



**Thought for the Week:** "There is hope, even when your brain tells you there isn't" – John Green

**Music for the Week:** "Lean on Me" - composed and performed by Bill Withers

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have continued to settle in well this week and are really starting to get to grips with the new routines and expectations. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Monday and Tuesday and I hope that you found these useful. If you weren't able to attend, the slides from the sessions will go onto our (new) website next week.

### Year 3/4 Swimming

Unfortunately, we are having to postpone the start of our swimming lessons at Ryedale Swim and Fitness Centre on a Wednesday afternoon as the pool do not have any swimming instructors available to fulfil our booking. If you (or anybody you know) is a qualified swimming instructor who might be able to help, please ask them to either get in touch with the pool or to contact me via the school office.

### School Uniform

Thank you for continuing to ensure that the children are dressed in full school uniform and that they bring to school everything that they need. Unfortunately, we already have a HUGE pile of lost property which is unnamed. If you are missing any items, please pop up to the office and we will try and reunite your child with their items. Please name all your child's uniform and kit!

### After School Clubs

This week, you will have received a letter about our after-school clubs which will commence on **Monday 22nd September**.

Mrs Metcalf is starting a school sketching club and would love to welcome an artist to visit and inspire the children in their own creative work. If you are willing and able to come along, or know someone who might be interested, please pass their details to Mrs Metcalf via the school office.



### Friends of School

Our next Friends of the School meeting takes place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 5pm** in Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

### Friends of School Bingo

Please see the flyer below for details of the Friends of the School Bingo night on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at Norton Bowling Club. We would be extremely grateful of any raffle prize donations or contributions to the bake sale. Please send these into school on Monday. Thank you for your ongoing support.



## School Website

Our new school website will be going live today! There is still some content to be added which will appear in the next couple of weeks but hopefully, you'll find it a useful online space to access the information you need.

## Aprons for Cooking

If you have any spare children's aprons (fabric, please) that you are able to donate to the school, this would be much appreciated for our cookery lessons. Please hand them in at the office for the attention of Mrs Morris.

## Year 6 Applications

If your child is in Year 6, you should have received an email this week about applying for your child's place at secondary school. A reminder that the deadline for applications is **31st October 2025**.

## Sports Leaders

If your child is interested in becoming a Sports Leader and is in Year 5 or 6, they will have received a letter this week about applying for the position. Please could reply slips be returned as soon as possible to Miss Scott.

## Year 6 Rugby

Letters for this rugby event taking place were given out to all Year 6 pupils this week. If your child would like a packed lunch for the day, please ensure that this is ordered via the school office by 9am on **16th September 2025**. Thank you.

## Special Mentions

Congratulations to Leo Paxton, Teddy Fountain-Hodgson, Elliott Ham and the rest of the Brooklyn FC Lions Under 11s who were winners of the Brooklyn Tournament Cup. Well done, Leo, Teddy and Elliott!



We always love to hear what our pupils have been up to out of school. If your child has done something amazing that you'd like to share in our newsletter, please send through a photo and some information by the Wednesday for inclusion in that week's newsletter. Thank you.

## School Meals and Dinner Money

Children are able to 'pick and choose' from our school menu so can have a mix of school meals and packed lunches each week. School meals are ordered at morning registration where children will be asked what they are having for lunch that day. Please pay via ParentPay at the start of the week for any meals required, keeping your child's account in credit or with a zero balance. Thank you.

## Community Counselling

We would like to draw your attention to the Community Counselling flyer attached to this newsletter. This is a fantastic and very much needed new free resource, based in Malton, for children aged 7 to 17 in the Ryedale area. Referrals can be made from school and other services but also from parents and carers by completing the online referral form. For more information, please have a look at their website [www.community-counselling.org.uk](http://www.community-counselling.org.uk)

## Jeans for Genes

A reminder that on **Friday 19th September**, we are inviting all the children and staff to take part in a non-uniform day and to come to school wearing jeans. Please visit [Jeans for Genes Week](http://www.justgiving.com/page/pickering-community-junior-school-7?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL) for more information. Please donate to this charity via our Just Giving page: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/pickering-community-junior-school-7?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/pickering-community-junior-school-7?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

## Wraparound Care

School's Out Club is situated above Pickering Library in the centre of Pickering, catering for all of Pickering's schools, for children aged 3 years and above. School's Out Club offers before school care from 7.30am, including breakfast and time to play and socialise with friends.

After school, staff collect children from school using a walking bus system and can provide a light snack and light tea. They are open until 6pm. They also provide care during the Easter, Summer and October holidays and offer full and half day sessions. All meals, snacks and drinks are included, with lots of fun activities to keep the children entertained.

Please contact 01751 476728 or email [humdumpickering1@aol.com](mailto:humdumpickering1@aol.com) if you would like further information or if you would like to book a place for your child.

## TT Rockstars

On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, we invite all children and staff to dress up as a Rock Star as we relaunch the TTRockstars app! During the day, children will have the opportunity to play times tables related games and we will be launching our first inter-class battle of the year!

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**

**After-School Clubs will start week beginning 22nd September 2025. Club places will be confirmed via text message next week when places have been allocated.**

	<b>Menu</b>
<b>Monday</b> 	(V) Pizza (VG) Veggie Sausage (VG) Potato Wedges (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Brownie
<b>Tuesday</b> 	Spaghetti Bolognese (VG) Veg Burrito with Rice Tuna Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Cheese & Biscuit
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding (VG) Vegetable Hot Pot (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Rice Pudding & Jam
<b>Thursday</b> 	Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Rice (V) Veg Carbonara Ham Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Rhubarb Crumble Sponge & Custard
<b>Friday</b> 	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