



Thought for the Week: "Anyone can drown. No one should" – World Drowning Prevention Day

Music for the Week: "Head Above Water" - Avril Lavigne

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week which has seen the continuation of our transitions events. On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 pupils went up to Lady Lumley's to do some curling and on Thursday, all of our Year 6 pupils were invited to watch their performance of 'Alice in Wonderland' which they all thoroughly enjoyed. For our incoming Year 2 pupils, some children visited us after school on Wednesday to take part in a treasure hunt and on Thursday, it was the Year 2 and Year 5 Map afternoon.

Staffing Update

We have been busy sorting our classes for the next academic year when we will continue to have mixed year classes in both upper and lower school. Our class teachers are as follows:

Year 3/4: Mrs Devine, Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Mintoft
Year 5/6: Miss Holmes and Mrs Wortham
Mr Bateson and Mrs Wilkinson
Miss Scott

Details of support staff will be shared in a few weeks time and class lists will be shared on Monday 29th June. Sadly, Mrs Winter has decided to take early retirement at the end of this year after over 20 years of service to the school. She will be sorely missed by the children, parents and her colleagues.

GOLD Healthy School Award

We are proud to have achieved the Gold Healthy Schools Award, recognising our commitment to promoting the health, wellbeing and achievement of all pupils. This award reflects the hard work of our staff, pupils and families in creating a positive school environment that supports healthy eating, physical activity, emotional wellbeing and pupil voice. Through a range of initiatives and activities, we have encouraged children to develop healthy habits and make positive lifestyle choices. We are delighted to receive this recognition and remain committed to supporting the wellbeing of our whole school community.

Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 24th June**, it is cookery and forest school sessions for Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson's class. If your child is at Carlton Lodge, they will not need to bring in any cookery ingredients. If they are staying at school, please ensure they have their ingredients and wellies. A reminder that children are not to bring in any products containing nuts.

After-school Clubs

Next week is the last week for most of the 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. 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.

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

Year 6 Crucial Crew

A letter was sent home last Friday about the Crucial Crew visit for year 6 on **Wednesday 8th July**. Please give consent via Arbor for your child to take part. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch (free for FSM pupils), please order one by ringing or emailing school by **9am on Wednesday 24th June**. Sandwich choices are cheese, egg, ham or tuna.

Year 2 and Year 5 Map Afternoon

A huge well done to the Year 5 children who worked so kindly and helpfully alongside their Year 2 teammates to complete three orienteering courses of the school grounds. All children enjoyed the afternoon and were a credit to the school.

Carlton Lodge

Next week is the Year 5 residential to Carlton Lodge. Please remember to bring a packed lunch for the first day and a reusable water bottle. Please pack carefully for the predicted weather and ensure that all belongings are labelled. Medication required must have already been declared, and this must be clearly labelled. We are looking forward to a really enjoyable trip!

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 bronze award: Elisa Kumar.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Courtney Simpson and Willow Massheder.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Amelia Taylor and Alice Middleton.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: Catherine Howe.

Special Mentions

Erin McKenzie's granny took part in the Pickering Open Gardens event at the weekend and Erin made lemonade to offer to visitors. She made £16.41 from donations and has donated it to the schools. Erin did an amazing job talking to all the visitors and serving them. Well done, Erin!



Year 3 Music

On **Monday 22nd June** 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

There will be no swimming lesson for **Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class next week.

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.

FOS Uniform Request

As we prepare for the Year 2 Information Evening on **Tuesday 30th June**, we are looking for donations of good-quality school uniform, particularly smaller sizes. If your child has outgrown any items that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 3rd July**. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we ask children to bring in a prize donation for the Friends of the School Summer Fair. Suggested donations include unopened sweets, chocolates, small toys, books, toiletries or other suitable raffle and tombola prizes.



Pupil Meals

From September, the cost of a school meal will increase to £3.78 per day, £18.90 per week.

Eye Tests

Please remember to take your children to the opticians for an eye test. This is a free service for children and important as the NHS no longer offer this service to schools.

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**.

FEAST

Fully-funded summer holiday activities with [FEAST](#). FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire. Better yet, if you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals, your place is fully-funded. From Monday 15th June, browse activities on the FEAST website or view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area. Vouchers go live at midday on 22nd June. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places. From Friday 24th June, activity providers begin allocating places. Funded places are available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child. Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers. Visit the [FEAST website](#) from 15th June to explore what's on this summer.

Rievaulx Abbey

English Heritage are offering a free entry community day at Rievaulx Abbey on **Saturday 27th June 2026** between 10am to 4 pm. There will be clay modelling and quill pen writing activities taking place – also free of charge.

Parent Governor Election

Please see the information that has come home with the children today. The closing date for nomination is **Friday 18th September 2026**.

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.

Pickering Open Gardens

A big thank you to Mrs Overfield's Gardening Club and Mrs Harland's Nature Rangers for making such amazing scarecrows for Outgang Lane Allotments. SpongeBob, Spy Ninja and Forest the Nature Ranger were made for the Pickering Open Gardens event last Saturday to help raise funds for the Junior and Infant Schools. The Scarecrows took their places alongside 15 others to make up the 2026 Scarecrow! It was wonderful to see pupils from both schools coming along to search for theirs among the plots.



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	NOT ON THIS WEEK

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
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Chicken Katsu & Rice</p> <p>V Quorn Katsu & Rice</p> <p>Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato</p> <p>Ham Sandwich</p> <p>Cheese & Biscuit</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Football Special</p> <p>Sausage in a bun & Fries</p> <p>V Veggie Sausage in a bun & Fries</p> <p>Jacket Potato-various filling</p> <p>Egg Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>Waffles with Mandarins & Ice Cream</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pud</p> <p>Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pud</p> <p>Jacket Potato-various filling</p> <p>Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Fruity Muffin</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>Macaroni Cheese</p> <p>Vegetable Burger & Baked Pot</p> <p>Jacket Potato- various filling</p> <p>Tuna Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>Battered Fish & Chips</p> <p>Hot Cheese Panini</p> <p>Jacket Potato-various filling</p> <p>Egg Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>Selection of Traybakes</p>
	<p>Available Every Day</p> <p>Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables & Sides</p> <p>Bread</p> <p>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