



## PCJS NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM - 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

**Thought for the Week:** “We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others.” – Will Rogers

**Music for the Week:** “1812 Overture” – Tchaikovsky

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we sadly had to say goodbye to Mrs Tite who has been supporting our Cookery sessions since September. Mrs Tite has secured a full time job working in a local school and we wish her all the best for the future. Although she has only been with us for a short time, she will be missed by the children and the staff.

### Safer Internet Day 2026

Next week, during lessons and assemblies, we will be having a focus on online safety, a particular issue for our pupils. The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is *Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI (Artificial Intelligence)*. The children will explore smart tech and making smart choices, as well as learning about the misuse of AI and chatbots. In Year 5/6, the children will also take part in a *Cyber Critical* workshop on Monday where they will explore a number of aspects of online safety including their own device use, how to keep themselves safe, misinformation and disinformation as well as trying to spot what is real or fake online. Thank you so much to our Friends of School who have funded these fantastic workshops. Please find attached the online safety newsletter for February.

### Imran Visit

This week, we welcomed back Imran who shared a Muslim story about gratitude during a whole school assembly. He then worked with each of the Year 3/4 classes to learn about Eid and Ramadan as part of the ongoing RE project about festivals. It was wonderful for the children to learn about a festival from an authentic person of faith and they asked some fantastic questions to deepen their understanding.



### Story Jar Art Competition

Every child is invited to design a story jar! This is a lovely way to think about how you could represent your favourite book in a jar; is there a certain quote, item or clue that encompasses the story? Please could all story jars be brought into school from **Monday 23rd February** with a clear label including your child's name and class, where they will be displayed for everyone to enjoy. Admissions close on **Wednesday 4th March**. One winner per class will be chosen anonymously, and will win a brand-new book!



### PINS

Please see the attached PINS flyer detailing upcoming in-person information sessions.

### Year 4 Malham

A letter regarding the above residential came home on Tuesday. 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**.

### Year 3 Bushcraft

A letter regarding the above residential came home last Friday. Please return the slip to say if your child is taking part or not, and pay the deposit via ParentPay by **10th March 2026**. Thank you to the parents who attended the information session on Thursday.

### Year 6 SATS Information Evening

A reminder that this will take place on **Tuesday 10th February at 5pm**. Please let us know via the office if you would like to attend.

## Non-Uniform Day

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, our wonderful School Council have planned a non-uniform day on **Friday 13th February**. This year's theme is "This is my place", which celebrates pupils' sense of belonging. Children are invited to wear clothing that makes them feel happy, comfortable and that they truly *belong*. This could be their comfies or pyjamas, clothes linked to a club or hobby they love (such as dancing or football) or anything else that helps them feel confident and at home. We kindly ask for a voluntary donation, which will be gratefully received by Place2Be - a children's mental health charity. We're really looking forward to seeing the many wonderful ways our pupils choose to express themselves and celebrate belonging. Thank you for helping us raise awareness and support such an important cause. Please make donations directly to Place2Be. [Donate to support children's mental health](#)

## House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Albie Johnson, Elliot Piercy, Olivia Macmillan and Adam Hodgson.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Erin McKenzie, Hanna Zmudzka, Seren Jones and Adil Khan.

## Year 3 Music

On **Monday 9th February**, 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 11th February**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

## Special Mentions

Tilly Whitaker attended the Ryedale Swimming Club Presentation Evening and was presented with her bronze medal for her 25m backstroke race at the club championships. Well done, Tilly!



Henry Gordon, over the last few weeks; has gained 4 silver medals from club Championship and SADSA champs. Well done, Henry!

## Science Competition

A prosthetic leg is a special leg that helps people move, play and do the things they love. Lots of people in real life use prosthetic limbs, and they can do amazing things. This competition helps us all learn that prosthetic legs are positive, helpful and nothing to be worried about. They are part of what makes some people strong, confident, and unique, just like a superhero! People who make these are called prosthetists, and they use science, creativity and problem solving every day to help others. Your Mission: Create a prosthetic leg that gives your superhero a special power or helps them on their adventures. Your design should make your superhero feel brave, proud and ready for action! If your child would like a booklet with more information, please ask them to go and see Mrs Morris.

## Year 3 and 4

In the Spring term, Year 3 and 4 will be learning about pneumatics, and then creating a toy linked to this. Therefore, if you have any clean, hinged boxes with a lid (e.g. an egg box) or a balloon pump, that you could donate to school, please send them into Mrs Morris. Thank you for your support.

## New School Systems

Please be aware that we are streamlining our systems in school. This means that emails will soon come from **Arbor**, and not Scholapack. You will be asked to download the Arbor parent portal app, to enable you to pay for school lunches, trips and clubs via the app. We will also be using in-app notifications rather than texts. Please look out for the invitation via email next week. **It is vital that your ParentPay account is up to date by the Easter holidays, as we will no longer be using ParentPay as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Thank you for your understanding.**

## Parent, Carer and Visitor Policy

We have recently shared the consultation for this policy. If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback, please send an email FAO: Mrs De Barr via the school office by **Monday 23rd February**.

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**

**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**

#### **Monday**



(V) Pizza

(VG) Veggie Sausage

(VG) Potato Wedges

(V) Egg Mayo Sandwich

(VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato

(V) Chocolate Brownie

#### **Tuesday**



#### **Pancake Day Special**

Crispy Chicken Wrap

(V) Cheesy Quesadilla

Tuna Sandwich

(V) Cheese Jacket Potato

(V) Pancake with Ice Cream

#### **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) Cheese & Biscuit

Available Every Day

Seasonal Vegetables & Sides

Bread

Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt