

Friday 29th November 2024

Christmas is coming to Applegarth... We are very excited about our Christmas related events coming up in the next few weeks in school, kicking off with our Christmas Fair tomorrow! Please check the calendar below for Reception Nativity, KS1 Nativity and KS2 Panto dates, timings and locations.

We had a special visit from the Service Pupil Champion for North Yorkshire, Angela Campbell on Tuesday who worked with some of our Service Pupils on a Christmas Art Project. She was impressed with the how articulate the children are and enjoyed spending time with them.

Our Christmas Card Club are decorating a tree for the All Saints Church Christmas Tree Festival, which runs from 6th- 8th December. A group of children are also singing on Friday morning to lend some festive atmosphere to the occasion – please support this lovely local event.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair today – it was a great success! Special thanks to the PTA who worked tirelessly to make it happen – we are very lucky to have you!

Our Poppy Appeal raised £210.42 this year – thank you all!

There is an updated notice on the Safeguarding Page below – please have a look at this to see how you can support our theme of ‘Choose Respect’ in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Maxwell

Awards

The winner of this week's Golden Welly Award is *Amber!*

Class	Chosen by Teacher	Chosen by Class
Mrs Burrell	Bo	
Mr Whiteley	Oscar	Isla
Mrs Crossley	Oscar	Skyla
Mrs Mitchell	Alice	Oliver
Mrs Hughes	Yesmeen	Arthur
Mrs Cross	Ethan	Charlie
Mrs Slinger	Fearne	Morgan
Mr Edwards	Martha	Molly
Mrs Jones	Finn	Layla
Miss Mutch	Esme	Finley



SAFEGUARDING NOTICES

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

We are trying to promote 'Choose Respect' with the children in school this term. Part of our safeguarding agenda is to promote safe ways of dealing with conflict on the playground without resorting to getting physical (e.g. pushing and shoving).

We are asking all parents to explore the idea of 'Choose Respect' with their own children, particularly about how they can use their words to politely disagree and when it is necessary to find an adult to help them to manage a disagreement before it gets physical. Our team is going to start wearing hi-vis on the playground at breaktimes and lunchtimes so that the children can easily identify where the adults are in the area.

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

IMPORTANT – We are a 'NO NUTS'
school due to several children having severe allergies. Please check ingredients carefully and do not send in snacks/lunchbox items that contain nuts.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online, internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game; make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

OPAL

We need your help!

Despite the weather getting colder and wetter, we would love to keep our school field open for OPAL at lunchtimes. To support us with this, please can your child have **wellies** and a **waterproof coat with a hood** in school everyday. Their wellies should be in a plastic bag with their name on them.



Digging Area



We would love to introduce a 'digging area' onto the field. We are asking for donations of **buckets, trowels, spades, forks etc.** These can be brought into school and given to Miss Mutch/Miss Coatsworth or left in our OPAL donation bin outside the front of the reception. Thank you for your continued support!

Do you know that our school has a Nursery for 3 year old children?



If you know anyone who would like to attend Applegarth Nursery, please scan the QR code which will navigate you to the website page where you can apply for a Nursery place.

You can apply at anytime but children will start the term after they turn 3.

Speak to one of the Nursery Team (Mrs Burrell, Miss Melville and Mrs Evans) if you have any questions.

Are there any angels out there??



Year 1 are on the lookout for any unwanted Angel costumes for their upcoming Christmas play. If you have any preloved costumes looking for a new home please drop them into the School office. Many thanks!



Reminder: Y5 Marrick Priory Visit – May 2025

Please ensure that all £40.00 cash deposits are paid to the office by Monday 2nd December 2024 to secure your child's place.

Book Appeal



PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP

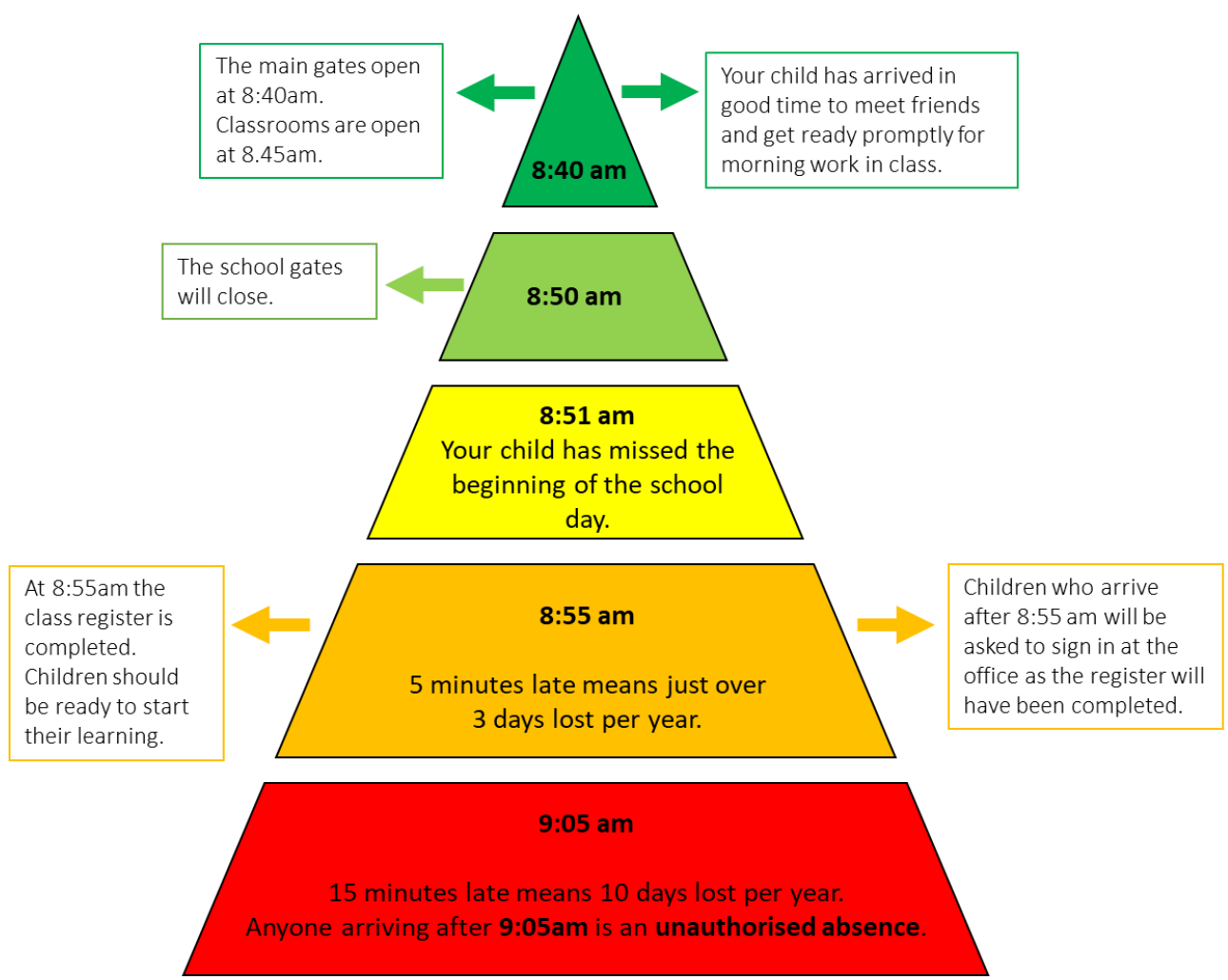
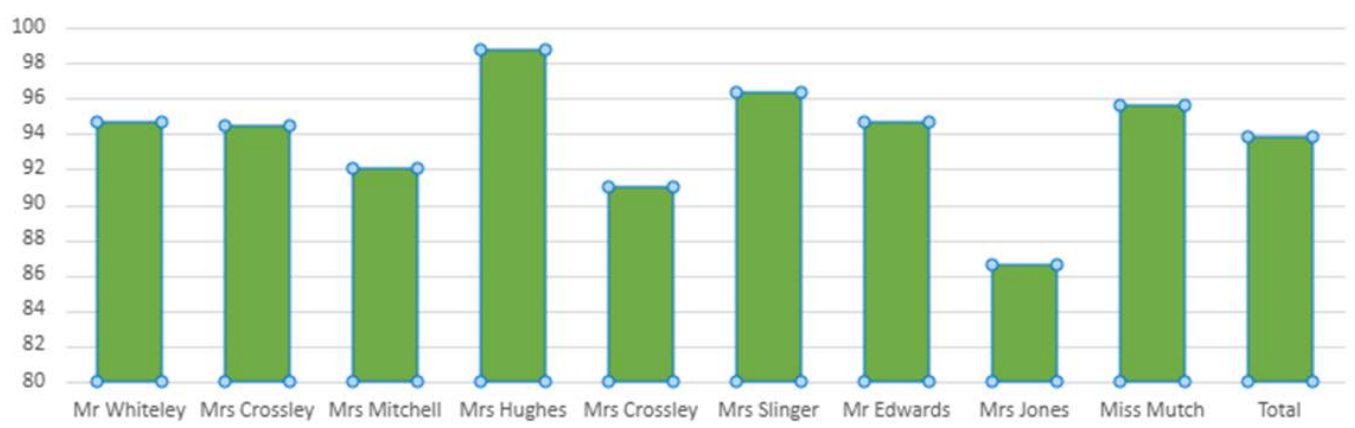
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY HAS A MASSIVE SHORTAGE OF BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6-11 YEARS.

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER HAVE ANY BOOKS YOU DON'T WANT ANYMORE WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO DONATE THEM AS WE DON'T GET A GREAT DEAL OF FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY.

ANY DONATIONS WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIBRARY AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN CAN ENJOY A GREATER LIBRARY SELECTION



Attendance w/c 18th November



School Calendar

2024/2025 Academic Year

Event	Class/ Phase	Location	Date and Time
PTA Christmas Fair	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Saturday 30 th November 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Grandparents Tea Party	Reception	Applegarth Primary School	Thursday 5 th December 2:15pm – 3:15pm
Heritage Hub	Reception	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 6 th December
Key Stage 1 Nativity	Years 1 & 2	Applegarth Primary School	Monday 9 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Tuesday 10 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Key Stage 2 Panto	Years 3 - 6	Applegarth Primary School	Tuesday 10 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm Wednesday 11 th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Reception and KS1 Theatre Visit	Reception Year 1 Year 2	ARC Stockton Arts Centre	Thursday 12 th December
Reception Nativity	Reception	Methodist Church, Northallerton	Tuesday 17 th December 10:00am – 11:00am
Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Wednesday 18 th December
Break up	Whole School	Applegarth Primary School	Friday 20 th December



STEPPING INTO CHRISTMAS WITH



Musicality

Conductor Andrea Rhodes

Accompanist Gillian Ash

TRADITIONAL CAROLS, SEASONAL SONGS AND FESTIVE FUN!



MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT RAFFLE REFRESHMENTS

Saturday 30 November, 2pm

All Saints' Parish Church Northallerton

(Nearby pay and display parking)

Disabled access to church & easy access toilets



Full Price: **£10**

Concessions (under 18, over 65, unwaged): **£7**

Under 5s: **£3**

Book your tickets now by contacting our ticket office on **07876 705550** or **FotF shop, ground floor, Friarage Hospital** or on the door

You will be supporting Friends of the Friarage Eye Appeal 2024



Friends of the Friarage a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales Charity Number 1160941

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost at the end of our Flu Programme. If your child has still **not** had the flu immunisation and you would like them to have it, please contact us using the details below and we can book you into one of our final clinics. The last clinics we are running are as follows. Please note, these clinics are **appointment only**.

Monday 9th December 24 - The Friary Hospital, Queens Road, **Richmond**, DL10 4UJ, **3:30pm-5pm**.

Wednesday 11th December 24 - Northallerton Children & Families Hub, Alverton Community Primary School, Infants Site, Mount Road, **Northallerton**, DL6 1RB, **3:30pm-5pm**.

Thursday 12th December 24- Hurstwood Business Centre, York Road, **Thirsk**, YO7 3BX, **3pm-5pm**.

Email: Thirsk@v-uk.co.uk Tel: 01904 237690

Kind regards,

North Yorkshire Administration Team



G11 Hurstwood Business Centre | York Road | Thirsk | YO7 3BX

T: 01904 237690

www.schoolvaccination.uk

SANTA AND HIS ELVES ARE COMING
TO JAMESON'S

CHRISTMAS *Fair*



WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY
14TH DEC

10-3PM

STEP INTO SANTA'S GROTTO, WHERE YOU CAN MEET SANTA AND HIS ADORABLE ANIMAL FRIENDS FROM

Big Sheep & Little Cow Farm

- MEET SANTAS HELPERS
- CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN
- POLAR POST OFFICE
- ADULTS CAN ENJOY A FESTIVE TREAT OF A MINCE PIE AND A GLASS OF MULLED WINE.

ONLINE BOOKING ONLY - SCAN THIS
OR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE
NOW



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JAMES LOFTHOUSE FOOTBALL



For 2-15 year olds



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



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For Stage 5 and above.

Free taster sessions before you join!

Take your swimming further with our friendly club.

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SwimMark

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SEND swim session

Sundays
9.15 to
10.15am



A quieter session for people with special educational needs/disabilities to attend with carers/family without the use of the water slide, waves and water features.

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**Northallerton
Leisure Centre**



**NORTH
YORKSHIRE
COUNCIL**

Mental Elf

Festive Fun Run



Sunday 1st December 2024

Join us in South Park for an elf-tastic 5k for mental health.

Fun for all ages and abilities! Run, walk or jog.

Don't forget your festive fancy dress!

mentalelfdarlington.eventbrite.co.uk



Sign up here!



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**Autism
Central**
For parents and carers



Autism Central and Home-Start Drop-In

Do you have an autistic child (with or without diagnosis) and need support?

Autism Central and Home-Start coffee mornings are an opportunity for families and carers of autistic people to connect with each other and get advice and support from Autism Central and Home-Start staff.

This group is suitable for you if you have a family member who is diagnosed/going through the diagnostic process/has been identified as having a need relating to autism, ADHD, sensory processing difficulties, anxiety and social communication differences.

Autism Central offers high-quality and easily accessible support, education and training alongside a dedicated website.

Tuesday 10th September | 10am-12pm

Tuesday 8th October | 10am-12pm

Tuesday 12th November | 10am-12pm

Tuesday 10th December | 10am-12pm

Tuesday 14th January | 10am-12pm

**Coverdale Suite, IPS Innovate, Colburn Business Park, Chartermark
Way, Catterick Garrison,
DL9 4QJ**

**For more information, please contact the Autism Central team on
support@daisychainproject.co.uk / visit daisychainproject.co.uk**



Animal Club

A weekly club for nature loving students, looking in depth at a wide range of animals

Activities Include

- Hands on animal handling experience
- Exploring animal biology and habitats
- Each week a new set of amazing animals

Weekly Guide

- Week 1- All about snakes
- Week 2- Learning with lizards
- Week 3- Marvellous Mammals
- Week 4- Creepy Crawlies
- Week 5- Bird Bonanza
- Week 6- Mixed bag Surprise!

Contact Aquatic Finatic
01609 780475 for more
information



are excited to welcome...

GRINCHY!

Your Funniest Christmas Yet!

You can't go wrong
with Grinchy!

December 8th
4.30pm - 7pm
Children's Tickets: £19.95
Adults Tickets: £2.50



- Meet Grinchy and Cindy Lou with photo opportunity
- 1.5 Hours Soft Play
- 1 Hour Games and Naughtiness with Grinchy and Cindy Lou
- pizza slices, fries, carrot and cucumber sticks for all children.
- Lots of Fun Grinchy Activities Throughout The Whole Event

book your tickets now www.crazykingdom.co.uk



Winter 2024/2025

Newsletter

FREE
until
JAN 25



Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday
5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday
7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday
9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



AUTISM:
Improving Communication
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB