



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 16TH OCTOBER 2026

Thought for the Week: "The people who give you their food, give you their heart." – Cesar Chavez

Music for the Week: "Harvest Moon" - composed and performed by Neil Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everybody who attended the Autumn term parents' evenings. I hope that you found it useful to discuss how your child has settled in to their new year group. If you weren't able to attend this week, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office to make an appointment for after half term. Our Spring term parents' evenings will take place on 26th and 28th January 2027. In the meantime, if you do need to speak to a member of staff, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Year 3 and 4 Danby Moors Trip

Mrs Mintoft and Mrs Metcalf's classes enjoyed an exciting Stone Age themed day at Danby Lodge National Park Centre on Wednesday. Working in small 'tribes', children explored the grounds and discovered how Stone Age people used trees and natural resources. They investigated how the North York Moors landscape has changed over time and took part in practical activities, including building a Stone Age shelter and learning about fire-lighting techniques. Thank you to all our helpers who supported us on this trip. Mrs Devine's class will enjoy their day out to Danby on **Tuesday 20th October**.

Harvest Assembly

On Wednesday, you received a letter about our Harvest Assembly which will take place on **Monday 19th October** at the Methodist Church. As part of this event, we are asking for donations to Ryedale Community Foodbank, a fantastic organisation who support many local residents. The foodbank are in particular need of tinned goods—meat, fish, fruit and vegetables but whatever you are able to donate would be much appreciated. Our assembly will start at **2pm** and we look forward to seeing you there. If you are able to support the children walking down and back to the church on either the morning or afternoon, please let us know by the end of today. Thank you.

Friends of School Meeting

The next Friends of School meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20th October** at **5pm** in school. It would be lovely to see some new members so please do come along if you are able.

Book Fair

The Book Fair has now ended. Thank you to everyone who visited and bought books. You have earned school nearly £500 in rewards. This money will be used to buy more books for the treat trolley.

Forest School Request

Miss Holmes would like donations of long sticks for den building, small sticks for firewood, and sand for the fossil digging area. If you are able to send any of these items in, that would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 19th October**, there will be no Year 3 music lesson due to our Harvest Assembly. **Is this correct?**

Swimming

On **Wednesday 21st October**, Mrs Devine's class continue their swimming lessons. Children need their swimming kit (swimming costume/trunks, towel and goggles) in a bag. Earrings must be removed.

Special Mentions

Please send special mentions for the newsletter into school by **Wednesday** of each week, clearly stating that they are for inclusion in the newsletter.

Boosters and After-School Clubs

Boosters and after-school clubs return next week, except for Gymnastics club, which is not running due to staff availability.

Arbor App

Please contact the school office if you are having any issues with the Arbor Parent Portal App. The app is used for communications and payments to school and at least one parent/carer from each family needs to have the app. Thank you.

Tempest Photography

If you would like to purchase the individual and sibling photos that were taken last month, please order directly from Tempest via the QR code on the photo sheet. The closing date for free delivery back to school is **Wednesday 21st October 2026**. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at Customerservice@htempest.co.uk

Registration and Absence

The school day begins at **8.45am** when the class teacher takes morning registration. 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. Thank you.

Stephen Joseph Theatre

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents The Selfish Giant on the **26th and 27th October**. Please see the SJT website for details.



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 Devine**

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

Autumn Diary Dates

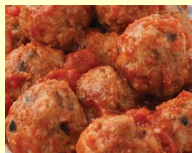
19th October (2pm)	Harvest Festival
22nd October	Break up for half term
10th November	Friends of School Autumn Disco
4th December	Friends of School Christmas Fair
7th December (6pm)	Carol Service
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	Riding Lights Performance
18th December	Enrichment afternoon

Year 6 Boosters	
Miss Scott Maths	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Mintoft Maths	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mr Bateson Reading	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs De Barr Reading	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm

After-School Clubs	
Musical Games	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Journalling	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	NOT ON THIS WEEK
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Golf	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

After-school clubs are charged at £2.60 per session (£20.80 in total) and all sessions of a club must be paid for, regardless of whether your child attends all sessions. Please pay via Arbor in advance with one payment, or on a week by week basis. All clubs will run for eight weeks and full payment should be made by **Friday 4th December 2026**. Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding will continue to receive free places for clubs, but we ask that you contribute to the cost if you are able to. Gymnastics club will not take place on **Wednesday 21st October** and will have their last session on **Wednesday 9th December**.

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 	Pasta with Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Hot Cheese Panini Tuna Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Lemon Drizzle Muffin
Tuesday 	Crispy Salmon Strips V Pizza Egg Mayo Sandwich Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato V Pancake, Fruit & Ice Cream
Wednesday 	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding V Veggie Sausage Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Chocolate Krispie
Thursday 	Chicken Korma & Rice V Vegetable Korma Ham Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
Friday	School Closed Staff Training Day
	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 £3.78 per day / £18.90 per week payable at the beginning of each week. Please keep your child's account in credit or with a zero balance. For parents/carers who would like to pay per term the cost for the Autumn term is £257.04. 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.