



To care



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 15TH MAY 2026

Thought for the Week: "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow" – Mary Anne Radmacher

Music for the Week: "Comptine d'un autre ete" – Yann Tiersen

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a 'testing' week, particularly for our Year 6 pupils who sat their End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests. The whole staff team are incredibly proud of how the children approached the tests, showing great resilience and perseverance. Well done, Year 6 and thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who supported with the administration of these tests.

Year 3 Bushcraft

On Monday, the Year 3 children depart for their Bushcraft residential. Please send children to the school hall on Monday morning. Please make sure any medication is named with dosage required and handed in to an adult. The children don't need a packed lunch but should have a separate day bag with a waterproof coat, water bottle, and any medication such as inhalers that they need to carry with them. We aim to be back in school for normal pick up time on Tuesday. If your child would normally be going to a club or going home on the bus on Tuesday, can you please let both your child and the office know if that is the case as it really helps with the end of the day arrangements. When we arrive back at school, we need to get all luggage off the bus and we must check every child is leaving with the right adult so this might take a few minutes longer than a normal pick up. Children not going on the trip will have been told today which teacher and classroom to go to on Monday.

Year 6 London

On Tuesday, the Year 6 children depart to London. Children need to arrive at school for **7.30am** as we will depart at 8am. Please ensure that children have a packed lunch for Tuesday, and that their name is clearly visible on their luggage. Medicines must also be clearly named and handed to group leaders on arrival, along with money for Thursday evening tea. On **Friday 22nd May**, we will allow children to arrive in school at 10.30am if they are tired from the trip. If your child is going to arrive at 10.30am, please let us know by **Thursday 21st May**, stating whether your child will be having a packed lunch or which school meal they would like. Thank you. We will post regularly on Facebook.

PCJS Park Run Takeover

Thank you and well done to all our pupils who joined in with the very special Park Run at the Community Park on Sunday morning to mark David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! There was such an array of different animals on display and the event has broken a record with 106 fantastic finishers! A special congratulations to Elliot Piercy who has achieved his half-marathon! Thank you to our members of staff who volunteered and supported all the children taking part.



Year 3 and 4 Danby Visit

A letter about this geography fieldwork trip came home on Tuesday. Please sign up for your child to attend, and pay the contribution, via the Arbor App by **9am on Thursday 21st May 2026**. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch (free for FSM pupils) please phone or email school by **9am on Thursday 21st May**. The sandwich choices are cheese, egg, ham or tuna.

Summer Serenade

A letter came home on Tuesday about this event taking place on **Tuesday 9th June**. Please return the slip with ticket money in a named envelope by **Tuesday 2nd June**. Thank you. Please can Singing Squad members start learning their lyrics at home.

Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 20th May**, it is the turn of **Miss Scott's** 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. Please make sure that your child brings with them everything that they need. Thank you for your support with this.

Swimming

Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 20th May**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Please pay the final balance via Arbor in instalments or one payment, by **3pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026**. 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.

Class Consultation

I am pleased to let you know that our class consultation for 2026-2027 is now open. Consultation with the staff and the children will be the main driver in our decision making but as part of this process, I would like to invite you, as parents and carers, to contact me if you have any particularly strong views about the class organisation for September 2026. Please be aware that any requests from previous years (or requests that were made to the Infant School) will not be taken into consideration. Please put any requests for consideration in writing, sending letters or emails via the school office by the consultation deadline which is **Monday 1st June**. For emails, please put 'Class Consultation' as the subject and send to:
admin2@pickering-jun.n-yorks.sch.uk

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Ruby Messruther, Lili Taylor, Grace Beveridge, Elsie Harper and Rose Paxton.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Willow Norman, Charlotte Weighell and Elisha Alsop.

Year 3 Music

Due to the Bushcraft residential, there will be no Year 3 music taking place on Monday.

After-school Clubs

Due to staff availability, Nature Rangers will not take place on **Tuesday 9th June**. Nature Rangers will therefore have their last session on **Tuesday 30th June**, a week after the other clubs have finished.

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. 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 golf, will run for eight weeks: golf is 7 weeks.

Please let us know if your child is not staying for a club so that the register can be amended for that week.

FoS Sponsored Walk

Reply slips should have been received in school, but if you haven't returned your child's slip, please can you send it in on **Monday**.

If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch (free for FSM pupils) please phone or email school to order one by **9am on Wednesday 20th May**. As the school kitchen will be closed on the day of the sponsored walk, you will still need to provide a packed lunch should the walk be cancelled for any reason.

Lost Property

On the last day of half term, we are going to be putting all the un-named lost property out at the bottom of the path. If you are missing any of your child's belongings, please take the opportunity to go through our rather plentiful collection. Thank you.

Parenting Smart—Online Course

Please be aware that there are some parenting courses coming up that you may be interested in. The deadline for registration is **Monday 1st June**.

[Place2Be's Parenting Smart - Online Course](#)

Special Mentions

Joseph Ashworth attended the Kirkbymoorside Junior Football Club presentation afternoon on Sunday and was awarded 'Supporters' Player of the Year' for his U10 squad. He was delighted to have been voted for by his fellow squad and their families. Well done, Joseph!



Billy Harper won the u11s supporters player of the year and the Kirkbymoorside JFC team player of the year at the clubs presentation day on Sunday. Well done, Billy!



Ampleforth College May Half Term Tennis and Cricket Camp

Ampleforth College is hosting two days of free tennis and two days of free cricket training over May Half Term. Join us on Tuesday 26th May and Wednesday 27th May for Tennis and Thursday 28th and Friday 29th May for cricket to learn how to play, enhance your skills, improve technique and enjoy relaxed matches with new friends. 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](#).

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 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 12.15 - 12.45

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 	Fish Stars 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.