

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 14

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Music Learning and Fun!

The last few weeks have seen lots of extra musical experiences as well as our usual curriculum teaching and learning. On Monday 16th March, we were joined in school by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra for a Musical Storyland performance of Ananse and the Monkey and Ananse and the Drum. Children from Nursery through to Year Two got to enjoy this musical and story telling performance.

On Monday 23rd March, Jenny returned to school to lead workshops with our Reception children. She brought her piccolo, flute, alto flute and bansuri flute with her. The children enjoyed listening and responding to the music, joining in with a variety of songs and chants and exploring the use of percussion instruments.



Thank you to our Friends of Pickering Infant and Nursery School for funding both events.

A little earlier than in the last few years, we celebrated worldwide Sing Up day this week with our Year One and Two children sharing a performance of this year's song, 'We get up again'! More photos of all of these events can be found on our Facebook page.

Handouts:

- 🌷 Transport letter for Summer 1—School transport children only
- 🌷 Diary Sheet for April—May 2026
- 🌷 Sports Club letter -Years one and two only
- 🌷 Food in School Holiday forms—eligible children only

Email:

- 🌷 Diary Sheet for April—May 2026



Attendance

Congratulations to Squirrel Class with 96.4% attendance for the Spring 2 half term.



Dates for your Diary.

-  Friday 27th March—Break up for the Easter break
-  Monday 13th April—School reopens
-  13th-17th April—No Block Two Activity Clubs this week.
-  Tuesday 14th April—Library Visit Rabbit Class
-  Thursday 16th April—Library Visit Badger Class
-  Friday 17th April— Summer Sports Club starts 3.25-4.25pm
-  Tuesday 21st April—Library Visit Hedgehog Class
-  Thursday 23rd April—Library Visit Squirrel Class
-  Friday 24th April—April Birthday Assembly 9.10am

ParentMail Payment Accounts

As we approach the end of the financial year, we would be extremely grateful if you could ensure that your child's payment accounts are paid up to date. This will include Nursery fees, Nursery lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please could this be done by the end of March. Thank you

Appointments

We would like to ask that, wherever possible, any appointments for children are made for after school or during holidays rather than during the school day particularly for dentist, doctor and optician appointments. We understand that this is sometimes not possible. In these cases, please let the office know so that they can ensure that lunch orders are correct and know when to expect the adult to collect your child. Please also let them have a copy of your child's appointment letter so that this can be recorded as authorised.

'I need to talk'

Life is incredibly busy and sometimes we all need the opportunity to sit down with someone and talk about things. Our staff work hard to build positive, trusting relationships with the children to ensure that they all feel that the staff across school are safe adults who they can talk to. Sometimes though they may be a little unsure about how to ask an adult for some time to talk. In every class, there is a 'feelings tree' where children are encouraged to put their photo on appropriate leaves to reflect their feelings across the day. The class teachers have a smaller version of this near their desk which children can put their photo from the larger tree onto to indicate that they need to talk. Please remind the children of this system at home to help them to understand that this is something that they should do if they need to.

Meningitis

There has been a lot of recent media coverage about an outbreak of Meningitis in the Kent area. Although this is isolated to that area at the moment and means our community is at no higher risk of contracting than at any other time it felt a useful time to share a link with further information - <https://www.meningitis.org/about-meningitis/symptoms/>

Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved 100% attendance during the Spring term



Luke	Lottie	Jack Ed
Rex	George Mc	Alyssia
Lewis	Penny A	Alex
Finley HH-S	Jenson	Aubrey
Logan W	Oscar G	Max
Toby D	Isabelle J	Oswald
Jack Ev	Theo M	Caleb
Orson	Matilda	Emma
Ava	Biddy	Felix
Aiden	Mylo	Tristan
William S	Theo C	Albert
Phoebe	Lana	
Sam C	Noah	

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

Governors Spring 2026 Report to Parents

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, it's hard to believe quite how quickly it has gone. We seem to have moved in no time from snow and icy mornings to the first signs of spring - snowdrops, crocuses and now daffodils appearing around the school.

Reading has been a clear focus for the school this term, and it has been lovely to see the enthusiasm around books, particularly during World Book Day. This year's national focus on reading feels very fitting for our school, where fostering a love of reading is such an important priority. Thank you to those who supported the school by purchasing books from the Amazon wish list last term - your generosity helps to keep our classrooms stocked with books for all children to enjoy.

Looking ahead, many families will soon be receiving news about school places - whether that is for children moving on to junior school from Year 2, or those joining us in Reception in September. This is an exciting time for the school community, and we know the summer term will include lots of opportunities to support children and families with these important transitions. . We also currently have places available in our nursery - if you, or friends and family, are interested, we would encourage you to get in touch. Our nursery provides a strong start for children and helps children feel ready and settled when they start in Reception.

As governors, we continue to work closely with the school to support and challenge its work. One area we monitor carefully is attendance. Strong attendance is closely linked to children's progress, wellbeing and sense of belonging in school. While attendance remains positive overall, it is an area we are keen to continue strengthening, and we appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring children attend school regularly and on time.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the dedication of staff, governors, parents, carers and the wider community – with all of this making Pickering Infant & Nursery School such a special place for our children.

We are grateful for the continued support and commitment from across the school community - staff, governors, parents, carers and volunteers - which plays such an important role in the experience of all our children.

We hope you all have a restful break and enjoy the signs of spring over the Easter holidays.

With warm wishes from all the governors.

Alice Coates

Chair of Governors