



22 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you healthy and well. Our pupils have enjoyed a positive and productive couple of weeks and can now look forward to the half term break with some sunny weather (hopefully). Yesterday, I had the pleasure of visiting our Year 5/6 pupils on residential at Beverley Park. I have to say I am so proud of them for their resilience, determination and caring natures. I had a great time with the children even though I got soaked on the river walk! I will write more about their adventures in my next newsletter.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.94% 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 3** 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 RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The Governing Body has been busy recruiting a new Headteacher for September with interviews taking place yesterday and today. A decision will be made and information will be shared with the school community by the Governing Body in due course.



YEAR 6 SATS

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for their resilience, determination and positive attitudes throughout SATs week. We are proud of all the children regardless of any national tests. They can enjoy a well-earned break next week!



RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 TRIP TO RIPON WORKHOUSE MUSEUM

On Friday 8th May, our Reception and Year 1 pupils visited Ripon Workhouse Museum as part of their history topic on historical events, people and places. They had a fantastic time and enjoyed lots of fun activities. Highlights were the old school classroom, drill practice, traditional games and doing the laundry! The children were a credit to our school and behaved impeccably with positive attitudes and good manners. We even received a lovely email from the museum about how wonderful our pupils are. Thank you to Ken Blackwood for joining us on the trip and for supporting the children.



YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

After half term, our Year 4 pupils will take part in the online multiplication tables check. They will be given six seconds to answer each question and there are 25 questions in total. It would be appreciated if parents could help their children practise their times tables over the next few weeks. Thank you.

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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

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS – THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on Thursday 11th June. Please could children in Reception to Year 6 wear their full school uniform including shoes. Thank you.

Sports Day

SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 12TH JUNE AT 1.00PM

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Friday 12th June. Join us on the school field from 1.00pm. Please bring your own chairs and/or picnic rugs. We hope you can join us in supporting the children and cheering them across the finish line.

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.



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.

GENEROUS DONATION



A big thank you to Stacey Farrington for donating a multi-purpose sports table to our After School Club which includes foosball, air hockey, pool and table tennis. It will certainly be put to good use by the children.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL



NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE AT 5.00PM

Please join us at the next Friends of the School meeting. Everyone is welcome and free childcare is available in our After School Club. Thank you.

Have a great half term holiday.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 22nd May - School closes for Half Term
- 1st June - School reopens
- 2nd June - Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics, Northallerton School
- 3rd June - Y6 Sustainable travel event – secondary transition
- 4th June - Class 3 Trip to Hartlepool Power Station
- 8th June - Multicultural day - all classes
- 9th June - Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics, Northallerton School
- 11th June - Tempest - Class Group Photos
- 12th June - Sports Day – 1.00pm
- 15th June - New Parents Information Evening
- 17th June - Teddy Bears’ Picnic
- 23rd June - Y5/6 Bikeability
- 29th June - Nursery Trip to Thornaby Fire Station
- 30th June - Y5/6 Bikeability
- 6th July - Class 3 Production – 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- 17th July - Leavers’ Assembly – 2.00pm

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 1ST 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

LUNCH MENU W/C 8TH 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

**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!