



To care



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

Thought for the Week: "We realize the importance of our voice when we are silenced." - Malala

Music for the Week: "Symphonic Variations on an African Air" - Coleridge-Taylor

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and I trust that you and your families had a good half term break.

Founders Day & World Thinking Day

On Monday, we invited all our pupils who are involved in scouting or guiding to wear their uniforms. The children looked very smart and are clearly proud to be part of these wonderful organisations.

Staffing Update

This week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Sallie Harland to the PCJS team. Mrs Harland joins us as a GTA (General Teaching Assistant) and will be supporting our cookery sessions as well as Year 3/4 on a Friday.

Arbor Parent Portal App

Thank you to everyone who has so far signed into the Arbor Parent Portal App. If you have not done so already, please do this as soon as possible; you should have received an invitation via email on the 12th February 2026. Please let us know if you need the email sending again. Please check your junk folder, too. We no longer have a text messaging service, so all notifications from school now come through the Arbor App. If you do not have the Arbor App, you are now no longer receiving first aid/bumped head notifications reminders and other school information (messages that were previously sent via text).

From **Monday 23rd March**, we will no longer use ParentPay for payments for dinner money, residentials, trips/visits and after-school clubs. All payments will be processed through Arbor from Monday 23rd March, and you will need the Arbor App to make payments to school. By **3.10pm on Friday 20th March 2026**, please ensure your ParentPay account is up to date and there is no debt for school meals and after-school clubs. Any credits on ParentPay will be transferred through to Arbor, by the school office, by the end of term (27th March). Please get in touch with the school office if you need any assistance.

Year 6 Mini-Police Applications

Thank you to all the pupils who have applied for this year's Mini-Police. Myself and PCSO Ridley will be going through the applications shortly and the new team of mini-police will be informed. Our first session is on Tuesday!

Science Week

A letter was emailed home this week from Mrs Morris, and invites parents and carers to come into school to be taught by their child! The letter gives the day and time for each class and we very much look forward to welcoming you into school.

Year 3 Bushcraft

Please return the slip as soon as possible to say if your child is taking part or not, and pay the deposit via ParentPay by **10th March 2026**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Year 4 Malham

Please return the slip to say if your child is taking part or not, and pay the deposit via ParentPay by **2nd March 2026**. We are holding a parent information meeting in school at **4pm on Tuesday 3rd March**.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March brings World Book Day 2026. We are looking forward to welcoming the children dressed as their favourite book character. Dressing up is entirely optional. We will be holding a grand parade in the hall so that the children can show off their costumes and then they will be partaking in some enjoyable activities back in class centred around a whole school book. The Reading Quiz house competition will take place later in the year and application forms will be re-sent during Summer term for the children to apply. World Book Day tokens will be given to the children and these can be redeemed at Pickering Book Tree.

Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Children will have now brought home a letter with final arrangements for this residential. Payments can be made via Arbor from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **10th June 2026**.

Year 6 London

Children will now have brought home a letter with final arrangements for this residential. Payments can be made via Arbor from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **18th May 2026**.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Niall Holberry, Regan Clare, Lola Moody, Joey Elliot, Beth Brown, Willow Massheder and Zach Backhurst.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Vesper Holliday, Florence Gent, Lillie Plowman and Leticia Collier.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 2nd March**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Staniland's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Swimming

Miss Scott's class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 4th March**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

Easter Egg Competition



TTRockstars

A lower school battle starts today. Good luck to everybody in Years 3 and 4!

Cookery

Please ensure that you send your child with ingredients when they have their Cookery and Forest School day. We are finding that increasingly, parents are sending their child in with money instead of ingredients. Mrs Morris holds enough supplies for her demonstration of the lesson (and a little bit for emergencies!) but we can not provide a store cupboard of ingredients. Thank you for your support with this.

Story Jar Art Competition

It has been lovely to see some story jar entries starting to come into school this week. There is still time if your child would like to enter. Please could all jars be brought into school by **Wednesday 4th March** when admissions close. Remember to include a clear label including your child's name and class. One winner per class will be chosen anonymously, and will win a brand-new book!

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

North Yorkshire Council are still working on recruiting a School Crossing Patrol for our school. Please see the advert here - <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6155/0/464122/19912/school-crossing-patrol>

PINS

Please find attached the latest PINS flyer.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached the online safety newsletter for March.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. De Barr'.

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	
Song writing	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Chess	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Year 6 Boosters	
Mrs De Barr Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Hall Maths	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Mintoft Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wilkinson Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wortham Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

	Menu
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>All Day Breakfast V All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato -various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Oaty Cookie</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>V Pizza Crispy Salmon Strips Jacket Potato – various filling Cheese Sandwich Lemon Drizzle Bun</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pud V Sausage & Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Fruity Flapjack</p>
<p>Thursday</p>  	<p>World Book Day Beastly Burger with Fries (Chicken Burger) Wormy Spaghetti (Spaghetti in a cheesy tomato sauce) Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Cheese Sandwich Matilda’s Marvellous Mousse Cake (Chocolate Mousse Cake)</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>Fish Fingers & Chips V Cheese Whirl Jacket Potato- various filling Ham Sandwich Doughnut Muffin</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>