



Thought for the Week: "All children are born to grow, to develop, to live, to love, and to articulate their needs and feelings for their self-protection" – Alice Miller

Music for the Week: "Canon in D" – Johann Pachelbel

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fun-filled week which has included our sponsored walk, a visit to Danby for our pupils in years 3 and 4 and our Summer Serenade!

Sponsored Walk

Well done to all our pupils and staff who took part in our sponsored walk on Monday. Despite a drizzly start, it turned into a beautiful day and the children showed great resilience and community spirit as they supported each other to complete both the long and the short walks. A special thank you to Mrs Metcalf and our Friends of School for organising the event. Please can we ask that all sponsor money is collected and returned to school. Thank you so much for your support.

Nuts in School

We have had several incidences recently where children have brought products containing nuts into school, especially for cookery lessons. We are a nut aware school and have a number of children in school with allergies. It is **imperative** that no nuts or any products containing nuts are brought into school. Thank you for your support.

Summer Serenade

A huge well done to all of the children who performed in the Summer Serenade on Tuesday evening, which included members of Singing Squad, Music Club and Mrs Kendall's instrumentalists. The enthusiasm and confidence of the children really shone and we were all very proud of them - it was such an enjoyable show. Thank you to our Friends of the School for putting on a raffle and providing refreshments. Thank you also to Dave Usherwood for his support with technology.



Year 3 and 4 Danby visit

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to Danby this week as part of their geography fieldwork. The children spent the day investigating river features and applying their classroom learning in a real-life setting. During the visit, pupils worked to measure the width, depth and speed of the river, gaining a deeper understanding of how rivers shape the landscape. They showed great enthusiasm and curiosity as they collected data and observed river features first-hand, bringing their geography lessons to life. Staff at the centre said how impressed they were with our pupils which was lovely to hear. A big thank you to our parent volunteers for supporting the visit. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

Drowning Prevention Week

Next week is Drowning Prevention Week and we will be holding a whole school assembly on this very important theme. Sadly, there have been a number of deaths recently and being situated close to a number of rivers as well as being fairly close to the sea, we are acutely aware of the need for teachers and parents to educate the children as to how to stay safe around water. Please visit the following website for further information.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/parentsresources>

Friends of School

This week, the children were extremely excited to see that we have new laptops in school! Thank you so much to our Friends of School for contributing towards the cost of this technology. We are also delighted to share that the Smartie fundraiser raised **£261.45**. Thank you to everyone who took part. The top 3 fundraisers will receive a prize shortly.

FoS Disco

A reminder that the FoS discos will take place on **Tuesday 16th June.**

4.45pm—5.45pm for Year 3/4

6pm—7pm for Year 5/6

Fidget Toys

A reminder that children are not to bring in any fidget toys from home. If a child needs an item as part of their SEND provision, an item adhering to all health and safety requirements will be provided by the school.

Year 6

We are delighted that the Year 6 children have been invited to see the Lady Lumley's Academy's production of 'Alice in Wonderland' on Thursday. We will return to our school before the end of the school day.

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.

Year 5 Carlton Lodge

If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch (free for FSM pupils) for the first day, please order one by ringing or emailing school by **9am on Monday 15th June**. Sandwich choices are cheese, egg, ham or tuna.

Year 5 and 6 D and T

Please could children in Mrs Mintoft's, and Mr Bateson and Mrs Wortham's classes bring in shoe boxes, cereal boxes and cardboard for a D and T project starting over the next few weeks. Thank you.

Arbor

We are aware that some parents/carers may be having difficulties with receiving school notifications via the Arbor App. Please email the school office on admin2@pickering-jun.n-yorks.sch.uk giving full details and we will raise individual issues with our IT department.

We would really recommend that you enable 'push' notifications on your devices for the Arbor App so you receive our communications in a timely manner. Full instructions on how to do this were sent out in an email on the 20th May. You may need to delete the app and then reinstall it for the 'push' notifications to enable.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Albie Johnson and Rya Lander.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Florence Gent and Lillie Plowman.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: Lily Osborne.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 15th June** it will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Swimming

Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 17th June**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

Orienteering Afternoon

Next Thursday afternoon, Year 5 are looking forward to the Year 2 children joining them for an afternoon of orienteering to support the Infant School children in becoming more confident with our school environment ahead of September.

Forest School Plea

Do you have any unwanted wellies at home which we could use as spares in our Forest School sessions? We would be very grateful for donations; we are currently short of the following sizes: 4, 5 and 6. Thank you in advance.

After-school Clubs

Please ensure that clubs are paid by **Thursday 25th June**. All sessions of a club must be paid for via Arbor, regardless of whether your child attends all sessions, and can be paid for in advance with one payment, or on a week by week basis. However, if your child is due to attend a Summer term residential trip on an evening they also have a club, we will not expect a payment for this session. All clubs, except football and golf, will run for eight weeks: football and golf are 7 weeks. All clubs are charged at £2.60 per session. Parents and carers of pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding will continue to receive free places for clubs, but are asked to contribute to the cost if they are able to. Nature Rangers and Circus Skills will have their last session a week after all other clubs have finished.

Year 6 Transition

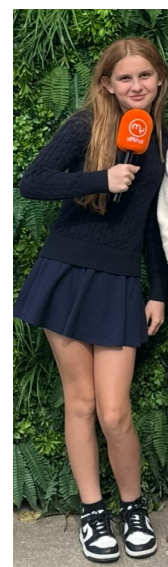
Please see the attached flyers regarding transition events for our current Year 6 pupils.

NSPCC Workshops

For your information, the NSPCC workshops for Year 5/6 will be taking place on Wednesday.

Special Mentions

Congratulations to Amaia Stevens who recently passed her LAMDA Acting Exam, gaining a Merit at York Stage School. Well done, Amaia!



Pickering Open Gardens

Pickering Open Gardens Sat 13th June 10am - 4pm

For more info call 07927 653027 or e-mail
pickeringopengardens@outlook.com

Tickets £5, available from Sat 6th June at
Reeds Newsagents, Market Place, Pickering.

Fundraising for Pickering Community Infant and
Nursery School and Pickering Community Junior School

Have your say on holiday childcare in North Yorkshire!

North Yorkshire Council is inviting parents and carers of children aged 4–14 years to take part in a brief survey about holiday childcare. This should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. For many families, school holidays can bring additional challenges trying to find childcare. North Yorkshire Council is trying to understand the needs of families during these periods. We're asking **all** parents and carers of school aged children to complete the holiday childcare survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorthYorkshire-SchoolAgeChildcareSurvey2026/>



Feedback is important and will inform future planning. Please could survey replies be submitted by **Friday 26th June 2026**.



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

North Yorkshire Council
Holiday Childcare Survey

If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 4-14 years in North Yorkshire, we would love to hear from you.

Tell us about your holiday childcare needs and help us plan for the future.
Please complete this brief survey by Friday 26th June 2026

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

If you have questions about this survey, please email: ellie.hooper@place-group.com

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. Delays in completing the attendance and dinner registers have a detrimental effect on the kitchen team's ability to prepare the midday meal on time. Thank you.

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 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

Lunchtime Club	
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm

After-School Clubs	
Gardening	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Song writing	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Rounders	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Circus Skills	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Golf	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Please inform us of any changes to collection arrangements, or if your child is not attending a club this week so that registers can be updated.

	Menu
Monday 	All Day Breakfast V All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato -various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Oaty Cookie
Tuesday 	Crispy Salmon Strips V Pizza Jacket Potato – various filling Cheese Sandwich Lemon Drizzle Bun
Wednesday 	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pud V Sausage & Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Fruity Flapjack
Thursday 	Chicken Korma & Rice Vegetable Korma & Rice Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Cheese Sandwich Fruit & Ice-cream
Friday 	Fish Fingers & Chips V Cheese Whirl Jacket Potato- various filling Ham Sandwich Doughnut Muffin
	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 £3.48 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.