



To care



## PCJS NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

**Thought for the Week:** “Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people” – Abraham Lincoln

**Music for the Week:** “Night Ferry” - Anna Clyne

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week and in many ways, it feels like we have been back at school for a lot longer than three weeks! This week, you should have received a letter about our upcoming parents' evenings which will take place on **Tuesday 30th September** and **Thursday 1st October**. It is really important that you attend these meetings as they will provide you with some useful information in terms of how your child has settled into their new class and how best you can support your child. If you are unable to make a meeting on either of the evenings, please contact us. We are more than happy to meet with you on an alternative evening or to have an appointment over the phone.

### Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everybody who supported this event today. If your child took part and you haven't donated yet, please visit 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)

### Forest School and Cookery Lessons

We are delighted that our Forest School and cookery lessons will commence on Wednesday when it will be the turn of **Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham's class** to enjoy an exciting day of learning outside the classroom. For all of these special days, the children will be split into their year groups. In the morning, Miss Holmes will deliver Forest School to half the class and Mrs Morris will deliver cookery to the other half. In the afternoon, the children will swap activities.

### After School Clubs

A reminder that our after-school clubs and Year 6 booster sessions will commence next week. We still have spaces available in the following clubs: Glockenspiel, Instrumental and Well-being and self-care.

### 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.

### 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

Thank you so much to our Friends of School who successfully raised **£617.00** at the Bingo Night last week! Thank you to those who went along to support the event, baked and donated prizes.

### Spring Term Clubs

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

### School Curriculum

We are justifiably proud of the broad, balanced and engaging curriculum that we offer at our school. Please find attached the curriculum newsletters for both upper and lower school for the Autumn term. If you have any resources or specialism in any of the children's learning this term, we would love to hear from you!

### Online Safety

You may already be aware that, because the online safety of our pupils is a particular concern, we sign up to an organization who provide training sessions and information for teachers, governors and parents. There is a **free** online session taking place on **1st October 2025**. further details are attached so please contact the school office if you would like to attend and we will send you the link.

## Return of the Rabbit

We are thrilled that our school rabbits, Midnight and Smokey, will be returning from their extended summer holiday next week and will be settling into a brand new hutch!



## School Website

Our new school website is now live! 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 all the information you need.

## Year 6 Applications

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school 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 about applying for the position. Please could reply slips be returned to Miss Scott no later than **Friday 26th September**.

## Year 6 Rugby

A reminder that this event will take place on **Tuesday 30th September**. Children will need a PE kit, warm waterproof outdoor clothing, a water bottle, packed lunch and any medication. The children will return to school at 3.45pm. We are also in need of parent helpers for this event. If you have a current DBS, and would like to help, please let us know via the school office.

## Year 3/4 Swimming

Although we are making progress with sourcing swimming instruction, lessons will not commence next week. We are hopeful that lessons will commence on **Wednesday 30th September**, but will confirm this next week.

## PINS Parent and Carer Workshop

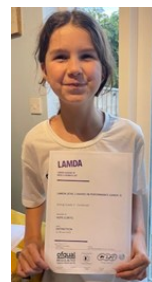
Please see the attached letter and leaflet from the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) regarding the programmes aims and free online workshops available to parents this term.

## Special Mentions

William Cawthorne scored a hat-trick for his team Old Malton who went on to win the match 8-2. He then went on to be awarded Parents' player of the Match at the end of the game. Well done, William!



Hope Curtis has achieved a distinction in her grade 3 LAMDA acting exam. Well done, Hope!



## School Governor

Last week, you will have received a letter about a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you are interested in putting your name forward but would like a chat about what the role involves, please do not hesitate to contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Emily Smeaton, or our clerk, Mrs Jane Esse. Both can be contacted via the school office.

## TT Rockstars

A reminder that on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, we are inviting 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**

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