

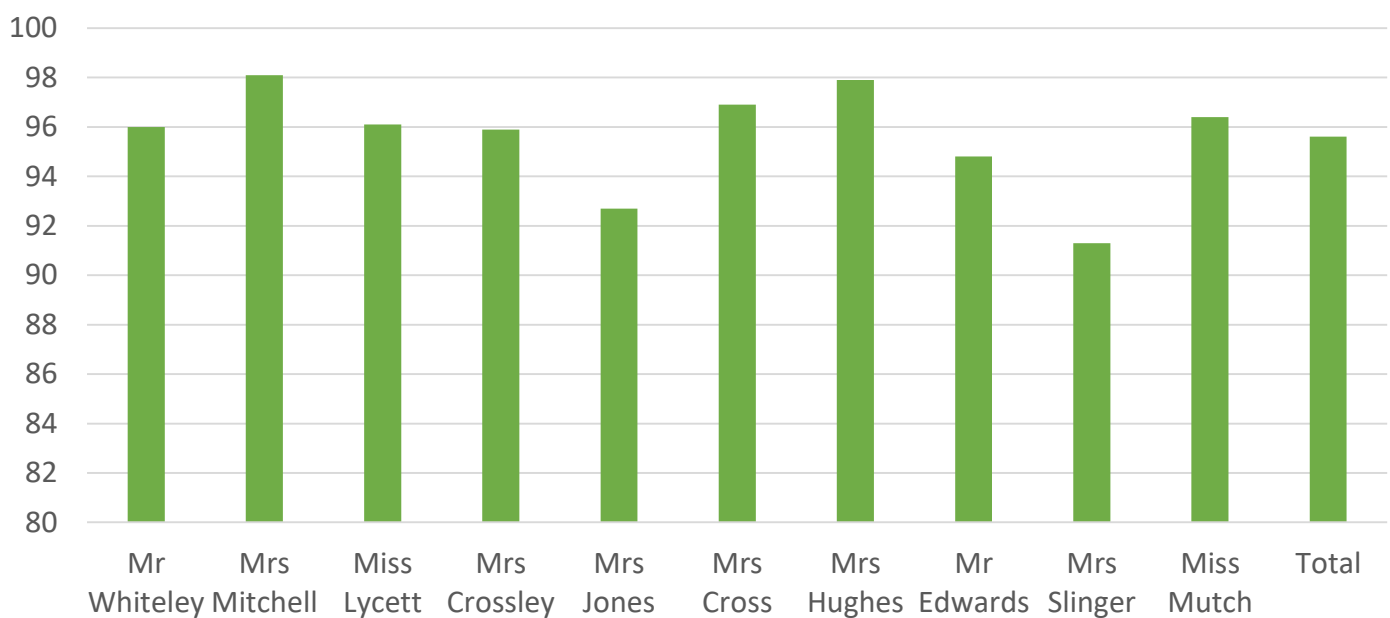


Stars of the Week

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Miss Melville & Mrs Evans	
Mr Whiteley	Cara D	Rowan H
Mrs Mitchell	Josie B	Willow J
Miss Lycett	Jared C	Ezra B
Mrs Crossley	Adelina C	Zander C
Mrs Jones	Robyn P	James C
Mrs Cross	Riley S	Jesse R
Mrs Hughes	Poppy S	Jude S
Mr Edwards	George C	Charlie B
Mrs Slinger	Lily G	Finlay C-A
Miss Mutch	Zak H	Miss Mutch



Attendance 16th – 20th October

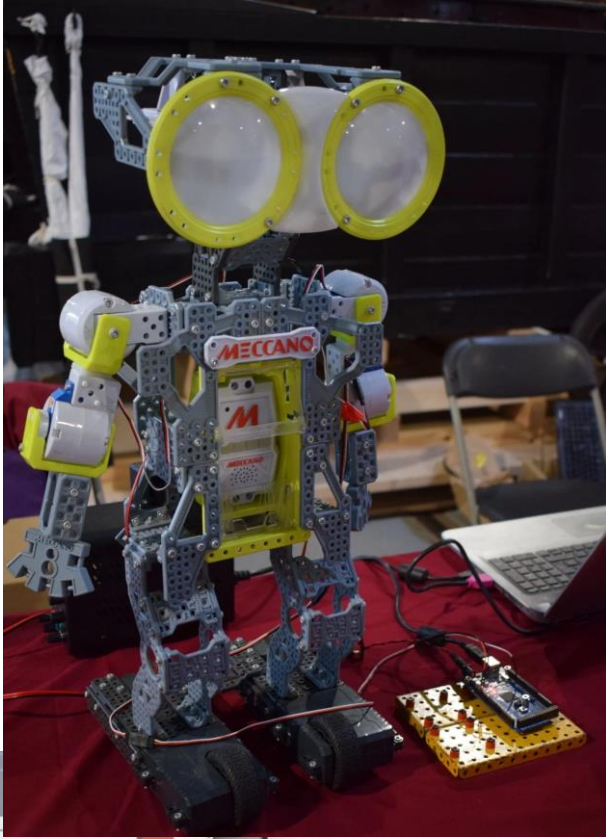


Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

Great Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday, twenty budding engineers visited Shildon Locomotion to pit our Meccano models against a dozen other schools from Durham and the North East. We were the only school representing Yorkshire. Our fantastic builders achieved third place and a huge trophy to take home and keep! There were a range of fantastic activities and demonstrations to inspire our pupils (as well as the impressive train museum itself). We enjoyed it so much that we didn't want to leave. Visit [The Blog](#) for more pictures.



Paul Sturges Basketball Visit

Britain's tallest man called in to a our school on Monday for basketball workshops with pupils. He holds the world record for being the tallest professional basket player and Britain's tallest man. The day started with a whole school assembly in which Mr Sturges spoke about his life and career with the Harlem Globetrotters in America, travelling the world performing basketball exhibitions under the nickname "Tiny". More recently, he has taken up acting, appearing in in Avatar 2, Doctor Who and Deadpool. Each class then had a workshop with him. Miss Mutch organized the day and said, "Children and staff were astonished and inspired by his stories and his positivity." His message throughout the day was about embracing being different (and basketball of course!).

<https://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/23881623.britain-s-tallest-man-paul-sturges-visits-applegarth-school/>

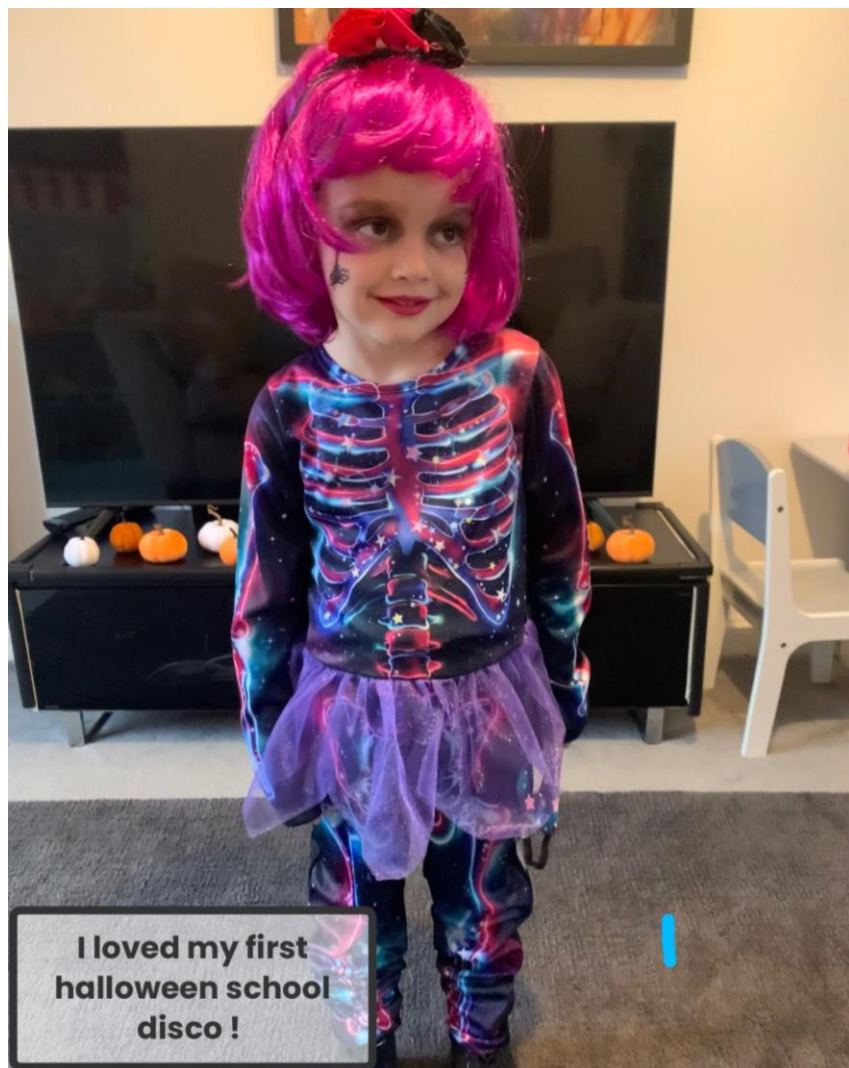


Please buy your poppies from the office for remembrance



Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco was a fantastic evening. Pupils had a great time dressing up, dancing, singing (or shouting!) and seeing out the half term in style. Nursery joined us this year and had a brilliant time (see Ava in her costume). Thank you for supporting the event so well. Many thanks to all of the staff who stayed at school until well into the night and for the small army of PTA volunteers who made sure everything ran so well. It was great to see so many new faces coming to help out. Any family member is welcome to join our PTA and help with as much or as little as you like. There is no long term commitment.



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 [welfare email: dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time
Individual & Sibling Photos	Whole School	Applegarth School	Thursday 9 th November 8:30am – 2:00pm
Remembrance Event	Whole School <i>Families welcome</i>	Applegarth Primary School Playground	Friday 10 th November 10:45am
Remembrance Service	Service Pupils and Ambassadors	Ripon Cathedral	Friday 10 th November 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Reception New Starters Open Events	New Starters	Applegarth Primary School (Call the office to book a space)	Tuesday 14 th November 9:30am – 11:00am Wednesday 22 nd November 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Bedtime Stories (PTA)	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 th November 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Children in Need	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 17 th November Dress SPOTacular
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parents/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 30 th November 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Nursery Transition	January Starters	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 7 th December
NSPCC Number Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 nd February
Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 8 th December 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Key Stage One Nativity	Key Stage One	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 12 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 20th December
Pantomime Performance	Key Stage Two	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 12 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Thursday 14 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church	Tuesday 19 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 22 nd December

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Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 nd February 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Safer Internet Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 6 th February
Carlton Lodge Pre Visit Meeting	Year 5 Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 28 th February 5:00pm – 5:45pm
World Book Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 7 th March
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 11 th March 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Red Nose Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 15 th March
British Science Week	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March
Robinwood Family Meeting	Year 6 Families	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 1 st May 5:00pm – 5:45pm
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	w/c 13 th May 2024 PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 15 th May 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Carlton Lodge	Year 5	Carlton Miniott	Thursday 16 th May and Friday 17 th May 2024
Pride Month	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	June 2024
Autistic Pride Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 18 th June
Robinwood	Year 6	Robinwood , Alston	Monday 24 th June – Wednesday 26 th June 2024

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

AGE RESTRICTION

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Dreadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

Meet Our Expert

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
- 2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

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