



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 9TH OCTOBER 2026

Thought for the Week: "Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient" – Steve Maraboli

Music for the Week: "Suite Bergamasque, L.75-3. Clair de lune" – composed by Claude Debussy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our parents' evenings on 13th and 15th October. If you've not yet booked in an appointment, please do so by Monday at the latest. If you are unable to make either of these evenings, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office to request an alternative time. It is really important that we speak to you about how your child has started the year.

Year 3 and 4 Danby Moors Trip

Our Year 3 and 4 children will enjoy an exciting Stone Age themed day at Danby Lodge National Park Centre. Letters came home last 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!

Before School

Unfortunately, we have had a number of incidents this week which have taken place before the start of school. Some children are continuing to arrive at school before 8.30am, often unsupervised, and are causing some damage to our neighbourly relations by making a lot of noise or playing outside people's houses. A reminder that your child **must not** arrive at school before **8.30am**. We have also had some children coming on to school property before this time. Staff are not on duty until **8.30am**. Thank you for your support with this matter.

TT Rockstars Battle

The latest inter-class TT Rockstars battle begins today! Good luck, everyone!

Book Fair

The Book Fair is now up and running and children are welcome to bring in money to purchase books at morning break times. Stationery will be on sale from Monday onwards but unfortunately, we are not in a position where we can give change, so please send children with change if you can rather than notes. During parents' evening, our wonderful Friends of the School volunteers will be running the Book Fair and it will be open from 3.30pm until approximately 5.45pm on both evenings. Please pop along and support this.

Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 14th October**, it is the turn of Miss Scott'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. Please ensure that no products containing nuts are brought in to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Pickering 1940s Weekend

Some of our pupils will be singing a selection of 1940s songs alongside Pickering Infant School and St Joseph's Primary School. Please come along to Smiddy Hill on Saturday morning to give us some support. The children will be singing at 11.15am.

Year 3 Music

On **Monday 12th October**, Year 3 children continue with their music lessons. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Swimming

On **Wednesday 14th 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.

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

Please note there will be **no clubs or Year 6 boosters next week** due to parents' evenings taking place. Places are still available at Musical Games (Monday), Nature Journaling and Music (Wednesday) and Golf (Thursday). Please contact the school office if your child might be interested in attending any of these clubs.

Tempest Photography

The photographer was in school this week for individual and sibling photos. The proofs were sent home on Wednesday. Please order directly via the QR code on the photo sheet.

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.

Special Mentions

Ellie Chilcott has recently been appointed as an official helper at Butterwick Alpaca Farm where she helps to care for the many animals including alpacas, dogs, ducks, sheep, goats, tortoises, guinea pigs, chickens, rabbits and more! Here she is with the farm owner, Anna, in her new uniform. Well done, Ellie!



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

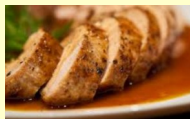
13 th and 15 th Oct	Parents' Evenings
16th October	Democracy Day
19th October (2pm)	Harvest Festival
22nd October	Break up for half term
10th November	Friends of School Autumn Disco
4th December	Friends of School Christmas Fair
7th December (6pm)	Carol Service
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	Riding Lights Performance
18th December	Enrichment afternoon

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR BOOSTER SESSIONS THIS WEEK DUE TO PARENTS' EVENINGS

Wednesday lunchtime mindful colouring club will continue this week as normal.

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 Nuggets Vg Quorn Nuggets Egg Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Apple Crumble & Custard
Tuesday 	V Pizza V Tangy Tomato Pasta Tuna Mayo Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Chocolate Brownie
Wednesday 	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding Vg Veggie Sausage Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato Vg Custard Cookie
Thursday 	Pasta Bolognese Hot Cheese Panini Ham Sandwich Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato V Fruit Jelly & Ice-cream
Friday 	Battered Fish & Chips Vg Sausage Roll Cheese Sandwich Cheese or Baked Bean Jacket Potato V Victoria Sponge Muffin
	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.