



2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another busy and successful fortnight at Appleton Wiske Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support during our recent Ofsted inspection. The positive partnership between school and home is something we value greatly; we were incredibly proud of the way our pupils, staff, governors and wider community represented our school throughout the process. We are excited to share the outcome of the inspection as soon as we are able to do so and are hopeful that we will be in a position to update you in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you also to everyone who took the time to complete my recent parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to develop and improve. Should any parent wish to discuss a concern, suggestion or aspect of school life in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange either a telephone conversation or a face-to-face meeting. I am always happy to listen and work together to support our children and families.

I would also like to thank our school community for its wonderful generosity in supporting our Harvest Festival collection. The response has been overwhelming and, next week, our Head Pupils will be delivering the donations to Foodshare - helping to support families within our local community.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the next chapter for our school following Ofsted. Alongside celebrating all that makes Appleton Wiske Community Primary such a special place, we will also be introducing some small changes that we hope will have a significant positive impact on pupils, staff and families. Our first step will be the introduction of ClassDojo, a home-school communication platform designed to strengthen communication and engagement between school and home. Further information will follow shortly.

Finally, I had the pleasure of attending the Licensing Service of the Reverend Julia Staves as Rector of the Benefice of Brompton and Osmotherley. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet more members of our wider community and strengthen the close relationships that make our local area so special. I very much look forward to welcoming Julia into school later this term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, I am confident that we can look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Larder
Headteacher



Community Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Farrington and James families for their generous donation of Early Years resources. These will be greatly appreciated by our youngest learners and will help to further enrich their learning experiences.

We would also like to thank the Turner family for their kind donation of plants and compost, which will help us continue to enhance the front of our school and create a welcoming environment for pupils, families and visitors alike.

The support and generosity shown by our school community are truly valued and make a real difference to our children. Thank you for your kindness and continued support.



School Uniform

A polite reminder to all families about our school uniform expectations. We are proud of the high standards our pupils maintain and appreciate your ongoing support.

Please remember that **trainers should only be worn on PE days or Forest School days**, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with your child's class teacher. On all other days, pupils should wear their normal school shoes as part of our uniform expectations.

We would also encourage all pupils to continue bringing a **named water bottle** to school each day to help them stay hydrated and ready to learn.



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>.



Parent/ carer assemblies Autumn 2026/2027- (2.35pm start unless stated otherwise)

- Friday 6th November
- Friday 4th December
- Wednesday 16th December (Carol Service - 2.30pm)



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.51% 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 3** for winning the fortnightly attendance award.



Nut-Free School

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



6 October	-	NY Libraries to present Reading Challenge certificates
13 October	-	Y5/6 Football – Northallerton School
19 October	-	Tempest Individual photographs
4 November	-	KS1 Fun Run - Northallerton School
6 November	-	Celebration Assembly - 2.35pm
10 November	-	Y3 - 6 Cross Country
19 November	-	Y6 Crucial Crew – Carlton Lodge Activity Centre
4 December	-	Celebration Assembly – 2.35pm
16 December	-	Carol Service – 2.30pm
18 December	-	School closes for Christmas
4 January	-	Training Day
5 January	-	School re-opens

Happy, Healthy and Productive

COMMUNITY LINKS

Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and RNIB.

Please keep sending in your used Stamps.



Thank you.

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.

LUNCH MENU

W/C 5th October 2026

Main Choice **OR** Sandwich



Monday - Chicken Burger **OR** Egg Sandwich

Tuesday - Pizza with Baby Potatoes **OR** Ham Sandwich

Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna Sandwich

Thursday - Mac and Cheese **OR** Cheese Sandwich

Friday - Battered Fish and Chips **OR** Ham Sandwich

LUNCH MENU

W/C 12th October 2026

Main Choice **OR** JP

Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Diced Potatoes **OR** Baked Beans JP

Tuesday - Pizza & Chips **OR** Cheese JP

Wednesday - Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Beans JP

Thursday - Pasta Bolognese **OR** Tuna JP

Friday - Fish Fingers & Potato Wedges **OR** Cheese JP

APPLETON WISKE
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB
8:00am – 8:35am
Start the school day the right way!
Children can enjoy:

- ✓ Cereal
- ✓ Toast
- ✓ Fruit juice
- ✓ A calm and friendly start to the morning

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
3:15pm – 6:00pm
A fun, safe and engaging environment for children after school.
Activities may include:

- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Computers & Technology
- ✓ Games & Toys
- ✓ Outdoor Sports (weather permitting)
- ✓ Occasional Cooking Activities

SNACK TIME
Children staying after **4:15pm** will be provided with a snack.

BOOKING INFORMATION
Term Bookings:
Please complete a booking form.
Daily or Weekly Bookings:
Email the school office or call the office.

➤ We look forward to seeing you! 😊

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