

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Theatre Productions

This week has been a busy week for theatre productions. On Tuesday morning, Year Two Rabbit Class were invited to Pickering Library to join Marsha Lowe for a fun filled session of dance and storytelling to find out more about the black dancers who blazed a trail through British ballet!



Yesterday, we had our annual visit from Tutti Frutti. This year, their production was 'The Hare and The Tortoise'. All children from Nursery through to Year Two got to enjoy a fun filled, high energy performance from the team. This valuable experience was generously funded by our Friends of School, meaning that no further contributions were required from families, other than your ongoing support for our FoS. One of their biggest fundraising events is rapidly approaching—The Winter Fair! As ever, they would welcome any support that members of our school community can offer. Anything from helping to run a stall to baking cakes to doing some of the background jobs like wrapping tombola prizes or helping set up on the day. If you are able to give them some time, please email fos@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk



Attendance News

Congratulations to Rabbit Class who have achieved an impressive **97.4%** 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 Clubs (Years 1 & 2 only) w/c 10/11/25
- ☐ Castle Museum Visit letter—Yrs 1 and 2 only
- ☐ Nursery Children—Applying for a Reception School place
- ☐ Y2—Applying for a Junior School place
- ☐ The National Sleep Helpline

Children in Need Day

Friday 14th November



This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need is '**Challenge Yourself**', 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 is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

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:

01/09/22—31/08/23 for Nursery place
September 2026

01/09/21—31/08/22 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 2026.

Current Year Two parents will also need to complete the online application for their child's place at the Junior school for September 2026. This needs to be submitted by 15th January 2026.

Clubs

Block one school activity clubs start week commencing 10th November

Mondays 3.25-4.00pm—Animal Encounters

Tuesdays 3.25-4.00pm—Gymnastics

Tuesdays 3.25-4.00pm—Get Creative

Thursdays 12.35-1pm—Sing Squad—already started

Thursdays 3.25-4.00pm—Funky Foods

Fridays —Sports Club starts 7th November

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest Golf Club will not go ahead for this half

term.

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 10th Nov—Flu Vaccinations in school for those who have registered (Rec, Y1 and Y2)

Thursday 13th Nov— Poetry Party for YR1 and 2,

Thursday 13th Nov—Additional Nursery parent meeting appointments—am

Friday 14th Nov—Children in Need Day

Week starting 17th Nov—Foundation Stage Nursery Rhyme week

Monday 17th Nov—Nursery Rhyme Fun Night—Nursery 3.35-4.15pm

Wednesday 19th Nov—Author Visit to school—Whole school

Thursday 20th Nov—Library Visit
Badgers 10am

The Importance of Good Attendance

The number of late sessions in school is at a great low! A huge thank you for everyone's efforts in getting children to school on time. It helps them have the best start for the day!

Is Your Child an Attendance HERO?

Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher



Red Letters

If children suffer a significant bump or 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.

ODD SOCKS DAY!

As part of national Anti-Bullying week, next week, on **Monday 10th 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.



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. There are specific help sheets for supporting sleep for children, young people and adults including relating to shift work, jet lag and menopause. It is a great source of help and support around sleep for the whole family!

The charity have also worked with Tutti Frutti, who performed at school this week, 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/>



Children's Health Service App

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by HDFT who deliver the Healthy Child programme this covers the whole county. It has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Childrens Health Service](#)



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.

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

Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn 1 half-term

Lewis	Evie P	Ella	Jack T
Finley HH-S	Ava	Matilda P	Dalton
Akmam	Aiden	Violet	Aubrey
Imogen	Thomas Sh	Harry C	Olivia A
Ruby P	Georgina	Mylo	Toby A
Logan R	Phoebe	Emilia	Dolly
Elouise T	Sam C	Lana	Rowan
Niamh	Teddy C	Noah	Theo H
Bertie	Lottie	Ruth	Caleb
Oscar	Eloisa H	Finley G	Felix
Reggie	Odelia	Arthur H	Thomas Se
Toby D	George M	Ruby J	Tristan
Jack E	Lennie S	Alfie	Daniel
Orson	Penny A	Kaycee	
Maggie	Dottie	Morgan	
Ayla-Jane	Jenson	Lucy	
Remy M	Axel	Alex	

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