



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 2ND OCTOBER 2026

Thought for the Week: "Poetry is what in a poem makes you laugh, cry, prickle, be silent" – Dylan Thomas

Music for the Week: "Poetry in Motion" - Jonny Tillotson

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our parents' evenings in a couple of weeks' time. This is a great opportunity to discuss what sort of start your child has made to this academic year and it is really important that we meet with all parents. If you are not available on either 13th or 15th October, please get in touch to arrange an alternative suitable time.

A reminder that ALL members of staff can be contacted via email at admin@pickering-jun.n-yorks.sch.uk or admin2@pickering-jun.n-yorks.sch.uk. Please write who the email is for in the subject line and your message will be forwarded on. We aim to respond to all queries within 24 hours during the working week. Similarly, if you would like a phone conversation with a particular member of staff, please call a member of the office team who will ask the member of staff to give you a call as soon as they are able to.

Year 3 and 4 Danby Moors Trip

Our Year 3/4 children will enjoy an exciting Stone Age themed day at Danby Lodge National Park Centre. Letters came home this week. Mrs Mintoft and Mrs Metcalf's classes will visit on **Wednesday 14th October**, with Mrs Devine's class visiting on **Tuesday 20th October**. Working in small 'tribes', children will explore the grounds and discover how Stone Age people used trees and natural resources. They will investigate how the North York Moors landscape has changed over time and take part in practical activities, including building a Stone Age shelter and learning about fire-lighting techniques. A fun, hands-on day of outdoor learning! All children will need a packed lunch and these can be ordered from the school kitchen. The cost is **£3.78** or free to children entitled to free school meals. Please contact the school office, via phone or email, by **9am on Monday 5th October** to order a packed lunch. School uniform is not required, children should be dressed appropriately for a day outdoors.

Online Safety

Please find attached the October edition of our online safety newsletter. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's online use, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school next week! From Monday 5th October, children will be able to visit during morning break to browse the fantastic selection of fiction, non-fiction and novelty stationery. There really is something to tempt every reader! The Book Fair will also be open during our Parents' Evenings from 4.00–6.30pm, so why not pop in and have a look together? Every purchase helps us, too. School receives commission from Book Fair sales, which we use to add new books to our class libraries and Treat Trolley. Thank you for helping us encourage a love of reading.

Sports Leaders

Thank you to all of those children who have applied to be Sports Leaders this academic year. Miss Scott will announce the Sports Leaders next week.

House Captain Applications

All Year 6 children who are interested in becoming a House Captain have been given an application form this week. The form needs to be returned to their class teacher by **Friday 9th October**.

Nut Aware

Please be advised that we have a small number of children and adults in school who do have nut allergies. Please check your child's snack, lunchbox and cookery ingredients to ensure that none of the items contain nuts. Thank you for your help in keeping everybody in our school safe.

Swimming

On **Wednesday 7th 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.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 5th October**, Year 3 children continue with their music lessons. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

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.

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.

After-School Clubs

Places are still available at Musical Games (Monday), Nature Journalling and Music (Wednesday) and Golf (Thursday). Please contact the school office if your child is interested if any of these clubs.

FoS Meeting

The next Friends of School meeting will take place on **Tuesday 6th October at 5pm**. It would be lovely to see some new members so please do come along if you are able.

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be in school on **Tuesday 6th October** for Individual and sibling photos. Unfortunately, we can only offer sibling photos for siblings at PCJS.

Registration and Absence

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 that your child **does not** arrive at school before 8.30am without being accompanied by an adult. 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.

Special Mentions

Joe Harper was awarded Cub of the Year at the 1st Vale of Pickering Scouts group. Well done, Joe!



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

6 th October	Individual;/Sibling photographs
13 th and 15 th Oct	Parents' Evenings
16th October	Democracy Day
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	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
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. Due to Parents' Evening, there will be no clubs week commencing **Monday 12th October 2026**. 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 	Chicken Burger Vg Veggie Burger Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Toffee Apple Muffin
Tuesday 	Ham Panini V Pizza Egg Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Autumn Jelly Mousse Pot
Wednesday 	Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding V Quorn Pieces Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Shortcake
Thursday 	Mac & Cheese Vg Sausage Roll Tuna Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Flapjack
Friday 	Fish Fingers & Chips Hot Cheese Panini Ham Sandwich Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato V Iced Sponge 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 £3.78 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.