



Thought for the Week: "To keep the body in good health is a duty...otherwise we shall not be able to keep the mind strong and clear." – Buddha

Music for the Week: "Hey Soul Sister" – Train

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we reach the end of a short (but busy!) term, we'd just like to say thank you for all your help and support so far in 2026. We hope that you and your families have a lovely Easter and that the children come back to school rested and re-charged for the Summer term.

Comic Relief

We are pleased to have raised £71.00 for Comic Relief. This is not as much as in previous years but all money raised does go towards a fantastic cause so thank you for your donations.

Arbor Payments

On Monday, we moved to Arbor for the payment of dinner money, residentials and after-school clubs. Please contact the school office if you need any help with the new system.

Egg Decorating Competition

This week, we had the unenviable task of judging the egg decorating competition. Thank you to all the children who took part - we were absolutely blown away by the creativity, effort and care that went into each entry. Congratulations to our winners:
1st Place - Egg Winter Olympics by Maisie Cook
2nd Place - Wonka by Erny Dobson
3rd Place - The Very Hungry Cat-egg-pillar by Zach Jones.
Please head to our Facebook page to see these on display.



Year 5/6 Cricket

All Year 5 and 6 children have now brought home a letter to take part in a cricket festival. Please return the slip to Miss Scott by **Monday 13th April**, the first day back after the holidays.

Achievement Awards

In assembly this morning, we announced the winners of the achievement awards for this half term. These awards recognise those children who uphold the school's values as well as rewarding effort, progress, achievement and dedication to particular areas of the curriculum. Congratulations go to all our award winners who will enjoy a drink and sweet treat at Botham's after the Easter holidays.

Year 6 'To Care'	Millie Prest
Year 5 'To Care'	Leo Wheldon
Year 4 'To Care'	Mia Houillebecq
Year 3 'To Care'	Pippa Mitchell
Reading	Klay Dews
Languages	Elisha Alsop
Sports	Joey Hebblethwaite
STEM	James Robinson
Arts	Maddie Spink
Humanities	George Simpson
Pickering	Leticia Collier
Special Art Award	Maisie Cook

Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Billy Calvert-Snowden who has won the reading raffle this term. Billy was delighted to be presented with his book token and PCJS bookmark in assembly this morning.

D and T and Science

If you have any construction kits, which contain pulleys, that you no longer need, Mrs Morris would be very grateful for them for D and T and Science projects in the future. Thank you.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Stanley Gibson-Fuller, Huw Smith, Mia Cameron, Teddie Pratt, Oliver Simpson, Harrison Rutland, William Scott and Maya Mondan.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Amaia Stevens, Phoebe Curry, Emily Bell, Evan Challiss, Florence Beveridge and Olivia Cox.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Catherine Howe and Billy Calvert-Snowdon.

After-School Clubs

Spring term after-school clubs, lunchtime clubs and Year 6 Boosters have all now finished.

A letter about the Summer term after-school clubs came home last week and reply slips should have been returned by today. Summer term clubs will start the second week back after the Easter Holiday (the week beginning **20th April**). You will receive an in-app message in Arbor to confirm your child's place at a club by **Thursday 16th April 2026**.

Art Exhibition

Pickering Memorial Hall is displaying some of the Sue Slack inspired landscapes that some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have done at their Art Exhibition from **Friday 3rd April to Monday 6th April 2026**. The exhibition is open from 10:00am to 4:00pm over the three days and it is free entry. Pop along and see some of the children's artwork on display!

Swimming

Swimming for **Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class starts after the Easter Holiday on **Wednesday 15th April**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

Year 3 Music

Please be aware that there will be no music lesson on Monday 13th April.

Absences/Late Arrival

A reminder for after the Easter holidays...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.

Year 3 Bushcraft

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

Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Please can medical forms be returned by Friday 17th April. Payments can be made via **Arbor** and the final balance is due by **10th June 2026**.

Year 6 London

Payments can be made via **Arbor** and the final balance is due by **18th May 2026**.

Friends of School Bunny Bingo

Thank you so much to everybody who attended the Bunny Bingo, sent in raffle prizes and contributions for the bake sale. We had a fantastic evening, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, with lots of fun for the whole family and plenty of chocolate treats along the way! We are delighted to have raised **£418.50** for the school. A special mention to Teddy Fountain-Hodgson who helped to set up the event and to Jessica Eggleston who knitted a selection of bunnies and chicks filled with Easter treats. Jessica sold these at Bunny Bingo and kindly donated the proceeds to the Friends of the School - a fantastic demonstration of our school value of community.



Home Learning

A reminder to please ask your child to keep reading lots over the Easter holidays. Our Year 6 pupils also have their Key Stage 2 SATS very soon after we come back so any revision that they can do over the holidays is going to be very beneficial.

Online Safety

Please find attached the online safety newsletter for April. Please ensure that you continue supervise your child's online use and monitor the apps that they have access to. Many are not suitable or appropriate for Primary-aged children. Please keep your child safe online.

Friends of School—Win a Giant Egg!

Ryedale Lions Club very generously donated a wonderful chocolate egg from Birdgate Chocolatiers. Congratulations to Liam Howarth who won this enormous egg! Well done, Liam!



Music Mark Award

We are delighted to have received the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication and Improvement for 2025-2026! This award recognises the importance that we attach to music education at PCJS and our commitment to embedding consistent and inclusive provision. A reminder that peripatetic lessons are available on a wide range of instruments. If your child is interested in learning a new skill, please get in touch.



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.

Autumn Term Clubs

If you would be (or if you know anybody who might be) interested in running an after-school club in the Autumn term 2026, please could you get in touch with Mrs De Barr via the school office. We are really keen to further develop our range of after school activities.

Ampleforth College

Ampleforth College is hosting two days of free hockey training over the Easter holidays. The sessions are open to children in Years 4 – 8 of all abilities. Find out more in the attached flyer and [book your child's place here](#).

Open Day - Saturday 2 May 2026

Families are very welcome to join us for our upcoming Open Morning during which guests will hear from our Headmaster, take a tour of the school, enjoy lunch and can join to spectate our Sports fixtures in the afternoon. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to discover what makes an Ampleforth education a Compass for Life; a transformative education which broadens horizons and offers so much more, not at the expense of academics. Find out more in the attached flyer. [Register your place for the Open Day on Saturday 2 May here](#)

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 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.

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 and an egg-cellent Easter!



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

**No After-School Clubs
week beginning 13th April**

	Menu
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Chicken Katsu & Rice V Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Ham Sandwich Chocolate Cookie</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Tuna & Cheese Panini V Pizza Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Scone & Jam</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pud Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Cheese Sandwich Fruity Muffin</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Macaroni Cheese Jacket Potato- various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Jelly & Ice-cream</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>Fish Star & Chips V Cheese Whirl Jacket Potato- various filling Ham Sandwich Chocolate Sponge Cake</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.