



## PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 19TH DECEMBER 2025

**Thought for the Week:** "Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts." Janice Maeditere

**Music for the Week:** "Ring Christmas Bells" by Ray Conniff

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy term, I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support of the school and your children since September. Seeing school and home as united is so vital for a child's development and all the staff very much appreciate your commitment to this relationship in order to ensure the best for your child.

### PCJS Carol Concert

On Tuesday evening, we were thrilled to welcome parents and carers to our annual Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter and St Paul's Church. The children performed brilliantly; it was certainly a magical, festive evening filled with joy and community spirit. A huge thank you and well done to all children who were involved. Thank you also to all the staff and volunteers who supported the event.



### Achievement Award

In assembly this morning, we announced the winners of the achievement awards for this half term. These awards recognise those children who uphold the school's values as well as rewarding effort, progress, achievement and dedication to particular areas of the curriculum. Congratulations go to all our award winners who will enjoy a drink and sweet treat at Botham's in the new year.

Year 6 'To Care'	Hollie Parkin
Year 5 'To Care'	Hayden Tomkins
Year 4 'To Care'	Lili Taylor
Year 3 'To Care'	Amelia Lumley-Senior
Reading	Beth Brown
Languages	Olivia Cox
Sports	Rya Lander
STEM	Stanley Gibson-Fuller
Arts	Holly Hedges
Humanities	Artem Yefremov
Pickering	Francesca Wood
Special Art Award	Hanna Zmudzka

### Care Home Singing

On Wednesday afternoon, a number of children from across our school visited 5 Whitby Road and sang a selection of Christmas songs to the residents. It was such a pleasure to visit and share a whole lot of festive spirit. The children were well looked after and even had a special visit from Father Christmas! Well done to all children who were involved.



## Swimming

A huge well done to all the swimmers in Mrs Devine's class who worked so hard to improve their swimming and safe self rescue skills this term. Certificates will be sent home to celebrate their progress.

Next term it will be the turn of **Miss Scott's Class** to go swimming. Please make sure that children bring their swimwear and towel in a bag ready to swim on the first **Wednesday** back. Goggles will only be allowed if parents have returned the permission slip. A reminder that long hair should be tied back and earrings removed.

## House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Etta Appleby, Toby Bointon, Teddy Fountain-Hodgson, Courtney Simpson, Hope Curtis, Charlie Norman, Margot Calvert-Snowdon, Frank Eddon, William Hedges, Kacy Whitaker, Betsy Hornby, Lili Taylor, Autumn Evans, Dakota Fallowes, Willow Allanson, Liliarna Gray, Holly Hedges, Katie Nersessian and Lilli Deere.

## Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Georgia Todd who has won a book voucher and a PCJS bookmark. She was delighted with her prize!

## Carol Service Program Design

Congratulations to Autumn-Rose Evans in Year 3 who won this year's competition to design the front cover of the Carol Service program. She received a £10 Amazon voucher in assembly this morning. Well done, Autumn!

## FEAST

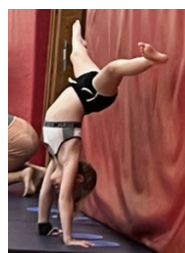
FEAST vouchers have been issued to all families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals. If you haven't yet redeemed your voucher, please do so as soon as possible to book your child's place on the great activities happening locally. To learn more about FEAST, including activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, please [visit the FEAST website](#).

## Christmas Jumper Day

So far, we have raised **£12.00** for Save the Children. With it being such a busy time of year, we think that some parents whose child wore a Christmas jumper that day may have forgotten to make a donation. Please visit: [Pickering Community Junior School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

## Special Mentions

Amaia Stevens was given bronze for her gymnastics floor work. It's an official award from the National Gymnastics Award Scheme. Well done, Amaia!



Lily Eddon received 3 certificates at swimming last week (15m, 20m and Goldfish 2) and Dance Expression Superstar in Gymnastics. Well done, Lily!



## Friends of the School

The Friends of the School are delighted to share that the final total raised from the Christmas Fair is **£2351.75**. As we look forward to next year, we would be very grateful of any donations of Christmas jumpers that are no longer worn (for example, ones that are too small or no longer needed). Thank you very much for your continued support - it is greatly appreciated.

## Year 3 and 4 Murton Park

Please return slips and pay the voluntary contribution via ParentPay by **today**. 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**.

## Art Plea

We would be very grateful for any donations of small artificial Christmas trees that you may no longer need. If you could send these into school in January, that would be fantastic. Thank you.

## Year 3 Music

On **Monday 12th January**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Staniland's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

## Year 6 SATs Revision Guides

If you placed an order for revision guides, these should now have come home with your child.

## School Reading books

If Santa finds any school reading books when he visits, please can they be brought into school in the New Year.

## Dinner Money

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

Have a wonderful Christmas and we wish all our families the very best for 2026! A reminder that the children return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.



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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Closed</b>  <b>Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice (V) Vegetable Noodles (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (VG) Vanilla Swirl Cookie
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Minced Beef & Dumpling (V) Cottage Pie (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Jelly & Ice-cream
<b>Thursday</b> 	Hot Dog (VG) Veggie Dog (VG) Potato Wedges Ham Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Toffee Apple Muffin
<b>Friday</b> 	Battered Fish (V) No Sausage Roll (VG) Chips (V) Cheese Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake
	Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt