



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Thought for the Week: "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself" – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Music for the Week: "Deep Peace: A Gaelic Blessing" – composed by John Rutter and performed by Aled Jones

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a good week at PCJS and the children continue to settle well into new routines. A reminder that your child needs to arrive at school **between 8.30am and 8.45am** and certainly not *before* 8.30am. Thank you for your support with this.

After-school clubs

After-school clubs start next week, places have now been allocated and you will have received an Arbor message if your child has a place. The club timetable is shown on the last page of the newsletter. 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**. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child no longer wants their club place so that it can be allocated to another child. 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**.

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.

Parent Governor

We are delighted to share that Vivienne Hartley has been appointed as the new Parent Governor on our Governing Body. Vivienne brings a wealth of experience to the role and we are very much looking forward to her joining us.

Rocksteady

Last Wednesday afternoon, children from Year 4 - Year 6, who have signed up to Rocksteady, had their very first band rehearsal! There are still spaces left in some of the bands for new members to join so please take a leaflet from the school office if you would like to find out more. The instrument choices are: drums, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or vocals.



Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 30th September**, it is the turn of **Mr Bateson and Mrs Wilkinson's** class for their Cookery and Forest School sessions. 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. We are finding that increasingly, parents are sending their child in with money instead of ingredients. Mrs Morris holds enough supplies for her demonstration of the lesson (and a little bit for emergencies!) but we can not provide a store cupboard of ingredients. Please make sure that your child brings with them everything that they need. Thank you for your support with this and please ensure that no products containing nuts are brought in to school.

Singing at Pickering 1940's Weekend

We are delighted to have been invited to sing at the above event together with St Joseph's Primary School and Pickering Infants and on Tuesday, all children brought home a letter. Please return the reply slip to Miss Holmes by **Tuesday 29th September**, if you would like your child to take part.

Swimming

On **Wednesday 30th September**, 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 28th September**, Year 3 children continue with their music lessons. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Sports Leaders

Sports Leader applications should be handed in to Miss Scott by **Friday 2nd October**. Letters were given out to all interested children last week.

Kirkbymoorside Community Hub

Please see the attached poster advertising Kirkbymoorside Community Hub events. These are held at Kirkbymoorside Primary school and are open to all.

Special Mentions

William Cawthorne was chosen Player of the Match this week at his football match against Wiggington Stripes. Well done, William!



During the summer holiday Charlie Allenby achieved both his Start Award and Discover Award for kayaking. Well done, Charlie!

Lily Eddon has been nominated for being a DE Gymnastics Superstar, for showing great improvement in her skills work. She is always very determined and works hard in class. Well done, Lily!

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 from each family needs to have the App. Thank you.

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 to.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see the attached poster advertising the next Online Safety parent/carer session on **Wednesday 30th September 2026: 4pm – 4.45pm**. This session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the associated risks, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives.

Jeans for Genes

We are delighted to have raised **£51.00** so far from our non-uniform day last Friday. If your child wore denim last Friday, please donate to this charity via our Just Giving page: [Someone wonderful is fundraising for CGD Society](#)

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

28 th September	Clubs and Boosters start
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

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 	Battered Fish & Chips Cheese Panini Egg Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Oaty Cookie
	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.