

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 17

15th May 2026

 Sat 13th June
Pickering
Open Gardens



Friends of Pickering Infant and Nursery School (FoPINS)

Whilst school funding continues to rise per pupil this is largely overshadowed by increasing costs that schools are not supported with. This means that school budgets, including ours, remain under severe pressure.

We are incredibly lucky to have a hard working, dedicated group of people who work tirelessly to raise funds to make sure that our children continue to have access to high quality resources and experiences that school can otherwise no longer afford.

There are lots of updates from FoPINS in our newsletter so please read on for further information.

FoPINS and Friends of Pickering Junior school have joined together to create a wonderful community event on 13th June, 10am—4pm - Pickering Open Gardens. Some gardens will be offering refreshments (cash only please) such as cold drinks, cakes, ice creams to name a few. **Tickets are £5, available from Reed Newsagents.**

As part of this our school grounds will be open on this date for families to come to explore and enjoy. There will be opportunities to explore our sensory garden and forest school as well as enjoy OPAL play. We often hear from families of our past pupils, how much they miss this and so this is a great opportunity to bring them back to visit and play.

Handouts:

These will be sent home in book bags—don't forget to check for them!

- ☀️ Transport letter for Summer 2—School transport children only
- ☀️ Summer 2 Diary Sheet

Email:

These will be sent out via ParentMail—so watch out for them on the App.

- ☀️ Summer 2 Diary Sheet
- ☀️ Year 1 and 2 NYMR and Whitby Beach visit letters



Attendance

Congratulations to **Squirrel Class** with **98.51%** attendance for the two weeks from 5th - 15th May 2026.



Dates for your Diary

- ☀️ **Thursday 21st May** - 1.10pm Reserve Sports Day
- ☀️ **Friday 22nd May** - Non uniform day - in exchange for a raffle prize
- ☀️ **Friday 22nd May** - 9.10am May Birthday Assembly, **Break up for half term.**
- ☀️ **Monday 1st June** - **School reopens**
- ☀️ **Monday 1st June** - Allotment Visit - Year 2
- ☀️ **Tuesday 2nd June** - Allotment Visit - Year 1
- ☀️ **Wednesday 3rd June** - Skateboard morning - Years 1 and 2
- ☀️ **Thursday 4th June** - Allotment Visit - Reception
- ☀️ **Friday 5th June** - Summer Sports Club resumes 3.25-4.25pm



Class Photos

Links for ordering the class photographs were sent out earlier in the week via ParentMail. You will have approximately 14 days from then to receive free delivery back to school when you place your order.



Sponsored Bounce

Last week our Friends of School Team organised our annual Sponsored Bounce, lots of fun was had by everyone involved! Please could all sponsor money be returned by **Thursday 4th June**.



School Visits

During the next half term we have lots of exciting visits planned for the children and we always welcome parental and adult support with these. Without additional support these events and visits can not take place. If you are able to join us for any of our visits please contact your child's class teacher via the class email.

Allotment Visits - See above 'Dates for your Diary' section for specific year group dates

16th June: Year 2 visit to NYMR

18th June: Year 2 Map afternoon with Year 5 Junior School children volunteers required to walk there and back from the Junior school.

23rd June: Year 1 and 2 visit to Whitby

25th June: Reception visit to Filey

30th June: Nursery AM visit to Dalby Forest

9th July: Nursery PM visit to Dalby Forest

7th July: Potted sports Year 2 at the Junior school 1pm -3pm Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate Parent spectators this year, but we will require volunteers to join us to walk there and back please.

7th July: Year 1 visit to NYMR

Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child brings a clearly named water bottle containing water (not juice or flavoured water) into school. Fruit squash and flavoured waters are acidic and can cause tooth erosion, particularly when drunk between meals. Water bottles in classes are for keeping children hydrated and must therefore contain only plain water.



Friends of School Facebook Page

Please support and stay up to date with our Friends of School by following their new Facebook page www.facebook.com/fopins - any likes, shares and comments on our social media posts are always appreciated!



Lost Property

We have a number of items of clothing in school currently without names. These will be put out in the Eastwing Playground for parents to browse through after school tonight for the final time this half term, weather permitting, to see if they recognise any items. Any unclaimed item will be given to Friends of School for their second hand uniform stall that they hold at various events. Visibly named jumpers are always returned home, however on occasions these may have been taken home by a different child by mistake. Please can you check at home that all items of clothing are yours and if you have another child's items return them to school and we will reunite them with their owners.

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

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