



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM - 20TH MARCH 2026

Thought for the Week: "With every giggle, every grin, we lift each other up, we all pitch in" - Anon

Music for the Week: "Help" - Banarama and French and Saunders (Comic Relief single from 1989!)

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has finally felt like Spring has arrived this week and it has been lovely to see a bit of sun and all the daffodils out on the school grounds and around Pickering. From next term, as part of our uniform policy, children will be able to wear red and white checked dresses if they wish to. Please continue to send your child to school in black school shoes and not trainers. Thank you for your support with this.

Comic Relief

Today, we were all red-dy to raise money for Comic Relief! Children were invited to come to school wearing red and red noses if they wished to. Please make a donation via: [Comic Relief-Red Nose Day 2026](#) and we look forward to sharing the total raised in next week's newsletter.

Arbor Payments

Today was the last day for using ParentPay. From 4pm today, you will be unable to pay for meals, clubs or trips on ParentPay. Please ensure all debts are cleared by 4pm today. From **9am on Monday 23rd March**, we are moving to Arbor for the payment of dinner money, residential and after-school clubs. This system will go live at 9am. All credits and any remaining debts that were on ParentPay will be transferred to Arbor next week. Please contact the school office if you need any help with the new system.

Arbor Parent Portal App

All parents and carers with parental responsibility for children in our school should have received information about signing up for the Arbor Parent Portal App via email. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the school office. If you do not have the app, we can't message you for things like forgotten glasses, PE kit and cookery ingredients. You will not receive first aid or bumped head notifications and other school reminders and information. All of these are important notifications regarding your child, so please sign up for the app as soon as you can. Thank you.

TTRockstars

Congratulations to all children who took part in the recent Upper School TTRockstar battle. The battle was won by Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson's class.

Individual [congratulations](#) to the following children who scored the most points in their respective classes:

Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham: Joe Harper

Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson: Elisa Kumar

Mrs Mintoft: Joseph Ashworth

Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 25th March**, it is the turn of **Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** 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. Thank you for your support with this.

SLA 20th Anniversary Showcase

Good luck to all our pupils who are taking part in Showcase this weekend. You will be sensational! Congratulations also to Miss Sarah on the 20 year anniversary of the Sarah-Louise Ashworth School of Dance! So many of our pupils (past and present!) have benefitted enormously from her outstanding teaching, care, dedication and unwavering championing of the Arts. Thank you, Sarah, for everything that you do for the local community.

Online Safety

What your child shares online leaves a trace. Counter Terrorism Policing's new youth campaign highlights the risks of accessing or sharing harmful extremist content — often without realising it's illegal. Find out more at www.actearly.uk/what-you-share-leaves-a-trace/ and take a moment to start the conversation.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Joel Harkins, Lily Eddon, Henry Darmody, Poppy Antoni, Keira Whitaker, Jack Wilkinson, Rya Lander, Matilda Mitchell, Hattie Ventress, Billy Harper, Hayden Tomkins, Charlie Hughes, Daniel Harrington, Archie Robinson, Leo Wheldon and Alice Stephens.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Charlotte Weighell, Maisie Brown, Lola Lyth and Hope Curtis.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Matilda Greenwood.

Year 3 Bushcraft

Please can the medical forms be returned as soon as possible. Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **11th May 2026**.

Year 4 Malham

Please can medical forms be returned as soon as possible. Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **28th April 2026**.

Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Carlton Lodge information session. The PowerPoint is now on the school website. Your child has also now been given the medical consent form which needs to be fully completed and handed in by Friday 17th April. Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **10th June 2026**.

Year 6 London

Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **18th May 2026**.

After-School Clubs

A letter about the Summer term after-school clubs came home on Wednesday. Places are allocated on a first-come first served basis so please return the form for your child as soon as possible, and no later than **Friday 27th March 2026**. Please put siblings on the same form so places can be allocated at the same time.

Special Mentions

Bertie Robertson and Ethan Bastow completed their first Dalby 5k on Saturday. Well done, Bertie and Ethan!



PINS

Please find attached the latest PINS flyer.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 23rd March**, 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

Miss Scott's class swimming lessons have now finished.

Swimming for **Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class starts after the Easter Holiday on **Wednesday 15th April**.

Panathlon Event

Some children have been invited to take part in this event. Please return the reply slip to Miss Scott by **Monday 23rd March 2026** if your child wishes to take part.

Parking on Middleton Road

Please can we remind all parents to park responsibly on Middleton Road. Please do not park on the zigzags outside school and please don't block the driveways of local residents. We are also aware that some parents are leaving their engines running whilst stationary. Please be aware that 'idling' is illegal and as well as damaging the environment by causing unnecessary pollution, if reported, you could receive a fine. Thank you for supporting our neighbourly relations.

Absences/Late Arrival

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's ability to prepare the midday meal on time. Thank you.

Friends of School—Win a Giant Egg!

Ryedale Lions Club have very generously donated a wonderful chocolate egg from Birdgate Chocolatiers. If you would like a chance to win this amazing egg, Friends of the School are running a lucky square competition. To enter please send £1 in with your child, in a named envelope and you will be assigned a lucky square on our grid in school. The egg will also be on display at our Bunny Bingo event on **Friday 20th March** and there will be an opportunity to enter here as well. The lucky square will be drawn on **Thursday 26th March**. Good Luck!



FEAST

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Easter holiday, where they'll also receive a free heathy 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.

Please note that an activity showing a waiting list does not always mean that the activity is full. You can still request a space and you'll receive a notification from Holiday Activities if your space is confirmed.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'M. 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 DSLs** are: **Mrs Hall** and **Mrs Mintoft**

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 Clubs	
Home Learning drop-in	Monday 12.15 - 12.45
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Song writing	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Chess	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Year 6 Boosters	
Mrs De Barr Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Hall Maths	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Mintoft Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wilkinson Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wortham Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

	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.