

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 18

### 5th June 2026



#### Enjoying the school grounds

We are very lucky to have a huge amount of space in our school grounds. This is one thing that has been of huge advantage when developing our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) offer which our children love and hugely benefit from. For those families who may not know a lot about OPAL and for those families who love the OPAL offer, there are two upcoming opportunities to access this with your child out of school hours. The first of these is to celebrate UNICEF's International Day of Play on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Families are encouraged to join us anytime 5.30-6.30pm. Linked to children's rights Article 31, children will also have an extra 31 minutes of playtime on this date too! Our double platinum OPAL award is testament to our school and staff team's dedication to ensure that our children's childhoods are filled with a broad range of opportunities for play that compliment those provided by families outside of school.

We also have our school grounds open (as well as a raffle and plenty of sweet treats to purchase) for Pickering Infant and Nursery Friends of School Open Gardens on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind families that we spend a lot of time teaching the children how to play with the equipment safely (and will provide guidance around this on our open days) and a lot of time organising resources. To this end we ask that children do not play with the resources in the school grounds at the start and end of school days.

#### **Handouts:**

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

- ♪♪ Additional Transition Letter—selected Year 2s only
- ♪♪ Special Dietary Forms—specific children only
- ♪♪ Nursery Dalby Visit letter

#### **Email:**

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

- ♪♪ Uniform order information
- ♪♪ School Trends Discount Code Information
- ♪♪ Health and Safety in PE flyer - IMPORTANT reminder around earrings in school
- ♪♪ Class Friendship Request
- ♪♪ Reception Filey Beach letter
- ♪♪ Revised Diary Sheet June-July



#### **Attendance**

Congratulations to **Squirrel Class** with **98.44%** attendance for the Summer 1 half term.



### Dates for your Diary

- ☀️ Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - International Day of Play - OPAL stay and play open to parents 5.30pm-6.30pm
- ☀️ Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Open Gardens 10am - 4pm
- ☀️ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - New to Nursery Welcome meeting - 6pm
- ☀️ Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Train visit
- ☀️ Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Art Open Morning 9.15-10.45am parents welcome
- ☀️ Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Map Afternoon Year 2 and Year 5
- ☀️ Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - New to Reception Welcome meeting - 6pm
- ☀️ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - New to Year 1 and 2 Welcome meeting - 6pm



### **Waste Management Workshops Years One and Two**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, the NYCC Waste Management team will be delivering some workshops to our KS1 children. For these we are in great need of cardboard boxes and empty containers for an exciting activity. If you have any empty boxes or containers please can you send these in to your child's classroom by this date. Please ensure that these containers have not contained any products containing nuts or medication.

### **ParentMail Payment Accounts**

This includes Nursery fees, Nursery Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please keep an eye on your balance to ensure there are sufficient funds to meet the payments. All payments must be made **within 7 days of a booked session or taking lunch**. Non-payment will result in the place being revoked until the balance has been cleared and the account topped up to cover future booked sessions/lunches.

With our anticipated move to a new payment system from September 2026 please ensure that all outstanding payments in ParentMail are paid by the end of the summer term. Thank you.



### **Uniform**

It has come to that time of year when we start to prepare for the new academic year. This often means the need to replace outgrown uniform. This can be done online via our supplier School Trends at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk), (see the attached flyer.)

Parents/carers of children who will be in Reception, Year one or Year two in September, if you are eligible to receive Pupil Premium funding for your child you may be entitled to receive three free jumpers/cardigans throughout the year. If you are eligible and you have contacted school in response to our email sent out on 15<sup>th</sup> May, school will have placed the order on your behalf. If you have not applied, but feel that you may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium funding please contact the school office for further information.

### **Volunteers Needed**

During the term we have lots of exciting visits planned for the children and we always welcome parental support with these. If you are able to join us for any of our visits please contact your child's class teacher.

### **Absences during Term Time**

We have recently had a number of leave requests for holidays. I am sure that we can all appreciate the benefits to our health and well-being of holidays and the important family time that it gives. Please be aware that holiday requests will not be authorised. There can sometimes be a misconception that, for our age children, that 'they won't miss much—it's just a week'. This is a crucial time in a child's education where the foundations for all future learning are laid. We are all aware how important solid foundations are for any structure. Children who are older, if they have the solid foundations that we build at this early age, will be far more capable of self-study to enable them to catch up on lost learning that holidays in term time cause.

We ask that parents try to avoid holidays in term time and take these in the thirteen school holiday weeks. All leave must be applied for in advance, as far in advance as possible and at least 4 weeks before the first date of the absence being requested.

Don't forget to look out for the training days on the term dates sheet for the next academic year (see attached) as this may give the opportunity to incorporate these into your annual holiday outside of the regular term time, which can reduce the financial impact of holidays for families.

### **School events update**

#### **Skateboard morning**

The children were incredibly disappointed not to be able to have our skateboard morning for Years One and Two. Sadly, the instructor was in hospital and children did a great job managing their disappointment accordingly! We are working with the instructor to look to rearrange for another date.

#### **Sports day**

We have all been incredibly disappointed not to be able to go ahead with sports day on either of our scheduled dates. As I am sure that you have seen from the diary dates sheet sent out before the holiday, this is a very busy half term. The forecast over the coming weeks does not look favourable and, whilst we hope to be able to reschedule sports day, it may be that, on this occasion, we will need to go ahead with just the children. We may need to take a last minute opportunity of dry weather. We will make sure that the children get the opportunity to be cheered along and to cheer along their peers. We apologise that it is unlikely that families will be able to join us this time but hope that you can be a part of the many opportunities coming up for you to join us both in school and on visits.

## Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved 100% attendance during Summer term 1



Liberty C	Aiden	Isabelle R	
Roman	Thomas Sh	Samuel S	Theo H
Billie D	Freddie T	Lexi S	Caleb
Lexie F	Lily	Beatrix T	Jonny
Rex	Eloise B	Molly	Zaynab
Finley HH-S	Esmay	Edgar	Emma
Imogen	Sam C	Harry C	Felix
Simon	George D	Mylo	Isaac
Indie	Margot	Theo C	Tristan
Luna	Lottie	Noah	Lucas
Oscar C	George Mc	Jack Ed	Daniel
Jack Ev	Penelope A	Autumn	Olivia A
Orson	Dottie	Arthur H	Toby A
Maggie	Zion	Ruby J	Ella
Ayla-Jane	Jenson	Lucy	Theo M
Remy M	Oscar G	Alex	
Logan N	Gracie	Max W	
Evie P	Herbie	Liam	
Ava	Isabelle J	Oswald	

## 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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