



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

Thought for the Week: "No-one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Music for the Week: "True Colours" - Cyndi Lauper

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting today's non-uniform day by donating prizes for the upcoming Friends of School Christmas Fair. We are hoping that as many of you as possible will be able to come along to what promises to be a fantastic event on **Friday 5th December**.

As we reach the end of November, the excitement for all our Christmas activities is starting to grow. Please keep reading the newsletter for regular updates on what's going on in school.

Ryedale Lions

This fantastic organisation have donated tickets for the upcoming Snow White pantomime on **Sunday 18th January**. Come along to our Christmas Fair for a chance to win/bid on these tickets. Please also find attached the Santa's sleigh schedule. More information about which streets are covered on which evenings, and a link to the Santa Tracker which shows real-time location of the sleigh on each evening, can be found on this link [SANTA | Ryedale Lions](#)

After-School Clubs

Next week is the **last** week for all lunchtime clubs, most after-school clubs (except Dodgeball) and Year 6 Boosters. After-school clubs must be paid for, and your child will not be able to take part in any future clubs if you do not pay. This term's clubs need to be paid for by **Friday 5th December** at the latest. After-school tutoring with Mrs Esse continues until the end of the term.

Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that this will take place on the same day as our Christmas lunch—**Thursday 11th December**. Your child is welcome to come to school wearing a festive sweater in exchange for making a donation to Save the Children.

PCJS Carol Concert

Entries for the 'design the front cover' for our Christmas Carol Concert program must be submitted to school by **5th December 2025**. We look forward to seeing some fantastic designs! A reminder to please return the slip for your child indicating whether your child will or will not be taking part in the carol concert on the **16th December at 6pm**. All reply slips must be returned to school by **Friday 5th December**.

PCJS Christmas Postal Service

Our PCJS postal service will commence on **Monday 1st December** and our School Council 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.

Sports Leader Training

Our new group of Sports Leaders officially began their training on Thursday afternoon with Mrs Twamley. Throughout the sessions, pupils developed their confidence, communication skills and teamwork as they learnt how to organise and lead fun, inclusive activities for others. We're really looking forward to seeing them put their skills into action as they begin running engaging break-time and lunchtime activities in the coming weeks. With their creativity and enthusiasm, we know they'll help make our playground spaces active, welcoming, and full of fun!



Christmas Cards

This year your child has made a pack of 5 Christmas cards in school. Cards can be purchased for the cost of **£3.00** per pack. If you would like to buy them, please return the slip your child has brought home and we will send the cards home with your child. Alternatively, you can buy your child's cards at the Christmas Fair on **Friday 5th December**.

Friends of School AGM

We would like to give you advance notice of our AGM which will take place on **Tuesday 27th January at 5pm** in Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' classroom. This is our yearly meeting to decide the roles of committee members, vote on key issues and make decisions about the upcoming year. It would be great to see some new faces if you are able to come along. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 6 SATs Revision Guides

If you would like to place an order, please return your order form to school by **Friday 5th December** and pay the corresponding amount via ParentPay.

Year 5 Carlton Lodge Residential

Please return the slip to say whether your child is taking part or not. The non-refundable deposit of £30.00 needs to be paid via ParentPay by **Monday 1st December** to confirm your child's place.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 1st 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.

Swimming

On **Wednesday**, **Mrs Devine's** class continue with their swimming lessons. Please note that there will be no swimming session on **Wednesday 10th December** but the children will be swimming on **Wednesday 17th December**.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Archie Reed, Ethan Bastow, Zach Jones, Maisie Brown, Evan Challis, Charlie Allenby, Amelia Lumley-Senior, Elsie Harper, Elisha Alsop, Joe Harper, Lexi Searson, Grace Beveridge, Sophie Price, Maddie Spink, Bertie Robertson, Kate Skelton and Lillie Plowman.

PE Kit

A reminder to please ensure that your child has suitable (named) outdoor clothing for outside PE.

Reindeer Rush

We are excited to announce our upcoming **Reindeer Rush**, a festive fundraising event in support of **St Catherine's Hospice**. This special charity helps provide vital care and support to individuals and families in our community and we are proud to be doing our part to help. To kick things off, the children will take part in a fun and informative assembly all about the amazing work the hospice does and how our fundraising can make a real difference. Afterwards, every pupil will join in the Reindeer Rush—running, jogging, or walking their way around the course while spreading plenty of Christmas cheer with their own reindeer antlers. We would be extremely grateful for any donations you can give. **Please donate through the link below and share it with friends and family** to help us reach our fundraising goal. Every contribution, big or small, will help support an incredible cause. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/pickeringreindeerrush>

Egyptian Day

Our Ancient Egypt History Day was a fantastic success! The children impressed all the teachers with their excellent behaviour, great listening and infectious enthusiasm. Throughout the day, we explored how archaeologists discover clues about the ancient past and examined a range of fascinating replica artefacts. The highlight was learning about the process of mummification and creating our very own cartouches using hieroglyphs. Well done to all the children for making the day so memorable!



FEAST

These vouchers are issued to all families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals and entitle them to free places on FEAST activities this Christmas holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in the email to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

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

Lunchtime Clubs	
Home Learning drop-in	Monday 12.15 - 12.45
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Glockenspiel	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Sketching	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Instrumental	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Well-being and self-care	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Please inform us of any changes to normal collection arrangements or if your child is not attending a club this week so that registers can be amended.

	Menu
Monday 	(V) Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Quorn BBQ Rice Tuna Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard
Tuesday 	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice (V) Vegetable Noodles (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (VG) Vanilla Swirl Cookie
Wednesday 	Minced Beef & Dumpling (V) Cottage Pie (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Jelly & Ice-cream
Thursday 	Hot Dog (VG) Veggie Dog (VG) Potato Wedges Ham Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Toffee Apple Muffin
Friday 	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