodland area for Class 1 Forest School activities. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic space for the Reception and Year 1 children to develop their learning outdoors. I would also like to thank Ken Blackwood and Clare Moore for their much-needed support during Forest School sessions – we couldn't do it without them. The children have really benefitted from Forest School sessions thanks to Mrs Hainsworth's expertise in this area and also the support staff who have attended throughout the year.



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Matthew Drummond for helping us dispose of damaged and unwanted items which had been building up behind one of our sheds! It has saved us lots of trips to the tip or having to pay for a skip. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend with your children and families.

Yours faithfully

*N Clark*

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

29 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Nursery Trip to Thornaby Fire Station
30 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Y6 Bikeability
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	Summer Disco – 6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Transition morning for new Reception children
6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Class 3 Production – 1.30pm and 6.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Sustainable Travel Workshop - Y6
13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Class 3 Musical Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Great Yorkshire Show – Year 6
15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 5 Festival – Northallerton School
15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Class 2 Trip to Shildon Railway Museum
16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Roger and Rosy Key - Wildlife Area (all classes)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Leavers' Assembly – 2.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	-	School closes for Summer
7 <sup>th</sup> September	-	School closed for staff training day
8 <sup>th</sup> September	-	School opens (full school uniform, not PE)

## 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 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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



## LUNCH MENU W/C 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

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

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