



To care

## PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 1ST MAY 2026

**Thought for the Week:** "Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it what you put into it" – Oprah Winfrey

**Music for the Week:** "Running up that Hill" – by Kate Bush

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a very busy week and are getting very excited about their upcoming residential visits! We are incredibly proud of the program of trips and visits that we offer as learning outside the classroom is a fundamental part of what we offer at PCJS. However, none of our residential visits would be possible without our dedicated team of staff who consistently go above and beyond for the children in their care. Contrary to popular belief, staff are not contracted or paid to lead or supervise residential visits; they volunteer, sacrificing time with their own families in order to give our pupils fantastic extra opportunities. On occasion, children have not realised or recognised this and have forgotten to say thank you to the members of staff who have looked after them for 2-3 days. I know that it would mean a lot to the staff team if your child recognised their commitment and that they try to show their appreciation by demonstrating exemplary behaviour whilst they are away from home. A reminder that for all our residential visits, mobile phones, smart watches or tracking devices are **not** permitted. Children are also not permitted to keep any 'extra' food in their suitcases for any midnight feasts! This is because, in line with health and safety requirements, pupils must be supervised by an adult whilst eating. We are hopeful that the children will be a credit to the school and their parents and we hope that they all have a fantastic time, making lots of happy memories in the process.

### Year 4 Malham

The Year 4 Malham residential takes place on **Tuesday 5th May to Wednesday 6th May**. Children should arrive in school at the normal time and go straight to the hall, where medicines should be handed to an adult. Children should have their packed lunch, water bottle and any other items needed for the first day in their day bag. All information for this residential can be found in the information evening slides which were sent home via email on 9th March. These can also be found on the school website.

The residential trip will return to school for the end of the normal school day. If your child uses school transport, please let us know on Tuesday if your child will be going home on school transport or whether you will be collecting them from school. If your child is due to attend dodgeball club, please let us know on Tuesday if they will be attending their club, or not. This is so the staff on the trip know what every child is doing on the return to school. Thank you.

### Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 6th May**, it is the turn of **Mrs Hall and Mrs Wortham'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.

### After-school Clubs

Please note that due to the bank holiday, there will be no clubs on next week apart from dodgeball which will run on **Wednesday 6th May**.

Due to staff availability, dodgeball will not take place on **Wednesday 13th May**, golf will not take place on **Thursday 14th May** and 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**.

## PCJS Park Run Takeover

We are excited to announce that we are taking over the junior park run at Woodlands Park on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9am**. We are keen to support the park run and help them make a new record of attendees. We would like as many children as possible from our school to attend and to join our staff in dressing up as an animal to celebrate David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is a fantastic, free event for the whole family. If your child is interested, you just need to register through the following link: [parkrun | junior parkrun](#) and turn up on the day! We look forward to seeing you there.

## Cricket

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Owen back for a Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement Day. All the children had a fantastic time developing their throwing, catching, fielding and batting skills, as well as taking part in games they know and love.

We've been incredibly fortunate to have Owen working with our school over the past few years and we wish him all the very best as he moves on to his new role. If your child has enjoyed this cricket experience, please see the leaflets attached.

## Pickering Cricket Club

Has your child enjoyed the recent cricket opportunities? Does your child want to play more cricket? Then come down to Pickering Cricket Club on a Friday evening! We have junior teams for all ages. No equipment is needed, just wear sports clothes and bring a water bottle. £1 for a session with fully trained ECB coaches. See Mrs Staniland for more information. U9s (Year 3&4) 5.30pm-6.30pm U11s (Year 5&6) 6.15pm-7.30pm.

## Swimming

**Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 6th May**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

## Year 3 Music

Due to the bank holiday, there is no music lesson next week.

## House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Lincoln Greenwood, James Robinson, Max Forster and George Robinson.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Liliarna Gray, Maisie Cook, Lilli Deere and Katie Skelton.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: William Cawthorne, Adil Khan, Seren Jones and Erin Mckenzie.

## Year 3 Bushcraft

Please pay the final balance via Arbor in instalments or one payment, by **3pm on Monday 11th May 2026**.

## Year 5 Carlton Lodge

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

## Year 6 London

Please pay the final balance via Arbor in instalments or one payment, by **3pm on Monday 18th May 2026**.

## 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.

## Spare Blankets and Sleeping Bags

Are you having a Spring clear out? We are trying to gather together a small set of spare blankets, sleeping bags or even just slightly worn out old throws that we could take with us on our Year 3 Bushcraft trip for emergencies. Donations gratefully received.

## FoS Sponsored Walk

Please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible, and by **Friday 8th May** at the very latest. 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 this day, you will still need to provide a packed lunch should the walk be cancelled for any reason.

## Year 6 Mock SATs Week

The children have finished their mock SATs week and we are extremely proud of how they approached these tests with their hard work and attitude. A reminder that 'real' SATS week commences on 11th May. Please ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep and has a good breakfast every day.

## Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached the online safety newsletter for May. A reminder that if you have any concerns about your child's online use, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Special Mentions

Billy Calvert-Snowdon won the 'Player of the Year' trophy for Rugby - as voted for by the parents of the players. He plays for Malton & Norton Rugby Club. Well done, Billy!



On Sunday, Erny Dobson's football team, Brooklyn U9 Jaguars, reached the York Youth League finals day at Poppleton. Erny was honoured to be asked to be Captain for the match and even more excited when he got to lift the trophy with his team mates at the presentation following their fantastic 3-2 win. He was also awarded Player of the Month following the match. Well done, Erny!



Kirby U-11s, Zach, Henry, Billy, Archie and Ralph won at the York league finals day. Unbeaten in their last 10 games and crowned champions! Well done, boys!



## Morning Registration

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**. Thank you.

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

## Online Safety Information Session

Please find below some information about an online safety session that will be taking place (online). Please contact the school office if you would like the joining code.



Have a great bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

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**

<b>After-School Club</b>	
<b>Dodgeball</b>	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm

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.

	<b>Menu</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 	Chicken Katsu & Rice V Quorn Katsu & Rice Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Ham Sandwich Chocolate Cookie
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pud Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Cheese Sandwich Fruity Muffin
<b>Thursday</b> 	Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Burger & Baked Pot Jacket Potato- various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Jelly & Ice-cream
<b>Friday</b> 	Battered Fish & Chips Hot Cheese Panini Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Chocolate Lava Cake
	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.