



To care



## PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

**Thought for the Week:** "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." – Mother Teresa

**Music for the Week:** "Anywhere Away from Here" – Pink and Rag 'n` Bone Man

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's really started to feel like Autumn this week and it's been a great week to kick off our Forest School and Cookery sessions for the year. Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham's class thoroughly enjoyed a whole day of learning outside the classroom on Wednesday. These special days will take place every two weeks and on **8th October**, it will be the turn of Mrs Mintoft's class.

### Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our parents' evenings 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.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We're delighted that the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to school next week and will be open during parents' evenings as well as break times. Both cash and card payments are accepted.

### After School Clubs

A reminder that there are no after-school clubs and Year 6 booster sessions next week due to parents' evenings. After-school sessions with Mrs Esse will continue as usual. Clubs will recommence the following week and we still have spaces available in the following clubs: Glockenspiel, Instrumental and Well-being and self-care.

### Jeans for Genes

Thank you so much to everybody who supported this event last week. We are delighted to have raised **£157** for this important charity. 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)

### Return of the Rabbits

This week, we welcomed back Midnight and Smokey and the children are delighted to have them back with us. We do have a risk assessment in place for the rabbits as they are prone to nibbling on occasion! You are welcome to view this in the school office. If you do not want your child having any contact with the rabbits, please do let us know.



### Year 3 Music

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

### 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.

## TT Rockstars

Today, we all joined together to dress up as Rockstars for the day as we relaunched TTRockstars! During the day, children have had the opportunity to play times tables related games and we launched our first inter-class battle of the year!

## Online Safety

A reminder that 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.

## Year 6 Applications

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

## 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 necessary medication. The children will return to school at 3.45pm.

## Year 3/4 Swimming

We are delighted that our Year 3/4 swimming sessions will commence on **Wednesday 1st October** for Mrs Devine's class. Swimming groups will be taught by Mrs Winter, Mrs Cook and Mrs Coote, who has recently joined the PCJS team!

## Lady Lumley's Open Evening

The Lady Lumley's Academy Open Evening will take place on **Wednesday 1st October 2025**. All parents of children in current years 5 and 6 are welcome to attend. Further details are attached.

## Tempest Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will take place on **Tuesday 30th September 2025**. Please ensure that your child is (as always!) dressed in full school uniform.

## 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.

## Special Mentions

Billy, Archie, Zach, Henry and Ralph are seen here celebrating a momentous win for Kirkbymoorside under 11s, in their first season playing all together. Well done!



## Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Please see below some useful dates for your diaries. These can also be found on the calendar page on the school website.

<b>30th September</b>	Parents' Evening
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<b>2nd October</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>10th October</b>	Democracy Day
<b>13th October</b>	Harvest Assembly (2pm)
<b>22nd October</b>	Last day of half term
<b>7th November</b>	Flu Vaccinations
<b>28th November</b>	Non-Uniform Day (FoS)
<b>5th December</b>	FoS Christmas Fair
<b>11th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>16th December</b>	Carol Service (6pm)
<b>17th December</b>	Riding Lights Performance
<b>19th December</b>	Last Day of Term

Have a great weekend!

Handwritten signature of Mrs M De Barr in black ink.

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**

**No After-School Clubs and  
Year 6 Boosters due to  
Parents’ Evening**

	<b>Menu</b>
<p><b>Monday</b></p> 	<p>Chicken Burger (VG) Veg Burger (VG) Diced Potatoes Ham Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Sticky Toffee Pudding &amp; Custard</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> 	<p>(V) Crunchy Topped Mac &amp; Cheese (VG) Sweet Potato &amp; Lentil Curry &amp; 50/50 Rice Tuna Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Oat Cookie &amp; Cheese</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> 	<p>Roast Gammon (V) Leek &amp; Potato Bake (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (V) Cheesy Bean Jacket Potato (V) Berry Mousse Pot</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Best of British Lunch</b> Roast Beef &amp; Yorkshire Pudding (VG) Shepherdess Pie (V) Roast Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (VG) Victoria Sponge Cake</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> 	<p>Fish Star (V) Cheesy Bean Pasty (VG) Chips (V) Cheese Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Lemon Drizzle Shortbread</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>