

Applegarth Primary School

Newsletter

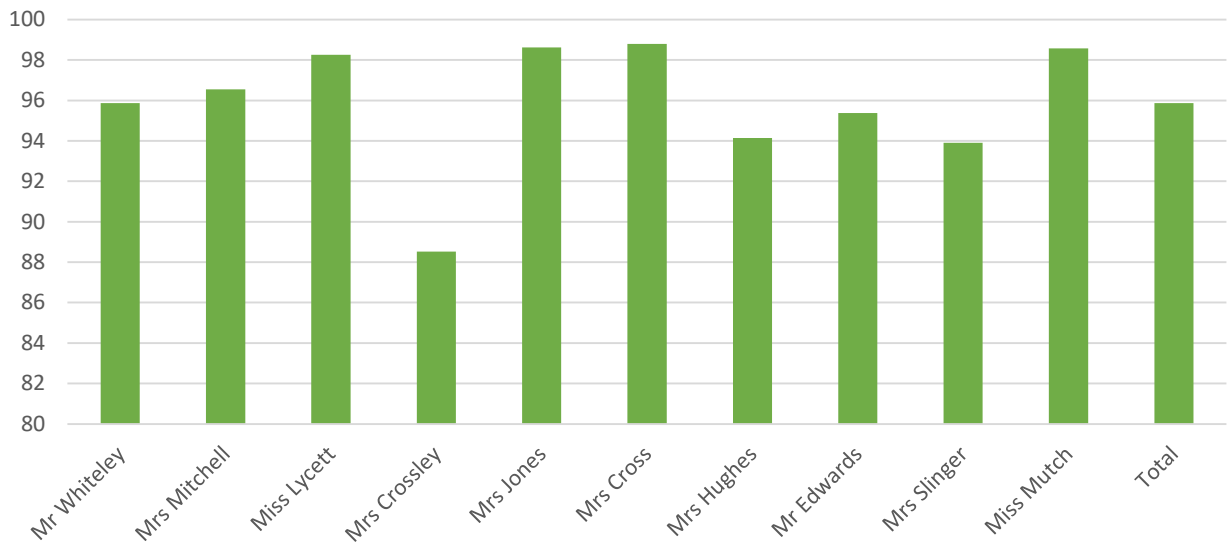
Friday 26th January 2024



Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Dhruva S	
Mr Whiteley	Felix H	Louie H
Mrs Mitchell	Leo T	Ivy T
Miss Lycett	Evan F	Jared C
Mrs Crossley	Meriem Z	Adelina C
Mrs Jones	Daniel H	Robyn P
Mrs Cross	Bonnie B	Thomas D
Mrs Hughes	Amber H	Poppy T
Mrs Bailey	Elsie S	Frankie Y
Mrs Slinger	Ingrid D	Freddie B
Miss Mutch	Samuel A	Henry R



Attendance 15th – 19th 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](mailto:dsl@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Smart Watches

There are an increasing number of smart watches being worn in school. Due to the fact they can be used for messaging, calls and pictures, we can't allow them to be worn in the building. Many watches are almost a substitute phone and therefore pose a range of safeguarding risks which would be impractical for us to manage. If your child would like to wear a smart watch on the way to and from school to count their steps etc., they must put it in the mobile phone box when they arrive on a morning.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.



School Calendar (long term)

Event	Class/Phase	Location	Date and Time
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
Parents Evening	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 8 th February 3:30pm – 6:30pm Tuesday 20 th February 3:30pm – 6:30pm
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

James Lofthouse Football for 4-13 year olds

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP



Tuesday 13th to
Thursday 15th February 2024

4 - 6 years old 8.45am - 2.45pm

7 - 8 years old 9am - 3pm

9 - 13 years old 9.15am - 3.15pm

Come have fun,
make friends
and learn new
skills in a safe
environment





Applegarth Little Heroes Club

In 2024 The Service Children's Champion will be hosting their first ever 'Service Children Awards'. The aim is to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Service children and those who work hard to support them here in North Yorkshire. There are a range of categories some specifically for children, others for organisations/adults. There will be a judging panel who will select the winners of each category at the end of March. Nominations are open now

Scan the QR code for more information!

If you wish to nominate Applegarth school. A specific pupil or a member of staff you can complete the form by following this link <https://forms.office.com/e/nbPkhdtN3t>



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



NSPCC

Number

Day



Friday 2nd February

Dress up for Digits

Fancy dress inspired by all things maths or simply wear an item of clothing with a number on it. Donations welcome for the NSPCC.



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Are you a young
photographer aged 11+
living in North Yorkshire?

2025 Calendar Photo Competition
“A YEAR IN NORTH YORKSHIRE”

Photos can be taken on any device and need to
represent North Yorkshire.

They can be landscapes, scenery or street photography,
with no people present, landscape format only - we want
to see North Yorkshire at its best throughout the year!

Closing date 31st August 2024



For more information and to enter:
contact Stef on **07398 149496**
or email **stef@nyy.org.uk**

T&Cs apply - see www.nyy.org.uk

Poster image is looking from Grinton towards Reeth in Swaledale



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UPCOMING COURSES AT EAST THIRSK LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

16th January

10:00am - 12:00pm

Introduction to Algebra

Refresh your memory or learn the basics of algebra for the first time.

23rd January

10:00am - 12:00pm

A Taste of Italy

Make your own pasta, learn a few key Italian phrases and explore Italian culture.

30th January

10:00am - 3:00pm

Murder Mystery

Who done it? Get your detective hat on and follow the clues to solve a murder.

6th February

10:00am - 12:00pm

Supporting Under 5s with Maths

Explore current teaching methods and find the best way to support your child.

To book your place or find out more, email MultiplyTeam@northyorks.gov.uk

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**FREE
Kids' Activity
Kit**



Supporting Your Children Under 5 with Maths

East Thirsk Learning and Resource Centre
Tuesday 6th February 10am to 12pm

Gain new ideas to help your child learn, while having fun together!

- Explore current teaching methods and find the best way to support your child in nursery and reception.
- Take away FREE resources to use together at home!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

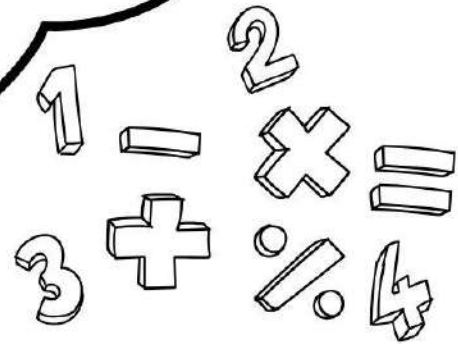
Text: 07977599564 or email: helen.jefferies@northyorks.gov.uk

Free Support With Everyday Maths



However you feel about maths,
you're not alone!

Brush up your skills with two simple options
below. Access them on your phone, tablet or
computer and complete at your own pace.



The National Numeracy Challenge will give you an accurate picture of your everyday maths skills. Register and complete a quick-check of your skills, which highlights the areas you need to improve, then teaches you how to do them!



Century Tech offers a free online course to develop your skills in numeracy. You will be asked for the class code and to put a few basic details in to set up your course, this will take no more than one minute.

GET A FREE £20 VOUCHER ONCE YOU COMPLETE!

CLASS CODE: 8HP36Q

To find out more, email MultiplyTeam@northyorks.gov.uk

FREE MATHS QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE



ROSEDENE HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday - Let's Get Physical

Tuesday - Cooking Time

Wednesday - Creative Crafts

Thursday - Giving To The Community

Friday - Forest School Sessions

**Ages
5-11**

**£37 per day
£99 all week**

Email to book your place
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(Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri)

Cundall Manor School, Helperby
(Tues, Thurs & Sun)

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