

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 18

13th June 2025



Music

In a continuation of our information sharing about our curriculum, this week, we are looking at the area of Music.

Our Music Curriculum is based on the 'Sing Up' programme and delivered weekly in classes from Nursery through to Year Two. Each term of sessions is based around a key song for each year group. There are lots of games and activities built around the song that develop skills and knowledge including in pitch, rhythm, beat and timbre. There are lots of opportunities for using voices, playing untuned and tuned instruments, listening and experimenting with combining different musical elements. The children are very much looking forward to sharing their favourite songs from the last year with you at our summer concerts in the last week of term. Information about these will go our with our next school newsletter.



Sing Up launched an annual celebration of singing in 2010. Overleaf is more information about this year's song. We will be joining in with a whole school assembly in the morning of 18th June and then our Year One and Two children will be walking to Pickering Junior School in the afternoon to join in with an afternoon of singing, before returning to school for the end of the school day as normal.

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ♪ Additional Transition Letter—selected Year 2s only

Email:

- ♪ Uniform order information
- ♪ Health and Safety in PE flyer - **IMPORTANT reminder around earrings in school included**

School Day

Rec, Y1 and Y2 doors open at 8.55am and close at 9.05am. End of day is 3.25pm

Attendance News

Congratulations to both **Squirrel** and **Rabbit** class who achieved 95% attendance for the two week period between 2nd June and 13th June.





Sing Up Day

Sing Up Day, 18th June 2025, started in 2010 and is a day to celebrate the power of song on health and well-being. Sing Up say about this year's song, "This year is all about **self-belief and tapping into our inner power**. We'll be learning a specially commissioned song called *In me I trust* by Ashleigh-Mae Schoburgh-Crooks. The song's lyrics act as uplifting affirmations, sure to leave participants feeling empowered." You can join in or help your child practice at home through the following link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Am5hfBRo178>

Absences during Term Time

We have recently had a number of leave requests for holidays. I am sure that we can all appreciate the benefits to our health and well-being of holidays and the important family time that it gives. Please be aware that holiday requests will not be authorised. There can sometimes be a misconception that, for our age children, that 'they won't miss much—it's just a week'. This is a crucial time in a child's education where the foundations for all future learning are laid. We are all aware how important solid foundations are for any structure. Children who are older, if they have the solid foundations that we build at this early age, will be far more capable of self-study to enable them to catch up on lost learning that holidays in term time cause.

We ask that parents try to avoid holidays in term time and take these in the thirteen weeks of school holidays. **All leave must be applied for in advance, this should be as far in**

advance as possible and at least 4 weeks before the first date of the period of absence being requested.

Annual Art and Craft Exhibition

We are rapidly approaching our annual art & craft exhibition which the children are eagerly working on in order to showcase the creative skills they have developed and would like to share with you.

We think you will be impressed!



Viewing times:

Wednesday 18th June 2025 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 19th June 2025 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 20th June 2025 3.30pm - 5.00pm

ParentMail Payment Accounts

This includes Nursery fees, Nursery Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please keep an eye on your balance to ensure there are sufficient funds to meet the payments. All payments must be made **within 7 days of a booked session or taking lunch**. Non-payment will result in the place being revoked until the balance has been cleared and the account topped up to cover future booked sessions/lunches. Thank you.

Illnesses

Whilst the main winter months are behind us for general coughs and colds there are still a number of illnesses circulating. Whilst we say if your child is generally well in themselves then



please do bring them into school, there is the exception of when illnesses are highly contagious and could have an impact on those within our school community who are pregnant or are immunosuppressed, such as chickenpox. If you think that your child may be starting with chickenpox we would request that medical guidance is sought.

Should chickenpox be confirmed, individuals should be kept away from school for at least five days from onset of rash AND until all lesions have crusted over. Should your child have symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they should remain at home until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return.

Please can I remind you that if your child is absent from school to inform the office of their absence. This is for all children in school including Nursery children. This can be done by either ringing school on 01751 472620 or by emailing admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Volunteers Needed

During the term we have lots of exciting visits planned for the children and we always welcome parental support with these. If you are able to join us for any of our visits please contact your child's class teacher.

Upcoming events to Remember

Monday 16th June—New Nursery Parents Welcome Evening 6pm

Tuesday 17th June—Nursery AM visit to Scampston Hall

Wednesday 18th June—Sing up Day

Wednesday 18th—Friday 20th June
Art Exhibition

Thursday 19th June—

Year 2 and Year 5 Map Day
Nursery PM visit to Scampston Hall

Friday 20th June— NO SPORTS CLUB

Saturday 21st June— Pickering Open Gardens 10am—4pm

Monday 23rd June—

Allotment Visit Hedgehogs and Butterflies

New Reception Parents Welcome Evening 6pm

Tuesday 24th June—Allotment Visit— Rabbits and Squirrels

Wednesday 25th June —

Allotment Visit Badgers
Year 2 and 4 four Curling

Thursday 26th June

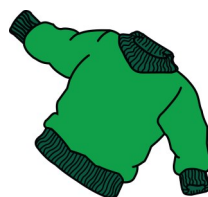
KS1 Castles Workshop

Friday 28th June—

June Birthday Assembly 9.10am
Summer Fair 4.30pm-6pm
NO SPORTS CLUB



Uniform



It has come to that time of year when we start to prepare for the new academic year. This often means the need to replace outgrown uniform. This can be done online via our supplier School Trends at www.schooltrends.co.uk, further details can be found on the attached flyer.

Parents/carers of children who will be in Reception, Year one or Year two in September, if you are eligible to receive Pupil Premium funding for your child you may be entitled to receive

three free jumpers/cardigans throughout the year. If you are eligible and you have contacted school in response to our email sent out on 9th May, school will have placed the order on your behalf. If you have not applied, but feel that you may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium funding please contact the school office for further information.

OPAL

The children and staff continue to greatly value the play opportunities that are afforded for our Year One and Two children at playtimes and our Reception, Year One and Two children at lunchtimes, which builds on the wide range of opportunities given to our Nursery and Reception children during their outdoor free flow. As we are sure that most of our parents will have seen and appreciate, play is a messy business! Our play areas often look rather untidy but we ask our families to look closely at the mess and try to see the 'super fast rocket ship', the 'house with a balcony and hot tub' or simply the

'den'. A huge thank you goes to our OPAL team of Mrs Carter, Mrs Kelly (and Mr Kelly!) and our lunchtime staff who give so much time and energy to ensuring the children have a wide range of high quality play opportunities.

MP3 Plea

We have a wonderful new sound system but need an MP3 player to use this. We try as much as possible with OPAL to re-purpose equipment and wonder whether anyone has a workable but no longer wanted MP3 player that we could utilise. Please contact the school office, Mrs Carter or Mrs Kelly if you do! The children would love to have more music at lunchtimes!



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](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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