

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Mastering Number



We have recently embarked on an exciting project alongside our local Maths Hub called Mastering Number. We felt that this project aligned well with the great Maths teaching already going on in school and will support work in developing children's fluency in calculation and further build their confidence and flexibility with number. We have three lead teachers in school, one for Reception, one for Year One and one for Year Two. All classes across these year groups are taking part in short, focused fifteen minute sessions four days a week. The programme uses apparatus called rekenreks and Numberblocks to understand mathematical structure. A photo of a rekenrek can be found below. The word rekenrek is Dutch for calculating frame.

A rekenrek has two rows of ten beads, with five red beads and five white beads on each row, which support children in learning number relationships.



Alongside this great Maths learning, our Friends of School continue to fund access for every child in Years One and Two to Numbots and children in Year Two to Times Tables Rock Stars. Login details can be found within their busy books.



Attendance News

Congratulations to Badger Class who have achieved a very impressive **99%** attendance for the Autumn 1 half term



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✉ Bad Weather Plans & Emergency Collection Arrangements
- ✉ Christmas lunch invite—packed lunch children only

Email:

- ✉ Nursery Rhyme fun Night Form—Nursery only
- ✉ Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct
- ✉ Allocation of Golf Club (Years 1 & 2 only)
- ✉ Allocation of Clubs (Years 1 & 2 only) w/c 11/11/24
- ✉ Nursery Children—Applying for a Reception School place
- ✉ Y2—Applying for a Junior School place
- ✉ The National Sleep Helpline
- ✉ The Sleep Foundation Workshop



Children in Need Day

Friday 15th November

This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need is '***Make Life Lighter for Children***, you are invited to wear something spotty if you have anything or any non uniform should you wish to take part. If you are able to and would like to make a donation, this can be done via JustGiving through the link;

[pickering-infant-and-nursery-school-1728901851338](https://www.justgiving.com/pickering-infant-and-nursery-school-1728901851338)

Online Safety and Gaming

As children begin compiling their Christmas wish lists, technology may certainly feature on some of these. It is sometimes hard to keep pace with this ever changing world. Knowing what technology is appropriate for your child can be daunting. For things like computer games, the easiest way to decide is by using the age rating, which also identifies what content makes it inappropriate for younger children. An example of this might be Call of Duty, which has an 18 rated certificate due to graphic violence and strong language. Many technology suppliers offer guidance and advice on gaming on their websites. One example is Vodafone who have a section, amongst others, on Games which gives a useful overview of the game and information on what parental controls are available - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/>

Skips Safety Net offers pages of simple information and advice on a number of areas relating to keeping children safe online, including relating to gaming - <https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/parent-guides/>

Registering for School

Do you have a toddler or know of anyone that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery or School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans. This is particularly important if your child was born between:

01/09/21—31/08/22 for Nursery place
September 2025

01/09/20—31/08/21 for School place
September 2025

Current Nursery parents please don't forget to complete your on line application for your child's place in Reception for September 2025.

Current Year Two parents will also need to complete the online application for their child's place at the Junior school for September 2025.

Clubs

Block one clubs start week commencing 18th November

Mondays 3.25-4.05pm—Puzzle Club

Tuesdays 3.25-4.05pm—Recorder Club

Wednesdays 3.25-4.05pm—Funky Foods, Gymnastics Club

Thursdays 12.35-1pm—Sing Squad—already started

Thursdays 3.25-4.25pm—Golf Club starts 14th November

Fridays 12.30-1pm—Get Creative

Fridays —Sports Club starts 8th November

Parent Code of Conduct

We are incredibly grateful that our school community all work so well together for the good of our school and our children. We always encourage parents and staff to talk to each other about any concerns. We ask that both staff and parents, no matter how difficult the conversation might be, always remember to be respectful in their communication. As such, our staff have been asked as they are every year to review our Staff Code of Conduct. In line with this, please find attached our Parent Code of Conduct for your reference.

Dates Reminder

Monday 11th Nov—Flu Vaccinations in school for those who have registered (Rec, Y1 and Y2)

Wednesday 13th Nov—Ryedale Folk Museum visit—Yr2

Thursday 14th Nov— Library Visit for Butterfly Class, Ryedale Folk Museum visit—Yr1, Golf club starts

Thursday 14th Nov—Additional Nursery parent meeting appointments

Friday 15th Nov—Children in Need Day

Week starting 18th Nov—Foundation Stage Nursery Rhyme week

Tuesday 19th Nov—Library visit for Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 20th Nov— Nursery Rhyme Fun Night—Nursery 3.35-4.15pm

Friday 22nd Nov—November Birthday Assembly 9.10am

The Importance of Good Attendance

Government policy states that parents and guardians have a duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly, on time and must provide an explanation for any absences.

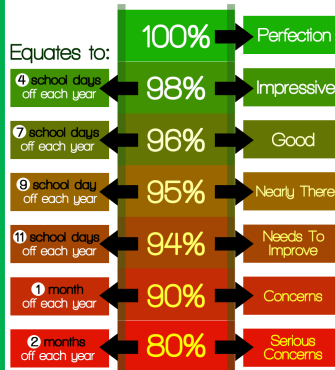
Is Your Child an Attendance HERO?

Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher

Red Letters

If children suffer a significant bump or

Attendance Ladder
How close are you to reaching the top?



injury at school, you will receive notification of this. For bumps to the head, at any point on the back of the head or forehead you will be given a red letter. This red letter includes advice from the NHS Head Injury Advice Sheet.

Library Visits

Your child will soon be visiting Pickering Library to learn more about the library and all that it offers. As part of the visit, we would like as many children as possible to have the opportunity to borrow a library book. To borrow a book, children need to have a North Yorkshire library card. If your child doesn't already have a library card please complete this online form ahead of the visit. Any



children that register for a card will receive it on the day of their visit to the library. If your child already has a library card, it would be appreciated if they can bring this on the day of the visit.

[https://forms.northyorks.gov.uk/service/register a child with the library](https://forms.northyorks.gov.uk/service/register-a-child-with-the-library)

ODD SOCKS DAY!

As part of national Anti-Bullying week, next week, on **Tuesday 12th November** we are asking the children and adults in school to wear odd socks. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.



Relief Midday Supervisors Needed

We are always looking for enthusiastic and reliable members of our community to join our existing team of Midday Supervisors to support the children over lunchtimes. If this is something that you would be interested in, please call at the office

for further information.

The National Sleep Helpline

03303 530 541

They offer support and guidance for individual families and also offer a parent and carer workshop. For further information about advice please see the attached flyers from The Sleep Charity.

The charity have also worked with Tutti Frutti, who performed at school recently, to produce an audio play to help children experience better sleep. Their resources can be found through the following link — <https://tutti-frutti.org.uk/projects/sweet-dreams/>

School Caretaker Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen within our school as North Yorkshire Council are looking to appoint a caretaker to work with our current team. If this is an area of interest please click the links below for more information and how to apply.

[Caretaker: Pickering Infant School \(FSC104807\)](#)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we all have a role to play.

If you have concerns about your own or another child's safety then you can speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Sarah Gillam or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Nicky Smith.

Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child to be at immediate risk, call 999. If you believe the situation to be urgent, please call: 0300 131 2 131

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms

Tel: 01751 472620 email: admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

