



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 3RD OCTOBER 2025

Thought for the Week: "The cost of liberty is less than the cost of repression" – W. E. B Du Bois

Music for the Week: "Black Parade" - Beyonce

Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you to everybody who attended our parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. We hope that you found these useful. If you weren't able to attend on either of the evenings, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office and book in to meet with them at an alternative time. We are happy to meet in person or over the phone.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair over the last few days. The final opening time will be at break time on Monday.

Year 6 Tag Rugby Event

Inspired by the recent success of the Red Roses, Year 6 spent Tuesday afternoon at Malton and Norton Rugby Club learning a range of new rugby skills. The children took part in a round robin of activities alongside other schools where they practised throwing, kicking, scoring and a firm favourite - tackling! Thank you to all who supported the event to ensure it could take place.



Year 5/6 Visit to Harewood House

Unfortunately, this trip is currently unable to go ahead as we have not received enough voluntary contributions from parents/carers. If you can make a payment by **6th October** via ParentPay, that would be very much appreciated. We will keep you posted as to whether the visit is able to go ahead. Thank you for your support.

TTRockstars Battle

Congratulations to all children who took part in the recent inter-class TTRockstars battle. The battle was won by Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham's class, with Mrs Devine's class in runner-up position.

Individual congratulations to the following children who scored the most points in their respective classes:

Mrs Devine:	George Simpson
Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris:	William Cawthorne
Miss Scott:	Erin McKenzie
Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham:	Artem Yefremov
Mrs Mintoft:	Huw Smith
Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson:	Teddy Fountain-Hodgson

Remember to encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables at home in readiness for the next battle!

Forest School and Cookery

On Wednesday, it will be the turn of **Mrs Mintoft's Class** to enjoy their Forest School and cookery sessions. Please remember to send your child to school with all their cooking ingredients as well as wellies and a waterproof coat for when they are outside. Thank you.

Year 3 Music

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

Banned Items

We often get queries about which items are and are not allowed in school. Generally, if a child does not need a particular item for school, please do not allow your child to bring it in. There are of course, particular items which must *not* be brought to school under any circumstance. For full details, please refer to Appendix 5 of our Relational Behaviour Policy on the school website but as an overview, the following items are not permitted to be brought into school: • knives and weapons • alcohol • illegal drugs • stolen items • vapes, tobacco or cigarette papers • fireworks • air tags/tracking devices • pornographic images • any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property.

Although mobile phones *can* be brought into school, we would strongly discourage this. If they are needed, they **must** be handed in at the start of the school day. They will then be returned to the pupil at the end of the day. Mobile phones must not be left on, used or seen on site, other than when being handed in or collected. Please ensure that your child knows *how* to switch off their mobile phone if they absolutely must bring it to school.

Please be aware that headteachers and staff that they authorise to do so, have a statutory power to search a pupil or their possessions where they have reasonable grounds to suspect that the pupil may have a prohibited item as listed. We will confiscate items that are of high value, deemed inappropriate, are against the school policies or are causing an issue.

Year 6 Applications

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **31st October 2025**.

Year 6 and Year 4 Statutory Tests

Although the Key Stage 2 SATS for Year 6 and the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) for Year 4 pupils may seem a long way off yet, this 'testing' period will soon be upon us. Please find attached two leaflets from the Department of Education that you may find helpful, one for parents of children in Year 6 and one for parents of children in Year 4. If you have any queries about the statutory assessments, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Online Safety

As you are aware, the online safety of our pupils is a particular area of concern for our school. Please find attached the October edition of our online safety newsletter for parents and carers. If you have any queries about how to keep your child safe online, please come and speak to us.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will take place at Pickering Methodist Church at **2pm on Monday 13th October**. All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this event. Please be aware that the first row of seating upstairs will be out of use. Your child will shortly be receiving song lyrics and words to learn so any support that you can provide at home with this will be greatly appreciated.

Spring Term Clubs

If you (or anybody you know) might be willing and able to run an after-school club in the Spring term, please contact Mrs Hall via the school office.

Breakfast Club Parking

Parents who are dropping their children off at Breakfast Club are welcome to use our staff car park until 8.15am. However, please can we politely request that you park responsibly and do not leave your engine running whilst you drop off your child. At that time in the morning, there is plenty of space in the car park so please use one of the designated bays. Thank you for your support with this.

Tempest Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs all took place on Tuesday. The children have brought home information on how to order these using the QR code on the form. Orders placed within 14 days qualify for free delivery back to school.

Have a great weekend!



Mrs M 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) 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) Cheese & Biscuit
Wednesday 	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding (VG) Vegetable Hot Pot (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Rice Pudding & Jam
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) Fruit Muffin
	Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt