

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 6

21st November 2025



Friendship and Anti-bullying Week

Last week was our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week themed around 'Choose Respect'. We have spent time in school talking with the children about the term 'bullying'. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as "unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose", which all of our children know is unacceptable. Our Year One and Two children spent some time categorising scenarios to decide whether they classed it as bullying or whether, whilst unacceptable, they were instances of children being unkind rather than bullying as part of expected child development.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to the children and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other. As with every aspect of learning, children learn these social skills at different times and in different ways. Part of the focus has been on helping our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying. Falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but this is not bullying. Parental support with helping our children to understand the difference would be much appreciated.

Handouts

- ✿ Christmas Concert letter
- ✿ Winter Fair Raffle Tickets
- ✿ Pantomime Ticket Draw Letters

Emails

Attendance News



Congratulations to Squirrels class for achieving 96.9% attendance for the three weeks from 3rd—21st November



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Children in Need Day



Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to this year's Children in Need via the Just Giving page. The total raised by our school community was £175.00.

Pantomime Ticket Draw

Once again Ryedale Lions have kindly offered us nine tickets (3 x 3 tickets) for Kirk Theatre Musical Society's performance of Snow White. The tickets are for the matinee performance on Sunday 18th January 2026 at 2.15pm. If you would like your child to be entered into the draw for a set of tickets, please complete the slip below and return to school by **Tuesday 2nd December**. Winners will be notified by Friday 5th December.



No Clubs Next Week

Please remember that next week, the week starting 24th November, the school activity clubs will not be on.

Also due to the Winter Fair there will be no sports club on Friday 28th November. All clubs will resume the following week starting 1st December.

Christmas Events

Information regarding the Christmas performances will be sent home this afternoon. Please return your ticket request forms to school by **Friday 5th December**. Tickets will then be



distributed the following week, please look out for these in book bags. If there are any additional tickets available after all requests have been met, we will notify you via ParentMail. This may not be until the end of the week beginning 8th December.

We will be visiting St Peter and St Paul's Church for our school Christmas service on Thursday 18th December at 2pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for this festive event once again.



Our Christmas Jumper Day will tie in with the last day of term on 19th December. This date is later than the 'official' Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Post Box Volunteers

As per the reverse of the diary dates sheet, our Christmas Post Box will be open for children to post Christmas cards throughout the week beginning 8th December. If any parent/carer is able to help out with the emptying of the post box at any time during the week of 8th—12th December, a sign up sheet will be available at the school office. This is normally undertaken by two volunteers each morning, just after registration.



Winter Fair

Our school community is very much looking forward to our Winter Fair on Friday 28th November 4.30-6pm. This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year and a great school event. In order to make it a success, our FoS are looking for your help please, in

either setting up during the day or on the night itself on some of the stalls



Donations of bottle bags are also required—please leave any at the school office

Donations of baking are eagerly sought! Any donations to please be brought on the morning of the fair to the school hall—please include a list of ingredients

Please see overleaf for further Winter Fair details.



Nursery Rhyme Week

The children in Foundation Stage have had a fun, learning filled week of rhyme during our Nursery Rhyme Week, following the national week last week.

Children have been listening to and joining in with lots of different nursery rhymes. This is important because a child's ability in their use of oral language is predictive of later achievement. So the better a child is at knowing, using and playing with words the more likely they are to be successful in reading and writing later. We hope that the parents, carers and family members who came to the Nursery Workshop enjoyed the activities that Miss Duck set up.



Online Safety

As children excitedly write their Christmas lists to Father Christmas, technology may well be a feature! For parents and carers, keeping up to speed with what your child is doing online can feel like a daunting task. There is a lot of support out there to help you to help your child keep themselves safe online. You can find a variety of links to useful websites on our website at <http://pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk/e-safety/> and we have also attached a useful leaflet with some top tips about online safety from North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Lost Property

To avoid your child's jumper or cardigan joining the mountain in lost property, please could we remind you to check that your child's name is clearly visible in clothing. This is the easiest way to reunite lost property with its owner.

We also have a growing number of items that have been found around the school site that may belong to parents, carers or visitors. If you think you may have misplaced something recently then please call in at the office to see if it has been handed in.



Winter Fair

28th November 4.30pm—6pm



Friends of School are busy organising the Winter Fair. The winter raffle tickets and information are in book bags today. Please hand in to the office or into the class blue basket. Please could you return any unsold tickets also. There will be plenty of stalls to visit on the evening and why not treat yourself to a delicious hotdog and cake!

The fair will open at 4.30pm and close at 6pm with the raffle drawn just before the end. We hope to welcome as many families to this event as possible.

Dates for the Diary:

25th Nov—Library Visit—Squirrel Class Volunteers required

26th Nov— Reception Pickering Walk 9.30—10.30am Volunteers required

27th Nov—Library Visit—Hedgehog Class Volunteers required

28th Nov— 9.10am November birthday Assembly

28th Nov—4.30pm-6pm—Winter Fair

2nd Dec—Library Visit—Rabbit Class Volunteers required

3rd Dec—Castle Museum York Visit—Year One

4th Dec—Castle Museum York Visit—Year Two

4th Dec—Nursery AM—Stay and Play 8.45-9.45am

8th—12th Dec—Christmas post box in the hall

9th Dec— Children's Christmas lunch

12th Dec—9.10am December Birthday assembly

Christmas Performances 16th and 17th December

Year One and Two —Tues 16th Dec 1.30pm, Wed 17th Dec 9.30am

Nursery and Reception —Tues 16th Dec 2.30pm, Wed 17th Dec 10.30am

Thurs 18th Dec—School Christmas Church Service 2pm—All welcome

Friday 19th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day & school closes for Christmas break.

Your support for your know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us 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 information

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