



PCJS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 10TH JULY 2026

Thought for the Week: "It's not just about winning or losing, but to learn about teamwork, to learn about sportsmanship, to learn about discipline." – Erik Spoelstra

Music for the Week: "Chariots of Fire" - Vangelis

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another hot one this week so we were pleased to have completed all our sporting events at the beginning of the week. Thank you so much to all our parents and families who were able to attend our Sports Day on Monday afternoon. We hope that you enjoyed watching PCJS sportsmanship in action!

Rabbits

During Wednesday's assembly, I was sad to share the news that our rabbits, Smokey and Midnight, have made the decision to take early retirement from their positions as much-loved PCJS pets. Having been initially bought towards the end of the Covid Pandemic to help settle our pupils back into the routine of school, Smokey and Midnight have been with us for over 6 years. Now into their twilight years, they are mindful of their workload and well-being and would like to take a rest from their daily duties—eating, sleeping, cuddling and looking cute! Thank you to Katherine, a former member of our cleaning team, for having cared for the rabbits during the weekends and holidays since they were baby bunnies. Katherine has kindly offered to care for them full time as they enjoy their much deserved retirement. We will miss them.



Potted Sports

On Tuesday afternoon, we welcomed Year 2 to PCJS to take part in the Potted Sports event. The Year 2 and Year 3 children worked in teams to complete a round robin of activities, as well as develop relationships for next year. Thank you to the Year 5 pupils who ran the activities - you were encouraging and supportive.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day took place on Monday. The children were enthusiastic, supportive and encouraging of one another and gave everything in all the events they took part in. In the morning, they worked as teams to complete a round robin of activities to gather points for their houses. In the afternoon, they competed in competitive races to gain further points. Points were also awarded for sportsmanship and resilience. Congratulation to this years winners - PEREDURUS. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event and to all the staff who worked so hard to ensure that this event was able to take place, particularly Miss Scott, our PE and Sports lead.

Friends of School Summer Fair

Today is the Summer Fair. All welcome!



Year 6 Leavers' Events

The Year 6 leavers' disco takes place on **Wednesday 15th July from 6pm till 7.30pm.**

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly takes place on **Friday 17th July at 2pm** and families of our Year 6 children are warmly invited to attend.

Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Crucial Crew on Wednesday, engaging in interactive workshops and learning invaluable life-saving and safety skills. The children completed workshops about anti-social behaviour, fire safety, water safety, drugs and alcohol and vaping and smoking.

School Reading Books

Please keep a lookout for any school books that you may have at home, and ask your child to return them to their class teacher. Thank you.

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Henry Gordon.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their silver award: Florence Roberts, Kacy Whitaker, Rory Stephens, Lincoln Greenwood, Klay Dews, Zach Backhurst and Beth Brown.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their gold award: Courtney Simpson, Olivia Cox, Frank Eddon and Erny Dobson.

Congratulations to the following children who have received their platinum award: Maisie Cook, Artem Yefremov, Florence Gent and Billy Calvert-Snowdon.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for **Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class have now finished.

Children's Commissioner's National Survey

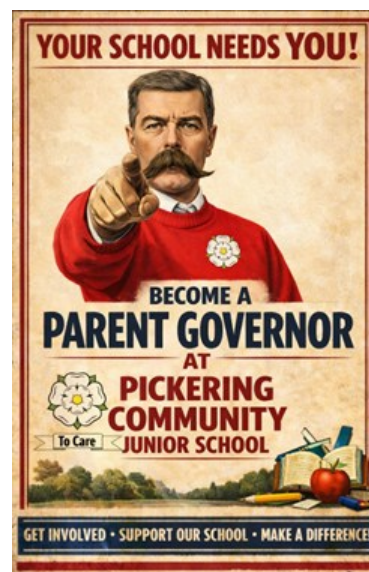
Please find attached a link to the above survey <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>. They would like to hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country.

Cookery Cabin

Mrs. Morris would love some new healthy eating posters in the Cookery Cabin! If anyone would like to make one over the summer holidays, please speak to Mrs Morris next week or bring in, in September.

Parent Governor Election

A few weeks ago, you will have received a letter about a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. Expressions of interest do not need to be returned until September so please give this opportunity to serve your local community some thought and consideration over the summer holidays.



Open Evening

Some advanced notice that we have made the decision to replace our traditional 'Meet and Greet' sessions in September with a whole school open evening. There will still be the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to have a look around the school and we are hoping to involve some of our pupils in the various activities that we will have taking place. The open evening will take place on **Wednesday 16th September 5-7pm**. 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!

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

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Water Safety

[Keeping Children Safe Around Water](#)- focuses on helping parents and carers speak to children about staying safe around water, highlighting key risks such as cold water shock and providing simple, potentially life-saving advice like “float to live.”

Registration and Absences

The school day begins at **8.45am** when the class teacher takes morning registration. Can you please ensure that your child arrives in class, ready to learn, by **8.45am**. Please ensure that your child **does not** arrive at school before 8.30am without being accompanied by an adult. 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.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the attached leaflets from Pickering Library with details of the events for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Children can sign up from **Saturday 4th July**. We hope that lots of our pupils get involved in this.

Pupil Meals

As we approach the last week of the school year, please check your child's dinner money account on Arbor and ensure there is either enough credit for all meals that are required until the end of term, or the balance is zero. From September, the cost of a school meal will increase to £3.78 per day, £18.90 per week.

Year 6 pupils —please only credit your account with what is needed to ensure that by **Friday 17th July** the account is zero. Meals are currently £3.48 and you can see what credit or debt is on the account before making a payment. Thank you.

Arbor

Please check your Arbor app regularly for in-app messages and emails. Thank you.

SENDIASS

Please find attached the Summer newsletter from SENDIASS.

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 Hall**

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

After-school clubs have now finished

	Menu
Monday 	Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Burger & Baked Pot Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato Ham Sandwich Chocolate Cookie
Tuesday 	Tuna & Cheese Panini V Pizza Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Jelly & Ice-cream
Wednesday 	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pud Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pud Jacket Potato-various filling Cheese Sandwich Fruity Muffin
Thursday 	<i>Leavers' Lunch</i> Chicken Burger Hot Cheese Panini Skinny Fries, Peas & Sweetcorn Jacket Potato- various filling Tuna Mayo Sandwich Peaches & Arctic Roll
Friday 	Battered Fish & Chips VG Sausage Roll Jacket Potato-various filling Egg Mayo Sandwich Chocolate Lava 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 £3.48 per day / £17.40 per week payable at the beginning of each week. For parents/carers who would like to pay per term the cost for the Summer term is £222.72. Please keep your child's account in credit or with a zero balance. 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.