



18 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have settled remarkably well and it has been a real pleasure spending these first few weeks getting to know our wonderful school and, most importantly, the amazing people within it. I have also really enjoyed meeting so many of our families and members of the wider community; I would like to thank you all for the incredibly warm welcome I have received. It was particularly lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school for our first celebration assembly last week, and I hope this will be the first of many opportunities to come together throughout the year.

As I begin my journey as Headteacher of Appleton Wiske, I am incredibly excited about what lies ahead. My principles as a school leader are firmly rooted in putting children at the heart of every decision we make, while recognising that the wellbeing of our staff, families and wider community is central to helping our children thrive. I strongly believe in the power of positive working relationships between children, staff and families, and I look forward to continuing to build and strengthen these throughout the year.

Additionally, I place great value on listening to the views of our school community. With this newsletter, I have included a link to a short parent/carers questionnaire and I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts - your feedback will help inform our thinking and future plans for the school.

Finally, my door is always open. If you ever have a question, concern or simply something you would like to discuss, please do get in touch. I will always endeavour to listen, support and help wherever I can.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and everything we can achieve together. Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Larder
Headteacher



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 Questionnaire Autumn 2026

Please follow the link attached to complete the questionnaire, it should take no longer than 5 minutes; alternatively, you can scan the QR code (with another device).

[Parent/Carer Survey 2026-27 – Fill in form](#)



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

- Friday 2nd October (Harvest Festival - 2pm start)
- Friday 6th November
- Friday 4th December
- Wednesday 16th December (Carol Service - 2.30pm)



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.67% exceeding 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.

School Rules

Last week, we introduced our focused school rules: To be: Ready, Respectful and Safe. These simple yet powerful expectations provide a clear framework for behaviour and can be applied to almost every situation children, and adults, encounter within our school community.

These principles are not limited to school and can also be a valuable tool to reinforce expectations at home. We encourage families to discuss and use these rules together, helping children to make positive choices both in and out of school.



Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. If you are interested in the role and would like to know more about it, please contact our Chair of Governors – Jane Quay – via the school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 22 September - Y2 Multi Skills, Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 29 September - Skip/Box 2B Fit - all classes
- 29 September - 3/4 Hockey - Northallerton School & Sixth Form
- 2 October- Harvest Festival
- 19 October - Tempest Individual photographs
- 10 November - Y3-6 Cross Country
- 18 December - School closes for Christmas
- 4 January - Training Day
- 5 January - School re-opens

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 21 September 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

LUNCH MENU

W/C 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Main Choice **or** JP

Monday - Meatballs in Tomato Sauce **OR** Baked Beans JP

Tuesday - Crispy Salmon Strips **OR** Cheese JP

Wednesday - Toad in the Hole **OR** Tuna JP

Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** Baked Beans JP

Friday - Fish Fingers and Chips **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! 😊

Happy, Healthy and Productive