



To care



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 3RD JULY 2026

Thought for the Week: “Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems.” – Gever Tulley

Music for the Week: “Wellerman” – Nathan Evans

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that it's already July! With there having been so much going on in school recently, the last few weeks seem to have flown by.

Moving Up Day

On Thursday, it was our Moving Up Day and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed spending time in their new classes. It was lovely to welcome our incoming Year 3 children from the Infant School, too.

Year 5 Visit to Carlton Lodge

Last week, Year 5 went on their outdoor residential to Carlton Lodge. During this 2-night/3-day residential, the children completed various activities including raft building, canoeing, high ropes, climbing wall, problem solving and bushcraft to name a few. The children demonstrated brilliant resilience, teamwork and behaviour. Many fears were faced, overcome and amazing memories made. Congratulations to all who took part.

Year 6 Summer Play

The curtain went up on the Y6 play this week! Porridge was enjoyed by the school children, parents and carers across three packed performances. The children worked hard to learn lines and acted with skill and bravery, especially when some sang solos. They had a wonderful time and it was a pleasure to see them working together and enjoying the event. Special thanks goes to parents for their support with costumes and helping children to learn their lines but also to Mr Dave Usherwood who worked on the sound and lighting throughout the rehearsals and performances.

Potted Sports

On **Tuesday 7th July**, all children in Year 3 need their PE kit in school as they will be taking part in a potted sports event with the Year 2 children.

Friends of School Summer Fair

The Summer Fair takes place on **Friday 10th July**. All welcome! Please contact Mrs Metcalf via the school office if you are able to help run a stall. Raffle tickets will come home early next week.



Craft Stalls—Do you know anyone who would like to have their own stall at our Summer Fair? We are charging £5 per stall. Please contact the office, FAO of Mrs Metcalf if you would be interested.

Year 6 Crucial Crew

On the morning of **Wednesday 8th July**, Year 6 are going on their trip to Crucial Crew. As we are departing at 8.45am, please ensure that children are at school for 8.30am. We will not be back in time for our school lunch time and therefore a packed lunch is necessary (unless you have ordered one from school). Children will need a water bottle with them and any medication, such as asthma medication, as they will need to take this, too. We are very much looking forward to our day and a big thank you again to Friends of the School for funding this visit for our children.

Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 8th July**, it is the turn of **Mrs Devine's** class for their Cookery and Forest School sessions. Your child will have already received a letter detailing what they need. All children will require ingredients and appropriate Forest School clothing that can get dirty, including a coat and wellies. 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. Please make sure that your child brings with them everything that they need. Thank you for your support with this and please ensure that no products containing nuts are brought in.

After-school Clubs

All after-school clubs have now finished. If you are interested in running an after-school club in the Autumn term, please contact Mrs Devine via the school office.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Jade Brownlee and Owen Pennock.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: George Simpson, Joey Elliot, Fred Curry, Maya Szlejf, Ellie Chilcott, Holly Hedges, Alice Stephens, Alfie Harland, Charlie Hughes, Hattie Ventress, Olivia Macmillan, Joey Hebblethwaite, Chloe Palmer, Dylan Harper and Charlie Norman.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Joe Harper, Evie Cooper, Bertie Robertson, Zach Jones, Phoebe Curry, Hanna Zmudzka, Archie Reed, Florence Beveridge, Lilly Knight, Lili Taylor, Bella Cunningham and Hope Curtis.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: William Cawthorne, Joe Harper, Charlotte Weighell and Hanna Zmudzka.

Swimming

Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' class have their last swimming lesson on **Wednesday 8th July**.

Curling

A small group of Year 4 pupils will take part in a curling events at the Infant School on **Thursday 9th July**.

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.

Sports Day

Sports Day is on **Monday 6th July**. Children should come to school in their PE kit for the day, swapping their usual PE top for a top in their house colour. All children need to apply sun cream and have a sun hat and water bottle. As always, we welcome parents, carers and family members to join us at 1pm. Full information can be found in the letter that was emailed home on Monday. Our Friends of School will be selling cold refreshments, so please bring some money.

Pupil Meals

As we approach the end of the school year, please regularly check your child's dinner money account and ensure there is either enough credit for all meals that are required until the end of term, or the balance is zero. From September, the cost of a school meal will increase to £3.78 per day, £18.90 per week.

Year 6 pupils —please only credit your account with what is needed to ensure that by the end of the school year the account is zero. Meals are currently £3.48 and you can see what credit or debt is on the account before making a payment. Thank you.

Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your class photo yet? A reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Tuesday 7th July 2026**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Year 3 Performance

A huge well done to Year 3 children who performed on Monday to the rest of the school. They played their instruments confidently as an ensemble; it was great to see the fantastic progress they have made with Mrs Kendall since September!



FEAST

FEAST vouchers have been issued to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to fully-funded places on FEAST activities this summer holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

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."

Registration and Absences

The school day begins at **8.45am** when the class teacher takes morning registration. Can you please ensure that your child arrives in class, ready to learn, by **8.45am**. Please ensure that your child **does not** arrive at school before 8.30am without being accompanied by an adult. Please ensure you call or email the school office **before 8.30am** if your child is going to be absent or late, and **include your child's meal choice** if they are going to be late. Thank you.

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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see the attached July edition of the newsletter. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's online use, please do not hesitate to contact us.

GOAL

Last week, the second of the GOAL (Game of Actual Life) sessions took place with Year 6. This gives the children a little insight into being a 22-year-old and starting out in the world of work, budgeting, earning money and buying cars and houses. The children enjoyed the fun games, quizzes and activities that they were involved in. Thank you to Simon Carson for his engaging and enjoyable sessions. Thank you to our Friends of School for funding these sessions.

Special Mentions

Harry Welford, Toby Bointon and Frank Eddon, alongside their Kirkbymoorside team, took part in a tournament at Flamingoland at the weekend with teams from all across the north east. They played 6 matches and won the North East Championship and absolutely deserved it. Well done!



Tilly Whitaker attended the Ryedale Swimming Club event last Wednesday evening. She swam 1 mile (64 lengths) and received her certificate and badge. Well done, Tilly!



Lilly Knight has recently received her martial arts purple belt. This is her 7th belt on her journey to a black belt. Well done, Lilly!



Please send special mentions for the newsletter into school by Wednesday of each week, clearly stating that they are for inclusion in the newsletter.

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 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

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

	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>Fish Star V Pizza Jacket Potato – various filling Cheese Sandwich Doughnut Muffin</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>Chicken Korma & Rice Vegetable Korma & Rice Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Cheese Sandwich Fruit & Ice-cream</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>Fish Fingers & Chips V Hot Cheese Panini Jacket Potato- various filling Ham Sandwich Selection of Traybakes</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>

The cost of a pupil meal is **£3.48 per day / £17.40 per week** payable at the beginning of each week. For parents/carers who would like to pay per term the cost for the Summer term is **£222.72**. 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.