



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 12TH DECEMBER 2025

Thought for the Week: "Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared." Buddha

Music for the Week: "I see the light." Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The children (and staff!) are getting very excited about the quickly approaching Christmas holidays and are continuing to enjoy some lovely festive activities in school.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to our Friends of the School for holding such a fantastic Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December. We would like to especially thank the volunteers for their dedication and hard work, the local businesses that supported the fair and all the members of our school community that attended the event, donated a raffle prize, contributed to the bake sale or bought raffle tickets. The Friends of the School are delighted to have raised over £1500. A final figure will be shared in next week's newsletter once final Christmas Card sales are in and we have the outcome from the silent auction.

We would also like to give a special mention to Teddy Fountain-Hodgson, Jessica Eggleston, Connie Davison, Chloe Palmer and Charlotte Weighell who all either helped to run stalls at the fair or had their own stalls selling handmade items. We are exceptionally proud of these children for supporting our school community.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all the children who supported our Christmas Jumper day on Thursday. If you still need to make a donation to Save the Children, please use the following link.

[Pickering Community Junior School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch provided by our fabulous kitchen team, Mrs Zail and Miss Belt. The lunch (as always) was delicious and the children had a lovely time.

Year 3 and 4 Murton Park

Please return slips and pay the voluntary contribution via ParentPay by **Friday 19th December**. School packed lunches are available to order (free for FSM pupils) for this trip, please contact the school office by 9am on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

PCJS Carol Concert

We are really looking forward to our Carol Concert which will take place at St Peter and St Paul's Church on **Tuesday 16th December at 6pm**. For those children who are taking part, lyrics have now been sent home so please encourage your child to practise at home. If your child is taking part in the Carol Service, please can they arrive no earlier than **5.45pm**. All children will need to be dressed in full school uniform.

PCJS Christmas Postal Service

Our PCJS postal service continues and our School Council members are looking forward to sorting the mail. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to others in school, please ensure that they write the recipient's first name, surname and class clearly on the envelope. The last collection day is **Wednesday 17th December**.

Can you help?

In Design and Technology, the children in Year 3 and 4 have designed a product to help the Egyptians to make pyramids and they will make their products next week. If you have any spare cardboard boxes, plastic bottles or containers, cardboard tubes or milk bottle tops, please send them into school with your child on Monday. Thank you.

Please can all children in Year 3 and 4 bring in bubble wrap/jiffy bag/kitchen paper or similar packing material, for wrapping and bringing home their clay tile. Thank you.

Swimming

The last swimming lesson for **Mrs Devine's** class takes place on Wednesday **17th December**.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 15th December**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Please encourage your child to bring home their instrument over the school holidays so that they can practise at home in order to make progress in their music lessons.

House Point Award

Congratulations to Keepers for winning this term's house point award. All members of Keepers enjoyed a Christmas movie with a drink and snacks this afternoon.

Reindeer Rush

We are pleased to have raised £141.00 for St Leonard's Hospice. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

Parent Carer Voice

Our PINS site is now up and running!

The next parent carer session being hosted at PCJS will be about the Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit (was Inclusive Practice Framework - what should be available for all children at school as ordinary provision). We are still in the process of confirming the date for the session but it will take place between the end of January and the beginning of March 2026. Further details to follow.

Dinner Money

As we approach the end of the term, please check your ParentPay account. Please ensure that there is no dinner money or after-school club debt on your child's account by **Friday 19th December**. Dinner money accounts should always be in credit or have a zero balance. Thank you.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Ruby Messruther, Harry Hoyle, Phoebe Curry, Imogen Firth, Scarlett Harland and Dexter Elder.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Billy Calvert-Snowdon.

Have a great weekend!



Mrs De Barr
Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress in school. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you to support your child, for example: letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone

"Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility"

*Are you worried about your own or
another child's safety?*

Speak to one of these members of staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is:






Mrs De Barr

The **Deputy DSLs** are: **Mrs Hall** and **Mrs Mintoft**

The **Safeguarding Governor** is: **Mrs Smeaton**

***Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child
to be at immediate risk, please call 999. If you
believe the situation to be urgent, please call:***

0300 131 2 131

	Menu
Monday 	(V) Pizza (VG) Veggie Sausage (VG) Potato Wedges (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday 	Spaghetti Bolognese (VG) Veg Burrito with Rice Tuna Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Rice Pudding & Jam
Wednesday 	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding (VG) Vegetable Hot Pot (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Cheese & Biscuit
Thursday 	Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Rice (V) Veg Carbonara Ham Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Rhubarb Crumble Sponge & Custard
Friday 	Fish Fingers (V) Veggie Bite Sub (VG) Chips Tuna Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Selection of Traybakes
	Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt