



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 17TH JULY 2026

Thought for the Week: "Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful." – Margaret J. Wheatley

Music for the Week: "Fanfarra (Cabua-Le-Le)" - Sérgio Mendes/Carlinhos Brown

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy academic year, I would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you for all your support of our school. Educating children and helping them to aspire and become the best versions of themselves is very much a partnership between parents and teachers and we are so grateful for the support that you provide. With so many good local schools, I'd like to thank you for sending your child to us.

Year 6 Leavers

On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed their Year 6 disco. Thank you so much to Dave Usherwood for providing the music and for all his support over the last few weeks with the various activities that have been going on around school. This afternoon was difficult as we said goodbye to our Year 6 leavers' in a special assembly. Thank you to all our parents and carers who were able to attend this event. We will miss our Year 6 2026 cohort and wish all our leavers the very best for the future.

Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. We are delighted to share that we raised **£1905.76**. This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the generosity of our families, friends, volunteers and local supporters. Every donation, purchase and helping hand made a real difference. The money raised will go directly towards enriching opportunities and resources for the children at our school, helping to make their learning experience even more memorable. Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and continued support throughout the year.

FoS Meeting

We would like to give some advanced notice that our next Friends of School meeting takes place on Tuesday 22nd September at 5pm in Mrs Metcalf's classroom. It would be lovely to see some new faces so please do come along if you are able to.

Achievement Awards

In assembly this morning, we announced the winners of the achievement awards for this half term. These awards recognise those children who uphold the school's values as well as rewarding effort, progress, achievement and dedication to particular areas of the curriculum. Congratulations go to all our award winners who enjoyed a drink and sweet treat at Botham's this morning.

Year 6 'To Care'	Max Forster
Year 5 'To Care'	Bella Cunningham
Year 4 'To Care'	Aaron Connors
Year 3 'To Care'	Willow Massheder
Reading	Matilda Greenwood
Languages	Olivia-Rose Higgins
Sports	Adil Khan
STEM	Lily Eddon
Arts	Igor But
Humanities	Rose Newton
Pickering	Charlotte Weighell
Special Arts Award	Rory Stephens

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Harry Palmer, Albie Wilson and Mary Calvert

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Aaron Connors, Leticia Collier, Maisie Brown, Joseph Ashworth and Amaia Stevens.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: Vesper Holliday and Sienna Lawrence.

PCJS has got talent

On Monday afternoon, the finals of our annual talent competition took place in the school hall and there was certainly a variety of talent on display from all year groups. The children had previously competed as part of the in-class heats before three acts from each class were voted through to the final. The votes have all been counted and the winners were announced as part of this morning's assembly.

1st place - Hollie Parkin (Year 6)

2nd place - Evan Challis, Teddy Fountain-Hodgson, Henry Gordon, Finley Hobbs and Harrison Rutland (Year 6)

3rd place - Francesca Wood (Year 4)

Well done to all the children who took part in this year's competition.

Ryedale Show

We were delighted this week to receive news that our school has been awarded **FIRST PLACE** in the school display board competition at Ryedale Show! We are also delighted that three of our pupils achieved *Highly Commended* in the handwriting competition. Well done to Vesper Holliday and Aaron Connors (Year 3-4 category) and Scarlett Harland (Year 5-6 category). The children received their certificates in assembly this morning. If you are going along to the show this year, please have a look out for our entries.



School Reading Books

Please keep a lookout for any school books that you may have at home, and ask your child to return them to their class teacher. Thank you.

Children's Commissioner's National Survey

Please find attached a link to the above survey <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>. They would like to hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country.

House Point Competition

Congratulations to **Gresley** who won this term's house point award! The children enjoyed a film with a drink and sweets on Thursday morning. The house point totals will now reset over the summer, ready for the competition to restart in the Autumn term.

Cookery Cabin

Mrs Morris would love some new healthy eating posters in the Cookery Cabin! If anyone would like to make one over the summer holidays, please speak to Mrs Morris next week or bring in, in September.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the attached leaflets from Pickering Library with details of the events for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Children can sign up from **Saturday 4th July**. We hope that lots of our pupils get involved in this.

Lego Request

Mrs Morris would be grateful if anyone has any Lego, that they no longer require, that they could donate to school.

Ampleforth College

Ampleforth College is hosting a Tennis & Multi Sports Camp and Hockey Camp from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th July**. Join our outstanding coaches to learn new skills, improve techniques and enjoy relaxed matches with new friends. Open to children in Years 4 – 8 of all abilities. No previous experience is required. Please see further information in the attached flyer.

Tennis & Multi Sports: Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd July with Ben Orton, Ampleforth & International Tennis Coach and in collaboration with ABC Sports. [Book your child's place here](#).

Hockey: Thursday 23rd July & Friday 24th July with Jo Lightfoot, Ampleforth Hockey Coach and Yorkshire County Hockey Coach. [Book your child's place here](#). Each session costs £30 per day. Costs kindly subsidised by Ampleforth College.

Water Safety

[Keeping Children Safe Around Water](#) - focuses on helping parents and carers speak to children about staying safe around water, highlighting key risks such as cold water shock and providing simple, potentially life-saving advice like "float to live."

Parent Governor Election

A few weeks ago, you will have received a letter about a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. Expressions of interest do not need to be returned until September so please give this opportunity to serve your local community some thought and consideration over the summer holidays.



Open Evening

Some advanced notice that we have made the decision to replace our traditional 'Meet and Greet' sessions in September with a whole school open evening. There will still be the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to have a look around the school and we are hoping to involve some of our pupils in the various activities that we will have taking place. The open evening will take place on **Wednesday 16th September 5-7pm**. We look forward to seeing you then.



Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Billy Harper who won this half term's reading raffle. Billy was delighted to receive his book-themed prize after break time this morning.

Pickering Library

Please see the attached World Cup Fever flyer for an event taking place at the library tomorrow.

NYC Speech and Language

Please find attached the flyer for the Summer Speech and Language parent and carer sessions.

NYC Togetherness

Please find attached a flyer for the NYC Togetherness programme.

Have a wonderful summer.

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 DSL** is: **Mrs Hall**

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

	Menu
Monday	School Closed Staff Training Day
Tuesday 	Crispy Salmon Strips V Pizza Egg Mayo Sandwich Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato V Fruit & Ice Cream
Wednesday 	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding V Veggie Sausage Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Chocolate Krispie
Thursday 	Chicken Korma & Rice V Vegetable Korma Ham Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
Friday 	Battered Fish & Chips Ham Panini Egg Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Oaty Cookie
	Available Every Day Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt

The cost of a pupil meal is £3.78 per day / £18.90 per week payable at the beginning of each week.

For parents/carers who would like to pay per term the cost for the Autumn term is £257.04.

Please keep your child's account in credit or with a zero balance.
Please note that if your child goes home unwell after 10.30am, the school meal will still be charged for as it will have been ordered and prepared by the kitchen.