



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Thought for the Week: "The highest result of education is tolerance" - Helen Keller

Music for the Week: "Get Back" - performed by the Beatles

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! The children have all made a fantastic start to the new year and it has been lovely to see how well they have settled into school routines. Year 3 have particularly impressed us with their superb attitude towards their new school. A reminder that if you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of staff via the school office—telephone, email, letter or in person. If you are coming into the school building for any reason, please enter via the front door and sign in at reception. Thank you.

Open Evening

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to our Open Evening that will take place on **Wednesday 16th September 5-7pm**. There will be lots of different activities taking place in various locations around the school and maps will be available in the entrance hall upon arrival. We look forward to seeing you then.

Pickering Community Junior School
To Care Inspire to Aspire

OPEN EVENING

Discover our friendly school, where every child is valued, supported and inspired to achieve their best.

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026 5-7PM

- A CARING COMMUNITY**
We nurture respect, kindness and confidence.
- INSPIRING LEARNING**
Engaging lessons that spark curiosity and creativity.
- ACHIEVING TOGETHER**
High aspirations for all in a supportive environment.
- MORE THAN ACADEMICS**
A wide range of clubs, experiences and opportunities.

Come and see what makes Pickering Community Junior School so special!

EVERY CHILD. EVERY DAY. TO CARE. TO LEARN. TO ACHIEVE.

Meet our staff and pupils
Tour our school
See our learning in action
Ask questions

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School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child is dressed in full school uniform each day and that they bring to school everything that they need. With PE kits, the children often find that the easiest thing to do is to bring their kit in on a Monday and take it home for washing on a Friday but please ensure that your child definitely has their kit with them on the required day. A reminder that, following the Health and Safety directive that was issued to all North Yorkshire schools in 2024, the taping up of earrings for PE and Games is no longer permitted. Please ensure that your child is able to remove their own earrings before engaging in any sport or that they are removed at home before your child comes to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Healthy Snacks

Please can we ask for your support by sending your child in with a healthy snack to eat at break time? Please do not send in sweets, crisps or chocolate. We are trying to encourage more healthy options such as a piece of fruit, popcorn, vegetables or a yoghurt. We also need to remind you that glass bottles, fizzy drinks and nuts (or items containing nuts) are not permitted.

Year 3 and 4 Request

Year 3 and 4 will be looking at food packaging and the nutritional value of foods. Please can you send in any empty food packaging which shows the colour-coded values by **Monday 21st September**. Thank you.

FoS Meeting

The next Friends of School meeting takes place on **Tuesday 22nd September at 5pm** in Mrs Metcalf's classroom. It would be lovely to see some new faces so please do come along if you are able to.

Lego Request

Mrs Morris would be grateful if anyone has any Lego that they no longer require, that they could donate to school. Thank you in advance.

Pedestrian Safety

This week, there was unfortunately an incident whereby a member of the public was clipped by a passing car as they were walking along Middleton Road. This was in part due to the overcrowding outside of school. We appreciate that during the first week, there are more adults than usual gathering but please ensure that pedestrians are still able to use the pavements. If it is particularly busy, please opt to wait on the opposite side of the road where there is plenty of space. Thank you.

Jeans for Genes

On **Friday 18th September**, we are inviting all the children and staff to take part in a non-uniform day and to come to school wearing jeans or any form of denim. Please visit [Jeans for Genes Week](https://www.justgiving.com/id/jeansforgenesday63901) for more information. Please donate to this charity via our Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/id/jeansforgenesday63901?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Arbor Parent App

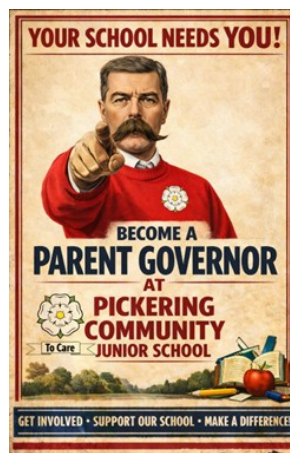
Thank you to everyone who has signed in to the Arbor Parent Portal App. If you have not done so already, please can you do this as soon as possible. Year 3 parents and carers received their login invitation via email in July. All parents and carers with parental responsibility for a child can have the app, and all notifications from school are sent this way. If you do not have the Arbor App, you are not receiving first aid and bumped head notifications, reminders and other school information. Please ensure that you have enabled 'push notifications' so you receive a notification as soon as a new message is sent and you can view the information in a timely way. Please get in touch with the school office if you need any assistance with installing or using the app.

School Meals and Dinner Money

The school menu for the week ahead is shown on the last page of the weekly school newsletter. The cost of a pupil meal is £3.78 per day which is £18.90 per week and payable up front at the beginning of each week. Please keep your child's account in credit or with a zero balance and do not allow your child's account to go into debt. If the account does go into debt, we will send you a message via Arbor prompting you to top up your child's account. If the account reaches one week of school meals owing (£18.90), you will be asked to provide a packed lunch from home until the debt has been paid. 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. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you need any help.

Parent Governor Election

In the summer term, you will have received a letter about a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. Hopefully, you will have given this opportunity to serve your local community some consideration over the summer holidays. The deadline for nominations is: **Friday 18th September 2026.**



Thank you again for all your help with settling the children back to school. 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

	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.