



## PCJS NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM - 6TH MARCH 2026

**Thought for the Week:** "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – Walt Disney

**Music for the Week:** "Wuthering Heights" - Kate Bush

Dear Parents and Carers,  
We've had another busy week including all the excitement of World Book Day! It's been lovely to welcome some warmer weather this week, too.

### World Book Day

World Book Day 2026 took place on Thursday and the children looked absolutely wonderful. Thank you for your support and efforts with their costumes. A parade took place in the hall and the children were able to show off their wonderful outfits. Originality seemed to be a theme this year and we had children dressed in outfits from a range of genres of book.

Our whole school book for the day was 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The children have produced blurbs, book covers, writing from imaginary worlds and told stories using this as a stimulus. Much book fun was had by all and photos can be seen on our Facebook page over the next few days.

Children should have brought home one of the specially created WBD books, kindly supplied by Pickering Book Tree. Alternatively, they will have been given a voucher to spend.



### Science Week

This year, our Friends of the School will be funding exciting science workshops in every class! These will be led by Love Science Ltd and will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. We would like to invite you into your child's class so that they can communicate their knowledge from the workshop. For 20 minutes, the children will become the teachers and teach you! If you would like to visit, please see below the timings for each class. On arrival, you will need to sign in at the school office.

Mrs Wortham and Mrs Hall	10-10.20am
Miss Holmes and Mrs Wilkinson	11-11.20am
Mrs Mintoft	11.40-12pm
Mrs Morris and Mrs Metcalf	1.20-1.40pm
Miss Scott	2.15-2.35pm
Mrs Devine	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 9.50-10.10am

### Year 6 Mini Police

Congratulations to our newly appointed Mini Police officers! Names were announced on Monday and the children had their first session with PCSO Ridley on Tuesday.

Well done to:

- Etta Appleby
- Emily Bell
- Margot Calvert-Snowdon
- Ralph Cook
- Jessica Eggleston
- Stanley Gibson-Fuller
- Betsy Hornby
- Harry Hoyle
- Eva Mallinson
- Jack Simpson

## Parent Governor

Congratulations to Dr Hannah Stephens who has been appointed as our new parent governor! Hannah has a wealth of knowledge and skills that she can bring to our team and we look forward to welcoming her to our Governing Body.

## Year 3 Bushcraft

Please return the slip as soon as possible to say if your child is taking part or not, and pay the deposit via **ParentPay** by **Tuesday 10th March 2026**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.

## Year 4 Malham

You should have received Malham slides via email from Tuesday's information evening. The children have also been given a medical form and a kit list this week. Please can medical forms be returned as soon as possible.

## Year 5 Carlton Lodge

Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **10th June 2026**.

## Year 6 London

Payments can be made via **Arbor** from **Monday 23rd March** and the final balance is due by **18th May 2026**.

## Bunny Bingo

Friends of the School are delighted to be hosting a Bunny Bingo Night on **Friday 20th March** at **5:30pm**. The event is sure to be fun for all the family. There are 4 bingo games in a book, charged at £5 a book. An individual can play all 4 games, or the books can be split between a family. There will be opportunities to win some egg-citing Easter prizes and refreshments will be available on the evening. If you would like to purchase a ticket for the event, please send the reply slip into school from the letter that came home with your child this week.



## Absences/Late Arrival

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. Delays in completing the attendance and dinner registers have a detrimental effect on the kitchen's ability to prepare the midday meal on time. Thank you.

## House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Olivia Davison, Harry Palmer, Klay Dews, Henry Porter, Lennon Murtagh-Warriner and Mia Houillebecq.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Archie Reed, Artem Yefremov, Bella Cunningham, Joe Harper, Alice Middleton, Zach Jones and Erny Dobson.

## TTRockstars

Congratulation to all children who took part in the recent Lower School TTRockstars battle. The battle was won by Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' class. Congratulations to the following children who scored the most points in their respective classes:  
Mrs Devine: Lillie Plowman  
Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris: Harry Welford  
Miss Scott: Seren Jones  
A new Upper School TTRockstar battle has now started.

## Year 3 Music

On **Monday 9th March**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

## Swimming

**Miss Scott's class** continue their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 11th March**. Please remind your child to bring their swimming kit to school.

## Cookery and Forest School

On **Wednesday 11th March**, it is the turn of **Mrs Devine'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.

## Arbor Parent Portal App

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to the Arbor parent portal app. It is imperative that this is done as soon as possible so that you can receive communications from school and pay for meals, trips and clubs when we move to Arbor payments on **Monday 23rd March**. Thank you.

## Friends of School—Win a Giant Egg!

Ryedale Lions Club have very generously donated a wonderful chocolate egg from Birdgate Chocolatiers. If you would like a chance to win this amazing egg, Friends of the School are running a lucky square competition. To enter please send £1 in with your child, in a named envelope and you will be assigned a lucky square on our grid in school. The egg will also be on display at our Bunny Bingo event on Friday 20th March and there will be an opportunity to enter here as well. The lucky square will be drawn on **Thursday 26th March**. Good Luck!

## ParentPay

As we will no longer be using ParentPay from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, between now and **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, please only credit your ParentPay account with the amount you actually need to pay for meals that are required. Meals are £3.48 and you can pay any amount from 0.01p. You can see in ParentPay any credit/debt your account already has when you next log in to pay. This will ensure that most ParentPay accounts will be at zero by 3.10pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please don't worry if your account is in credit as we will transfer this to Arbor. Any debt will also be transferred.

## Special Mention

Scarlett Harland has successfully gained places on both the Spring and Summer Intensives at Elmhurst Ballet school in Birmingham, as well as the Summer Intensive at The Royal Ballet School (White Lodge) in London. Scarlett will be boarding during these programmes, spending her days focusing on her dance training and gaining valuable experience at two of the country's leading ballet schools. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects her dedication and hard work. Well done, Scarlett!



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 DSLs** are: **Mrs Hall** and **Mrs Mintoft**

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**

Lunchtime Clubs	
Home Learning drop-in	Monday 12.15 - 12.45
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Song writing	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Nature Rangers	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	NOT ON THIS WEEK
Music	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Chess	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

Year 6 Boosters	
Mrs De Barr Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Hall Maths	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Mintoft Reading	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wilkinson Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Mrs Wortham Maths	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

	Menu
<p><b>Monday</b></p> 	<p>Chicken Katsu &amp; Rice V Sweet Potato &amp; Lentil Curry Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Ham Sandwich Chocolate Cookie</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> 	<p>Tuna &amp; Cheese Panini V Pizza Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Scone &amp; Jam</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> 	<p>Roast Chicken &amp; Yorkshire Pud Quorn Pieces &amp; Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Cheese Sandwich Fruity Muffin</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> 	<p>Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Burger &amp; Baked Pot Jacket Potato- various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Jelly &amp; Ice-cream</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> 	<p>Battered Fish &amp; Chips Hot Cheese Panini Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Chocolate Lava Cake</p>
	<p>Available Every Day Jacket Potato Fillings – Cheese and Beans Seasonal Vegetables &amp; Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt</p>