



## PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 26TH JUNE 2026

**Thought for the Week:** "Success is the sum of small efforts - repeated day in day out" – Robert Collier

**Music for the Week:** "Inkanyezi Nezazi" - Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's certainly been a hot one this week! Thank you for acting on our advice and sending your child to school in their PE kit, providing them with a hat and sun cream and for all your support in ensuring that, with a few adaptations, our usual school activities have been able to continue as normal. From the forecast, it looks as though temperatures will be a little more manageable next week.

### Make Music Day

On Wednesday, children from across school visited York St John University to take part in Make Music Day 2026, organised by the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation. Children took part in four different music workshops across the day, including a mini vocal masterclass with Mellonie Page, an interactive opera performance - 'Mini Magic Flute' by Opera North, a creating music for film workshop by Sing Education Ltd and a Japanese drumming workshop with the Tengu Taiko Drummers. It was a fantastic day and children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved with the different music activities, especially the Japanese drumming!



### Year 5 Visit to Carlton Lodge

From all accounts, our Year 5 pupils children have had a fantastic time at Carlton Lodge. We look forward to sharing a full report and some photos in next week's newsletter.

### Treasure Hunt

Last week, we welcomed a small group of future PCJS pupils to school for a treasure hunt after school. The children enjoyed having a good nosey around a quiet school and becoming more familiar with their future surroundings. We are now very much looking forward to welcoming all the Year 2 pupils to our school on Moving Up Day.



### SENDCo

Mrs Morris recently sent a letter to all parents/carers of children on the SEND register inviting them to book an appointment to meet her. It has been lovely to meet with parents/carers, but please get in touch if you haven't arranged an appointment yet.

### Year 6 Summer Play

Year 6 are performing their play on **Tuesday 30th June** and **Wednesday 1st July**. Order forms for tickets have already been sent home—please can these be returned by **Monday 29th June**. Letters will come home today requesting details of collection arrangements for your child after the play. Please can these be returned to school by **Monday 29th June**. Thank you.

### Curling

A number of our Year 6 children were able to take part in a visit to Lady Lumley's School last week for a small group tour with Mrs Twamley, the School Games Organiser. The children were shown around key areas of the school by Year 7 Sports Leaders, many of whom were ex PCJS pupils! The children then enjoyed learning new curling skills in a fun session before returning to school. We would like to thank Mrs Twamley for giving this valuable opportunity to our children.

Due to the heat, the planned visit of our Sports Leaders to the Infant School has been rearranged for **Thursday 9th July**.



## After-school Clubs

Most after-school clubs have now finished but Nature Rangers and Circus Skills have their last session next week. 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 recently sent home 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 have not already done so. We are in need of a couple of parent helpers; please contact Mrs Wilkinson via the school office if you can help. Thank you.

## House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Margot Calvert-Snowdon and Poppy Antoni.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Ethan Bastow, Francesca Wood, Maddie Spink and Charlie Allenby.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: Pippa Mitchell and Erin McKenzie.

## Year 3 Music

On **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** it will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's** maths group to have their music lesson.

This is the last week of the Year 3 music lessons so all Year 3 children need their instrument in school for a musical performance on **Monday**.

## Swimming

**Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 1st 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.

## Tempest Photography

The class photographs are now available to purchase. An email containing the link to view and order your child's class photo was sent to you via Arbor on Tuesday. Please order quickly to qualify for free delivery back to school.

## Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Friends of School Summer Fair



Do you know anyone who would like to have their own stall at our Summer Fair from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on **Friday 10th July**? We are charging £5 per stall. Please contact the office, FAO of Mrs Metcalf if you would be interested.

## Pupil Meals

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

## Trip Medical Forms

Our last residential visit took place this week. With all the residential visits this year, we have had a number of medical forms being completed and handed in on the actual morning of departure or, on occasion, not at all. This has caused delays due to missing paperwork. While we understand that medical needs can change, forms must be submitted in advance and should not be late or incomplete. For future visits, please ensure that medical forms are completed well ahead of the day of the visit. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe and ensuring smooth departures.

## myHappyMind Parent App

We are delighted to remind you that our school uses myHappyMind to support your child's wellbeing and resilience, and you can be part of this at home, too. With the summer holidays rapidly approaching we would like to remind you about the myHappyMind Parent App that as a school we are able to offer to you. By downloading the myHappyMind Parent App, you will have access to a range of supportive and engaging resources, including:

- **myHappyMind Places** – a personalised self-regulation tool
- **Happy Breathing** visuals and audio, with over 40 options to explore
- **Mini Masterclasses for parents**, covering Separation Anxiety, Building Self Esteem, Supporting Emotionally Based School Avoidance, Managing Big Emotions, Trauma Informed approaches, Sleep and Neurodiversity

**Fun games to help start meaningful conversations about wellbeing**, including Interactive Conversation Cards and the Wheel of Gratitude

You can sign up and begin exploring here:

<https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

Your authentication code is: **121356**

We hope you enjoy exploring the app and sharing these special moments together at home.

## 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.

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**

After-School Clubs	
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Circus Skills	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><b>Monday</b></p> 	<p>Chicken Nuggets Tangy Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato-various filling Cheese Sandwich Crumble &amp; Custard</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> 	<p>Pasta Bolognese Hot Cheese Panini Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Egg Mayo Sandwich Jelly &amp; Ice-cream</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> 	<p>Roast Gammon Vg Sausage Roll Jacket Potato -various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Shortbread</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> 	<p>Hot Ham Panini V Pizza Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Victoria Sponge</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> 	<p>Battered Fish &amp; Chips V Quorn Dippers Jacket Potato-various filling Ham Sandwich Chocolate Brownie</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans Seasonal Vegetables &amp; 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**