



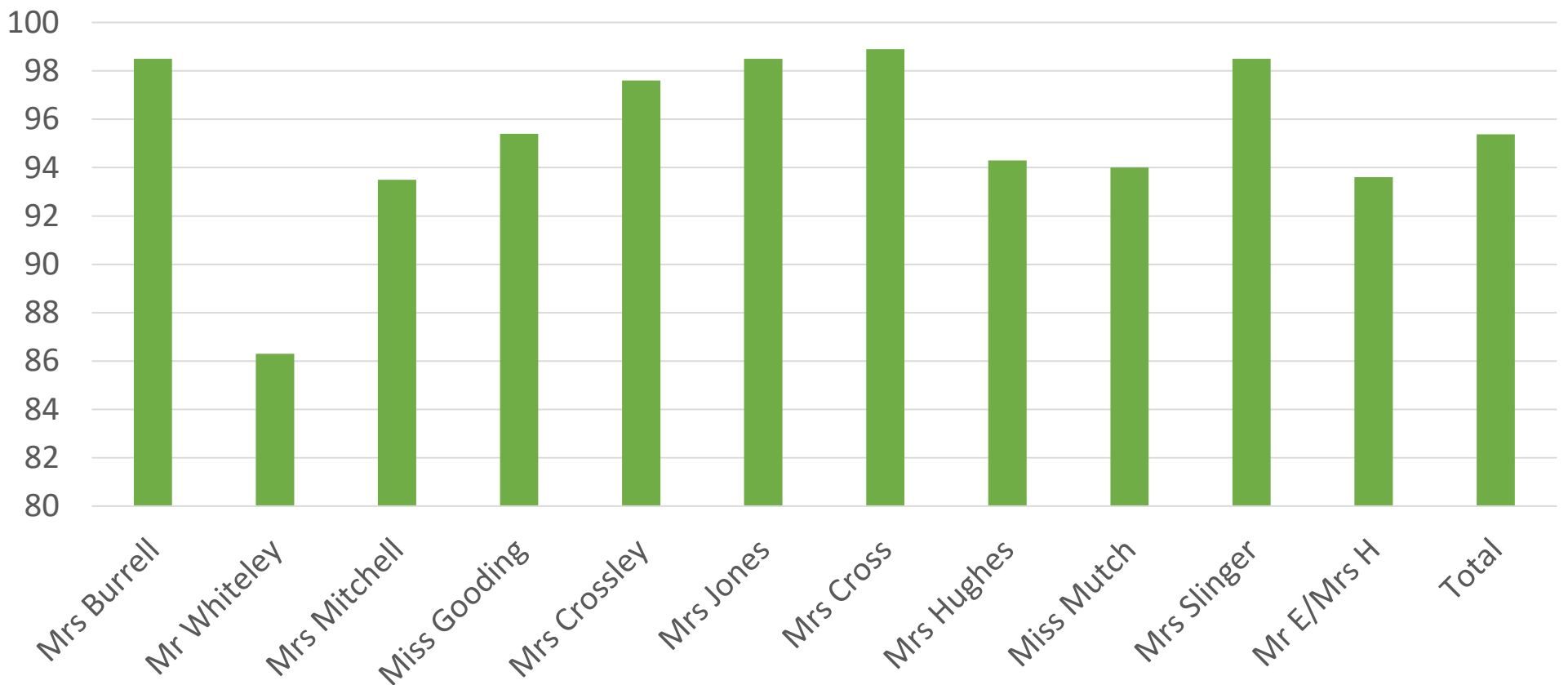
## Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Theo P	Felicity N
Mr Whiteley	Eva R-B	Theo P
Mrs Mitchell	Charlie F	Lily-May L
Miss Gooding	Ivy C	Mia H
Mrs Crossley	Poppy W	Alfie C
Mrs Jones	Willow W	Macy-Rae B
Mrs Cross	Kieron S	Sethen P
Mrs Hughes	Harry S	Layla-Rose B
Miss Mutch	Charlie A	Emily W
Mrs Slinger	Tyler-Jay H	Jonah H
Mrs H & Mr E	Ellie-Mai P	Joseph F

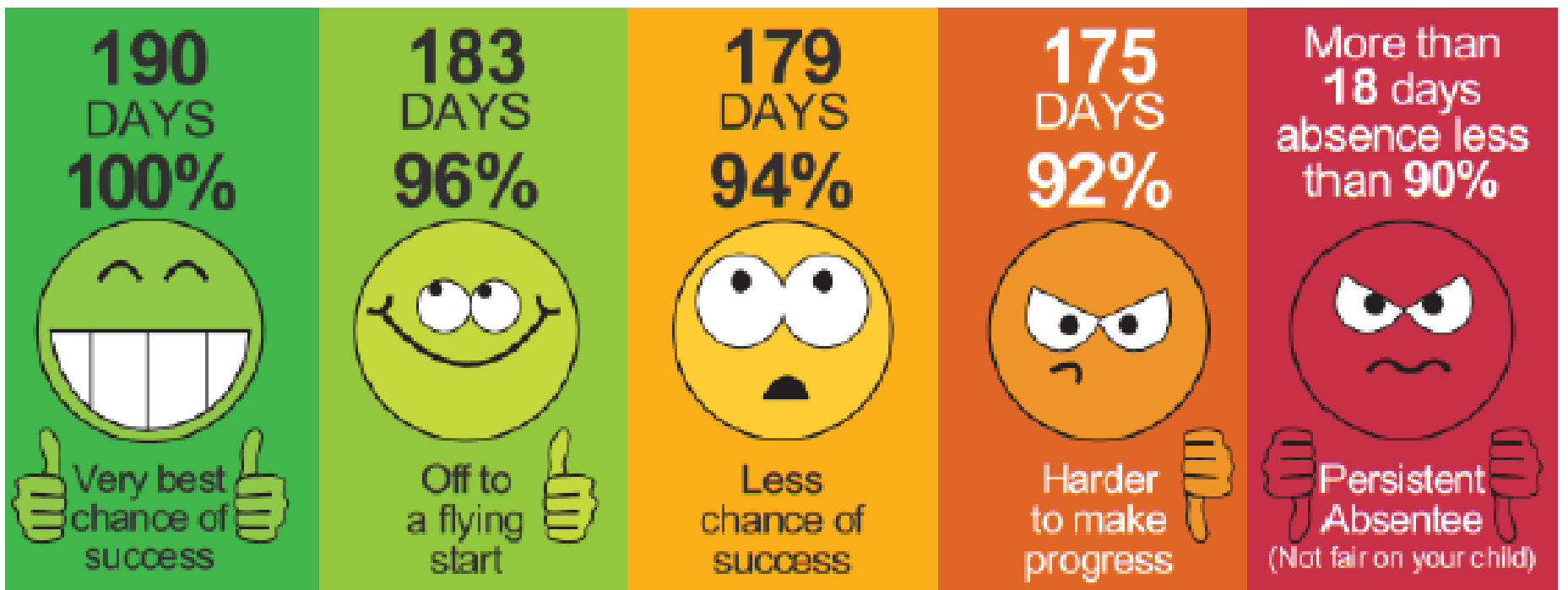


# Attendance

Weekly Attendance Totals W/C 6th February



There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



## Message from ParentPay

***"Please apologise to your parents and staff as the error was due to a misunderstanding at ParentPay and there was nothing that Applegarth School or North Yorkshire Catering did to cause the issues you experienced."*** Families should be able to choose meals again from home towards the end of next week.... Mrs Fowler is working tirelessly on it!



# Rosie's Fundraiser

Thank you to all of you for your generous donations of money, games and toys. **We raised £432.50** which will go to Rosie's chosen charity, **Young Lives Vs Cancer**. Rosie will directly benefit from this through the support her family are receiving from the charity. Staff will be recording bedtime stories for World Book Day and we'll be sending them over to keep you busy, Rosie 😊

**YOUNG LIVES  
vs CANCER**



**SPONSOR ME,  
SUPPORT FAMILIES**

**£38 could pay for a family to stay the night in a Home from Home – providing free accommodation right next to the hospital where their child is receiving treatment.**



# Save the Date for World Book Day

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

Our theme this year is:



There's something very special about a bedtime story being read out loud. A bedtime story doesn't require children to focus on the mechanics of learning to read, but on the enjoyment of the story and the idea of being transported to other worlds before drifting into dreams about them.

We are asking children to come to school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** dressed in the pyjamas and to bring in their favourite bedtime story to share with their class. More details and activities for World Book Day will follow after half term.

This year's theme was one of the ideas created by our Y6 Reading Squad.





## Y3/4 VISIT THE RIVER SWALE

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Year 3/4 consolidated their learning about rivers and their features in an exciting trip to observe the River Swale from Grinton to the Reeth meanders this week. We created some rock art and measured the speed of the river using a tape measure, a timer and dog biscuits! We then walked to where the River Swale used to be twenty years ago and compared the changes using what we could see in the landscape and aerial photographs. The children observed erosion, deposition and even spotted an old, dried up oxbow lake. A wonderful, enriching day, wholly funded by the Tees-Swale Trust. Thank you! Please visit [The Blog](#) for more photos (and don't forget to leave a comment).





# School Calendar (this half term)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Pancake Race	Whole School	Applegarth Park	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Junior race 10:00am – 10:15am
Strike Action	TBC	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 28th February
World Book Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Bedtime stories/pyjama theme
Reception - Year 5 Parent/Carer Evening Bookings Open	Reception – Year 5	-	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 4:00pm <i>Bookings close Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8:00pm</i>
PTA Family Quiz	Parents and Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm – 9:30pm (approx)
Strike Action	TBC	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Strike Action	TBC	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Multiplication Check Meeting</b>	<b>Year 4 Families</b>	<b>Applegarth Primary School</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm – 5:30pm</b>
Carlton Lodge Family Meeting	Year 5	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Provisional)
Reception – Year 5 Parent/Carer Evenings	Reception – Year 5	Applegarth Primary School (in person)	Thursday 23rd March 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online)  Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 5:00pm (in person) 5:15pm – 6:00pm (online)
Easter Bunny Run (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Performance	Key Stage Two	All Saints Church	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm – 6:00pm
<b>British Science Week</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Applegarth Primary School</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Dress up as a job related to science on Friday</b>

# School Calendar (long term)

Easter Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 3rd April - Friday
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# School Calendar (long term continued)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Professional Development Training Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Key Stage One SATs	Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Throughout May <b>DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS</b>
May Bank Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May and Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Key Stage Two SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May <b>DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS</b>
Carlton Lodge Residential	Year 5	Carlton Lodge, Carlton Miniott	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Coronation Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May Reception, and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Half Term	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood, Alston	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Phonics Screening Check	Year 1	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June <b>DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS</b>
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June <b>DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS</b>
Reception and Key Stage One Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 9:30am – 12:00pm
Armed Forces Day	Service Pupils	Catterick Garrison, Ypres Lines	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Key Stage Two Sports Day	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 9:30am – 11:30am

# School Calendar (long term continued)

Event	Class/Phase	Venue	Date(s)/Time(s)
Summer Fair (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Year 6 Leavers Performance	Whole School and Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Break up for Summer Holidays	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Halloween Disco (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October R and Key Stage One 5:00pm – 6:00pm Key Stage Two 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Christmas Carols	Key Stage Two	All Saints Church	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December T 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Key Stage One Nativity	Key Stage One	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 11:00am
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 11:00am

## Our Safeguarding Team

At school we have five members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. Mr Peoples is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL); he is the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Hopkin, Mr Edwards and Mrs Crossley are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Jo Burnside is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body.

**All staff at Applegarth know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our [Safeguarding Page](#).**

For information about **Online Safety**, visit our dedicated [webpage](#).

You can also report any concerns you have to our [recently-changed welfare email: dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)



A large white dandelion with its seeds blowing away is positioned on the left side of the purple banner.

# MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April 2023

A circular logo with a blue and red border. Inside, there is a dandelion illustration and the text 'Service Children's Champion'.

Service  
Children's  
Champion

Information regarding our  
new photo challenge  
*Welcome to Our World*

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Share our introductory video  
with your child and discuss  
theme - *Welcome to Our World*



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SPOTIFY

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings - so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

### GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

### OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more - with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

### ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription - meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

### TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

### CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings - greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on - whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.



### KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset - so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



#WakeUpWednesday



**You are invited to a free  
community performance of**

*I love you, Mum -  
I promise I won't die*

by Mark Wheeler



**Venue: Northallerton School**  
**Date: Thursday 2nd March 2023**  
**Time: 5.45 for 6pm**  
**Reserve your ticket here:** 



This play tells the tragic, true story of Daniel Spargo- Mabbs from Croydon who died from an accidental MDMA overdose at an illegal rave in 2014. Told entirely in the words of his family and friends, it explores the decisions that led to his death and the consequences of his loss on his loved ones. The title comes from the final words 16 year-old Dan spoke to his mother.