



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 22ND OCTOBER 2026

Thought for the Week: "Great accomplishments start with great aspirations" – Gary Hamel

Music for the Week: "Eye of the Tiger" - Survivor

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, we'd just like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for all your help and support with your child's education.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to come along and support the children at their Harvest Assembly at Pickering Methodist Church on Monday afternoon. Thank you also to all the staff who helped to prepare the children, particularly Miss Holmes and Mr Wood from Sing Education. Ryedale Food Bank were absolutely delighted with the donations that they received and wanted me to pass on their thanks for the wonderful gifts to local people at this colder time of year. In total, there was 51kg of food donated! A reminder that the Food Bank is open every Thursday 3.30pm to 5.30pm if you, or anyone you know, is in need of support.

Year 3 and 4 Danby Stone Age Day

Mrs Devine's class had a brilliant time on Tuesday on their 'Stone Age Day' trip to Danby Moor Visitor Centre. The children made a giant stone age timeline and learnt about how different trees were important to stone age people. They worked together to build shelters and learnt about fire lighting. The children's behaviour was good all day and they listened well to our group leader Polly. They also worked well in their tribes and it was lovely to see them encouraging each other and helping each other.



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.

Year 6 'To Care'	Regan Clare
Year 5 'To Care'	Bertie Robertson
Year 4 'To Care'	Evie Cooper
Year 3 'To Care'	Ruby Jenkins
Reading	Emilia Crowe
Languages	Arthur Holmes
Sports	William Hedges
STEM	Florence Beveridge
Arts	Jade Brownlee
Humanities	Dakota Fallows
Pickering	Alyssia Plowman

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Vesper Holliday, Lillie Plowman, Joe Harper, Mary Calvert, Pippa Mitchell and Sophie Price.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is **96.5%** which is slightly lower than our target of **97%**. Congratulations to the following classes on their excellent attendance:

1st	Mrs Mintoft's Class	98.1%
2nd	Miss Scott's Class	97.6%
3rd	Mrs Devine's Class	97.3%

Sports Leaders

After a highly competitive application process, our Sports Leaders for 2026-2027 have been appointed! Our Sports Leaders play an important role in promoting physical activity and positive attitudes towards sport across the school through organising and leading playground games and activities.

Congratulations to Erny Dobson, Billy Calvert-Snowdon, Bertie Robertson, Vesper Holliday, Catherine Howe, Willow Allanson, Charlotte Weighell, Francesca Wood, Rose Paxton, Charlie Allenby, Leo Wheldon, Huw Smith, Daniel Harrington, Phoebe Curry, Mia Houillibecq, Courtney Simpson and Chloe Palmer.

TTRockstar Day

On Friday 20th November, we will be holding a TTRockstar day where children are invited to dress up as a Rockstar and we will be having a focus on timestables!

Friends of School Disco

This week, your child should have brought home a letter for the school disco on **Tuesday 10th November**. Please ensure the slips are sent back by **Wednesday 4th November** if your child is able to attend.

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Fair on **Friday 4th December**. To help make the event a success, we are looking for volunteers to help run stalls, collect raffle prizes and create Christmas hampers. Any time or support you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch via the school office FAO Mrs Metcalf if you can help. Thank you for your support.

Craft Stalls

Do you know anyone who would like to have their own stall at our Christmas Fair from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on **Friday 4th December**? We are charging £5 per stall. Please contact the office, FAO Mrs Metcalf if you would be interested.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From **Monday 2nd November**, Poppies will be available for children to buy for a donation to the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be sold at morning breaktime so please send your child to school with some money if you would like to support this cause.

Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 4th November**, it is the turn of Miss Holmes and Mrs Wortham's class for their Cookery and Forest School sessions. **Year 5 are making fruity cookies, and Year 6 are making flatbreads**. 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. Please make sure that your child brings with them everything that they need.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 2nd November**, Year 3 children continue with their music lessons. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Swimming

On **Wednesday 4th November**, 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.

TTRockstars

Congratulation to all children who took part in the recent inter-class TTRockstars battle. The battle was won by **Miss Holmes/Mrs Wortham's class**, with Mr Bateson/Mrs Wilkinson's class as runners up. Congratulations to the following children who scored the most points in their respective classes:

Mrs Devine:	Rya Lander
Mrs Metcalf:	Maisie Cook
Mrs Mintoft:	Alyssia Plowman
Miss Scott:	Alfie Harland
Miss Holmes/Mrs Wortham:	Zach Backhurst
Mr Bateson/Mrs Wilkinson:	Lillie Plowman

Year 6 Application to Secondary School

The closing date for secondary applications is 31st October 2026. As this falls during the half-term holiday, we want to encourage any parents who have not yet applied, to do so by this date. Thank you.

Reading Raffle

Well done to Francesca Wood who won the Reading Raffle for this half term. Children earn raffle tickets by completing their three reads a week to an adult; the more you read, the better your chances of winning a prize! Francesca received her bookmark and book token in assembly yesterday morning.

A reminder that tomorrow is an INSET Day so have a great half-term! We return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.



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 Weetman**

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

10th November	Friends of School Autumn Disco
20th November	TTRockstar Day—non uniform
30th November	Flu Immunisations
4th December	Friends of School Christmas Fair
7th December (6pm)	Carol Service
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day

Lunchtime Clubs	
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

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. Gymnastics club 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 	Mac & Cheese Vg Sausage Roll Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Iced Sponge
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 	 Bonfire Party Lunch Sausage in a bun Vg Sausage in a bun Tuna Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Toffee Brownie
Friday 	Fish Fingers & Chips Hot Cheese Panini Ham Sandwich Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato V Flapjack
	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.