

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 7

5th December 2025







Keeping Safe

Safeguarding our children is one of our most important jobs as education staff and as a school. Keeping safe is also an important part of our curriculum for the children. You may have seen on Facebook or heard from your children that last week we had a visit from Pantosaurus!



Mrs Smith also sent information out last week about the lockdown procedures that we had a live opportunity to practice due to a dog on the loose! We linked this to our fire practice and systems in school for keeping safe. In some of our classes this sparked a lot of questions and conversations about what the children would do if there was a fire at home. In these circumstances, staff have stressed the need for children above all else, including teddy bears, to get themselves out of the building. However, all family and home circumstances are different and so we wanted to share that this may be an ideal opportunity to discuss your family plans in the event of a fire. North Yorkshire Fire Service have lots of useful bits of information to help you with this at <https://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/your-safety/safe-at-home/>

Handouts:

-  Bus children only letter
-  Pizza Party lunch invitation (packed lunch children only)
-  Sports Club letter Years 1 & 2 only
-  Silent Auction letter

Email:



Attendance News for the two weeks to 5th December—Congratulations to Rabbits Class with 95% attendance



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Christmas Jumper Day—In aid of Save the Children



On Friday 19th Dec (Different date to the national day) your child is invited to come to school in their Christmas or winter jumper instead of their usual school jumper. We ask that children still please wear the rest of their usual school uniform. If you would like to, and are able to make a donation to Save the Children this can be done using the Just Giving link below

[Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

Winter Fair

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Winter Fair this year. It was a joy to see so many families in our school being as generous as always. We were able to raise a huge £1880 on the night which we hope will finish up over £2000 once the bids for the silent auction have been taken into account. A huge thank you must go to all the local businesses, who without their support this event would not be the success it is. Friends of school support your children in so many different ways from providing resources to funding events and outings for all of the children. An enormous thank you must go, without doubt, to our volunteers who spent many hours preparing for this fun filled evening.

Christmas Post Box



If your child would like to send a Christmas card to friends in school, the school post box will be open

from Monday 8th to Friday 12th December in the hall. Please make sure that the **recipient's first name (and surname if known) and class** are clearly written on the envelopes - this makes sorting much easier and there are no disappointed children whose cards do not reach their destination!

Please **DO NOT** send any cards in after the 12th. If anyone would like to help to sort the cards in a morning, your help would be greatly appreciated, please sign up at the office.

Christmas Lunch

On **Tuesday 9th December**, our children will join together for their Christmas lunch. Please note we will not be serving the sandwich choice on this day.

Menu



Meals will differ from those advertised during the week beginning 8th December due to the special Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 9th December**. This

will include a swap to crunchy topped mac 'n' cheese, sweet potato curry or tuna sandwich on Wednesday.

Nativity Photographs

School will be selling Nativity photographs, which will be displayed in the school entrance from **Wednesday 10th December – orders will be taken up until Friday 12th at 12 noon.**

Please note this is actually the week before the performances are being held. We will aim to get these to you by the end of term.

Order by Friday 12th December to avoid disappointment as we will be unable to accommodate late orders.

Photographs and videos by parents are not permitted as it disrupts the performances and potentially breaches the rights of families by having unconsented images of their child shared.

Illness

At this time of year there are lots of different illnesses and bugs around in the community. 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 emailing admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Christmas

On Monday 24th November vouchers were issued to all families whose children

are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer.

Don't worry if there's a waiting list - it doesn't always mean that an activity is full. To ensure that a wide range of families get to take part in FEAST, providers wait a number of days after vouchers are issued before accepting any bookings. Please request a place and you should receive notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings visit the link [What is FEAST - North Yorkshire Together](#)



Pantomime Ticket Winners



Congratulations go to;

Maisie— Badgers

Ava-Rose—Hedgehogs

Jack E—Rabbits

who are our lucky winners of tickets to attend the Pickering Pantomime—Snow White in January courtesy of donated

ATTENTION



No Photographs

Please respect the privacy of others.

DO NOT

take photographs on the school grounds

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

tickets from Ryedale Lions.

Arriving on time



Thank you to those parents who ensure that children arrive at school on time and prepared for the day. We ask all parents to make every effort to get children to school on time as arriving in class late can mean that children miss important information about the day and feel uncomfortable or unsettled arriving in class when their classmates have already started their day. We appreciate that sometimes, despite our best efforts, there are occasions where you may arrive slightly late. If you do, please bring your child to the office to sign them in. They will be marked in the register as late. This is to ensure that our legally required registration documents are accurate and that we have an accurate record of which children are in school. This also allows us to ensure that a dinner is ordered for every child.

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 2026

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. **Closing date 15th January 2026.**

Spare Clothing

For a wide range of reasons, there are times when children across school need a change of clothes. We have a small supply of underwear and donated school clothing. Please could we ask that you ensure that you wash and return these ready for someone else to use if your child has needed changing during the school day. We are also in great need of any donated trousers, underwear, tights and socks for both girls and boys (all ages!) Any donations are gratefully received through the office or classrooms.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th December— School Christmas lunch

Wednesday 10th Dec—Mini Sing Squad to sing at Mickle Hill (We would welcome volunteers to join us. We aim to leave school approx. 9.30am to return in time for lunch. Please let Mrs Carter know if you can help by emailing badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Friday 12th Dec—December Birthday Assembly 9.10am

Christmas Performances—Nursery, Butterflies and Ladybirds

Tuesday 16th—2.30pm, Wednesday 17th - 10.30am

Christmas Performances— Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badgers and Rabbits

Tuesday 16th - 1.30pm, Wednesday 17th— 9.30am

Thursday 18th Dec—School Christmas Church Service 2pm All Welcome

Friday 19th Dec — Christmas Jumper Day—in aid of Save the Children (This is different to the national Jumper Day)



School Closes for Christmas

School closes for Christmas at normal finish time on Friday 19th December and re-opens to children on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



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