



To care



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 22ND MAY 2026

Thought for the Week: “Success to me means serving a calling higher than yourself that improves the lives of everyone and is done completely in the name of service.” – Jonny Kim

Music for the Week: “Jerusalem” – Edward Elgar

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week this week in school with not one, but two(!) residential visits taking place this week—Year 3 at Bushcraft and Year 6 at London. The children on both visits have had a fantastic time, despite some pretty grotty weather. Thank you to all our parents for ensuring that the children had everything that they needed and were well organised.

School Uniform

Ahead of the last half term of this academic year, can I please remind all parents and carers of our school uniform requirements? We have seen a huge increase in children wearing trainers to school recently. As stated in our school uniform policy, trainers are **not** permitted. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform for after the half term holiday. Thank you.

Year 3 Bushcraft

The Year 3 children had a very successful Bushcraft trip despite the rainy weather. The children were enthusiastic and threw themselves into all the different activities such as fire lighting, shelter building and camouflage games and they showed great resilience in dealing with the weather, trying new things and being away from home. Thank you as always to all the staff who volunteered their time, Mrs Devine, Mrs Watson, Miss Scott and Mrs Spence. A special thank you to Mrs Barr for coming out of retirement to join us.



Year 6 London

Year 6 had a wonderful few days in London, having experienced the London Eye, a West End show, a private tour around Windsor Castle, a private theatre viewing and a tour round the Natural History Museum. The children did us proud. Thank you to Mrs Mintoft, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Bateson, Mrs Cook, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Overfield and Mr Head for accompanying the children and giving up their time to support this visit



My Happy Mind

We have recently introduced a programme to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. MyHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning in school, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more! To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account or use the QR code on the attached leaflet. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code **121356**. Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

Class Consultation

The 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 your child and class organisation for September 2026. Please be aware that any requests you made in previous years or requests that you made to the Infant School will not be taken into consideration, and you need to submit a new request for the new school year. 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

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 half-term holiday.

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| Year 6 'To Care' | Eva Thompson |
| Year 5 'To Care' | Imogen Firth |
| Year 4 'To Care' | Maisie Allardice |
| Year 3 'To Care' | Jack Wilkinson |
| Reading | Lola Lyth |
| Languages | Olivia Macmillan |
| Sports | Zach Backhurst |
| STEM | Dexter Elder |
| Arts | Catherine Howe |
| Humanities | Rory Stephens |
| Pickering | Hope Curtis |

Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Florence Gent won the reading raffle. Well done, Florence! She takes home a PCSJ bookmark and book token.

Year 3 and 4 Danby Visit

If you have not already done so, please sign up for your child to attend this trip, and pay the contribution, via the Arbor App by **9am on Monday 1st June 2026**.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Joey Hebblethwaite.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Toby Bointon, Imogen Firth, Willow Allanson and Adam Hodgson.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Vesper Holliday and Amelia Lumley-Senior.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: Evie McAfee and Matilda Greenwood.

After-school Clubs

Due to staff availability, Football (Hawkes Health) will not take place on **Monday 1st June**, Nature Rangers will not take place on **Tuesday 9th June** and Circus Skills club needed to be cancelled last week. Nature Rangers will therefore have their last session on **Tuesday 30th June** and Circus Skills will have their last session on **Thursday 2nd July**, 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 football and golf, will run for eight weeks: football and golf are 7 weeks.

Summer Serenade

If you wish to purchase tickets for this event, please return the slip and money by **Tuesday 2nd June**. Please can Singing Squad members have a practice of the song lyrics over the half-term holidays.

Pickering Town Investment Plan

A Vision for Pickering. Can you help Pickering Town CIC identify projects that could benefit the Community by responding to this survey? It should only take 5 minutes of your time but could have a profound effect on your children, family and peoples' lives who visit, live and work in Pickering. We have had a good response to the survey so far but are missing views from 'working age' residents; it is important to us, that parents' views are reflected when we consider future projects for the Town. [Pickering Town Investment Plan | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 1st June** it will be the turn of **Mrs Stanilands's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Swimming

Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' class continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 3rd June**. 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.

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.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Hall gave birth to a beautiful little boy last night so has started her maternity leave slightly earlier than planned! Stanley Daniel Hall was born at 22:07 weighing 5lb and 15oz. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Hall and her family many congratulations. We look forward to seeing her and meeting the new baby in a few weeks' time. A reminder that after the half term holiday, we welcome Mr Bateson (back!) to our school as he covers Mrs Hall's teaching commitment for the rest of this academic year.

Have a great half-term holiday.



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.

Calendar Dates

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| 1st June | Return to school Class consultation closes |
| 3rd June | Tempest Class Photos Year 5/6 History Day |
| 5th June | Botham's |
| 8th June | Sponsored Walk |
| 10th June | Mrs Devine's class to Danby |
| 11th June | Miss Scott and Mrs Metcalf & Mrs Morris' classes to Danby Ryedale School Induction Day |
| 15th June | Sponsored Walk reserve day |
| 17th June | NSPCC Workshops for Year 5/6 |
| 19th June | GOAL for Year 6 |
| W/B 22nd June | Last week of after-school clubs |
| 24th-26th June | Year 5 Carlton Lodge |
| 26th June | GOAL for Year 6 |
| 29th June | Class list to parents |
| 30th June | Evening Year 6 Play at 6pm |
| 1st July | Matinee Year 6 Play at 2pm Evening Year 6 Play at 6pm |
| 2nd July | Moving Up Day |
| 3rd July | Non-uniform day for FOS Summer Fair Lady Lumley's Transition Day Ryedale School Activities Afternoon |
| 6th July | Sports Day at 1pm |
| 8th July | Crucial Crew for Year 6 |
| 10th July | FOS Summer Fair Reports out Sports Day reserve day |
| 13th July | PCJS has got talent! |
| 15th July | Year 6 Leavers' Festival |
| 17th July | Botham's Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2pm Last day of term |

“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

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| Lunchtime Club | |
| Mindful colouring | Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45 |

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| After-School Clubs | |
| Gardening | Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm |
| Song writing | Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm |
| Football (Hawkes Health) | NOT ON THIS WEEK |
| 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.

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| | Menu |
| Monday  | Chicken Katsu & Rice V Quorn Katsu & Rice Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Ham Sandwich Chocolate Cookie |
| Tuesday  | Tuna & Cheese Panini V Pizza Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Cheese & Biscuits |
| Wednesday  | Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato-various filling Cheese Sandwich Fruity Muffin |
| Thursday  | Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Burger & Baked Pot Jacket Potato- various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Jelly & Ice-cream |
| Friday  | 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.