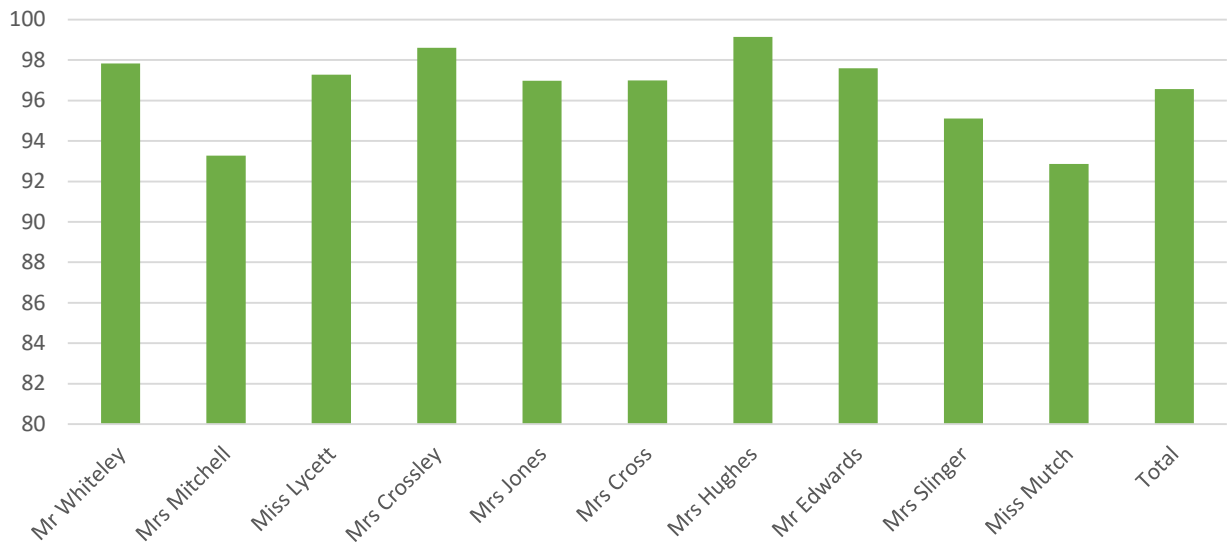




Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Zeriya O	
Mr Whiteley	Aria K	Logan G
Mrs Mitchell	Toby W	Alice W
Miss Lycett	Aria S	Bella-Reux B
Mrs Crossley	Jack S	Freya D
Mrs Jones	Leearna H	Owen R
Mrs Cross	Zakhar I	Ivy H
Mrs Hughes	Willow W	Toby B
Mrs Bailey	Esme H	Finley B
Mrs Slinger	Roman I	Lily G
Miss Mutch	Logan M	Dev D



Attendance 9th – 12th January



Reason for Absence

When you leave a voicemail with the office, please give some detail about the type of illness. The office have to record this on the register in order to monitor infectious illnesses etc. It saves you having to answer a phone call from the office later in the morning.



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

Mrs Hopkin's Maternity Leave

Mrs Hopkin's maternity leave officially starts today! She has done remarkably well to remain in school until the 39th week of her pregnancy. She is due imminently! We wish Mrs H and her husband the very best of luck as they welcome their new addition to Team Hopkin. We will keep you informed with a picture and a name as soon as we can...

Nursery Building Resources

We wondered if anyone knows of someone who works in the building trade who would be able to source us some bricks, sand and cement. The children are loving our topic, *Build It Up*, and are very enthusiastic about building and looking at different parts of a building like windows, doors and a roof. We would like to give them a real life experience of undertaking some building work.

If you know of any local building work currently going on then please let us know. We did think about walking to the new school but it is too far for our little legs to walk!

If you have anything at home that would help with our learning about building (not just houses) then please send them in: window brochures/ door brochures/ floor swatches/ floor plans/ paint charts etc.

Thank you for your continued support - Nursery team

School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time
Year 6 SATs Parents/Carers Meeting	Year 6	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 24 th January 5:00pm – 5:30pm
PTA AGM	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 31 st January 6:00pm - 6:30pm
PTA Meeting	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 31 st January 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parent/Carers	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 nd February 10:30am – 11:30am 2:00pm – 3:00pm
NSPCC Number Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 2 nd February
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

VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED!



**Friends of Applegarth
(our PTA – parent teacher
association) needs your help!**

To help with the effective running of our school PTA we need more volunteers. In January, we will be hosting our AGM and vacancies for key roles on the committee which need filling.

Our PTA does much-needed and highly-valued work to support Applegarth Primary School by ensuring regular fundraising events take place to raise money which directly benefits our children. Recently, the PTA have funded new books, iPads, pantos and live theatre visits and orienteering markings.

Please attend January's AGM on **Wednesday 31st January at 6:00pm** to find out more information and be present to put yourself forward for one of the vacant roles.



If you require any further information ahead of the AGM, please contact the PTA Secretary via email: pta@Applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

THREADS

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

Threads is currently the number one trending social media app. Developed by Meta, the company behind Instagram and Facebook, Threads is a clear rival of Twitter (now known as X) in that it's a text-based conversation platform which allows posts of up to 500 characters, with the option to include links, photos and short videos. Threads is connected to a user's existing Instagram account, which lets people get started on this new app straight away: their followers and favourite creators will be imported from Instagram to their freshly created Threads account.

However, Threads' reliance on an Instagram login effectively makes it 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DIFFERING OPINIONS

Meta claim they will encourage friendly, positive engagements but haven't specified how they plan to moderate this. As we have already seen on the likes of Twitter, Facebook and so forth, any app where users can talk freely about topics meaningful to them also contains the possibility of offence being caused or hatred being spread.

ENDLESS SCROLLING

Threads doesn't currently have the facility to search for content – only for other users. Someone's feed, therefore, is made up of either threads from people they follow or content that Meta's algorithms have recommended. This could result in users absent-mindedly scrolling for long periods of time through nothing of particular interest, simply in search of that feeling of connectedness.

ACCOUNT DELETION IS COMPLEX

As Threads is linked to a user's Instagram account, it's comparatively tricky for someone to completely remove their Threads profile without automatically deleting their Instagram as well. Most 'Insta' users, having spent considerable time building up a bank of posts and followers, will absolutely not want to lose them and could therefore feel pressured into keeping their Threads account active.

OPEN NETWORKING PROTOCOLS

Reportedly, Meta's plan is for Threads to be compatible with ActivityPub, which will allow users to connect and share content more easily across different apps. If your Threads account is set to 'public', therefore, your posts would be accessible from other linked apps. What's more, people using these compatible apps would be able to interact with Threads users without needing an account.

DATA COLLECTION

In Threads' privacy policy, Meta states that certain data about users will be collected and linked to that person's identity, including details relating to (among other things) health and fitness, financial information, browsing history, usage data, purchases, location and contacts. This can paint a very detailed picture of a person's life, and Meta does not explain why it needs all this information.

POTENTIAL FOR EXCESSIVE TRACKING

Its tracking of every interaction, engagement and activity gives the impression of Threads being a sophisticated data-collection tool. There are no adverts on the platform right now, but – given the sheer volume of information being gathered and Meta's history of selling data for advertising purposes – it may not be long before ads start appearing on young people's Threads feeds.

Advice for Parents & Carers

READ THE SMALL PRINT

Privacy policies for apps are usually long and probably the last thing young people read (if at all) when signing up for a trending new platform. However, we'd advise parents and carers to take time to look through Threads' policy and see if they agree with their child's data being collected. Think critically about why Meta needs all that personal information, where it goes and what's done with it.

FILTER OUT OFFENSIVE WORDS

Like Instagram, Threads has an option to hide replies that contain offensive words, phrases or emojis. These are predetermined by Meta, but you can also customise the list with terms that you deem offensive or which you don't want your child to read. Usefully, there's a crossover between the two apps, so words that you select to screen out on Instagram will also be hidden on Threads.

HIDE THE LIKES COUNT

Research has shown that young users often feel anxiety over how many likes they receive for their social media posts – and question whether this reflects their real-world popularity. Through the settings menu, Threads allows users to hide the likes count on their (and others') posts. While your child's posts won't display an exact number of likes, they'll still be able to see who *did* like their post.

GO PRIVATE, AND STAY ALERT

Even if your child's Instagram account is already set to private, they'll need to select this option again in Threads (it's one of the first things the app asks at sign up). You can also edit who can mention them in a comment. Try to keep a regular eye on your child's account: as Threads' popularity and number of features increases, so will opportunities for potentially harmful content to slip through the net.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National Online Safety

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