

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 21

17th July 2026



The end of the year

The end of another school year is almost upon us and it is once again the time to look back and reflect. Our school is a wonderful learning community where great things happen every day and together we live out our 'Learning, Caring, Sharing' motto.

It has been an incredibly busy year in school with children focusing on learning across a broad range of themes. Visits are one of the things that our Year Two leavers talk about most, closely followed by OPAL! We have enjoyed many visits this year including local visits to the allotments, St Peter and St Paul's Church, the NYM Railway, the library and local shops. Further afield we have enjoyed visits to Whitby, Dalby Forest, York Museum and Filey Beach. Thank you to everyone involved for helping to make these unforgettable experiences happen for our children. Thanks to staff, volunteers and our FoS for their fundraising efforts for our visits and visitors. There are so many other things to celebrate too. None more important than the many and varied achievements and progress of each and every one of our children over the last academic year!

What we achieve as a school is down to the hard work, determination and dedication of each and every member of the school community. I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank each and every one of you. It has been a pleasure and an honour as ever to work as part of an amazing staff team to lead our wonderful school!

For all of those children and families leaving us at the end of the term, we wish you all the best for the future and for everyone we hope you have a wonderful summer break.

Handouts:

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

- 😊 Food in School Holiday letter—Eligible children only
- 😊 Transport letters— Rec/Yr1 Transport children only
- 😊 Autumn 1 Sports club for September
- 😊 Special Dietary Forms—specific children
- 😊 FoS Silent Auction letter
- 😊 FoS Year Two Leavers Party Letter

Email:

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

- 😊 Autumn Term Dinner Menu—(not Y2) Hardcopy will be sent out in September



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit Class** with **96.15%** attendance from 3rd July to 17th July 2026.



Ryedale Community Foodbank

As we move towards the summer school holidays I wanted to ask you to remind parents, perhaps via your newsletters or other means of contact, that they can access our services each Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

We can provide balanced meals for up to a week at a time to families in need, at what can be an expensive time for them.

If you know of any families that require our services in advance of the holidays then please access our new system and put in a voucher for them. You can do this for multiple weeks if you wish by just adding this requirement to the notes section of the form.

Families are also welcome to visit us without a voucher on their first visit and we can provide a food parcel and additional help if required.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a Countywide scheme designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have an impact on a child attending our school. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity. This is for information for staff to be able to support children in school, if necessary. Information is shared confidentially with school. Police will share this information where it is identified that a child was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident. As always though, if parents have concerns about the safety or welfare of any child, Children's Social Care can be contacted through the NYCC switchboard on 0300 131 2 131. Any immediate concerns that a child is at risk of harm must be reported to the police.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for helping to support your child in working towards achieving a good level of attendance. Those children with 100% attendance for the year will be bringing home a celebration certificate today. A list of our 100% achievers for this term can be found on the last page. Well done to all of those children!

Arbor



Please ensure that you are registered on Arbor, if you haven't already done so, as this will be our **only** form of communication and will ensure that you receive all of the important information about school life such as newsletters, payments, activity clubs etc.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

From September, as we will have changed to Arbor, bookings will not be carried forward from our current system. Please ensure that you contact us to arrange bookings for the new academic year.

Dates for your information

- * Friday 17th July—Year Two Leavers Assembly 11am, Family Picnic 12 noon
- * **Friday 17th July—1.10pm School closes to children - No school transport**
- * Monday 7th September -Staff training day - **School Closed to all children**
- * Tuesday 8th September - **Years One and Two children start back**
- * Tuesday 8th September - Nursery Stay and Play sessions
- * Tuesday 8th September - Reception Welcome meal - 4.30pm
- * Wednesday 9th September - Reception meet and greet meetings
- * Wednesday 9th September - Nursery Stay and Play sessions
- * Thursday 10th September - **Reception children start**
- * Thursday 10th September - **Existing Nursery children start**



Concert Donations

We hope you enjoyed the summer concert this year and many thanks for your kind generosity. **£322.81** was raised and will be used for Forest School.

happy holidays!

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

Special Congratulations go to our children who have achieved 100% attendance throughout the whole Year



**Penelope Allen
Mylo Conman
Noah Dalby
George McClure**

**Felix Peverell
Ava Price
Alex Spence**



Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved 100% attendance during this term

**Penelope Allen
Lily Appleby
Olivia Arthur
Eloise Brown
Harry Cassidy
Esmay Chapman
Zion Chapman
Samuel Cockerill
Mylo Conman
Theo Conman
Noah Dalby
Roman Dalley-Cunningham
Billie Doe
Jack Eddon
Jack Evans
Autumn Gill
Oscar Gray
Orson Hartley
Theo Hartley
Herbie Holliday
Arthur Holmes
Ruby Jenkins
Jonny Jones**

**Zaynab Khan
Ayla-Jane Kipling
George McClure
Remy Middleton
Emma Mondan
Theo Moon
Logan Nesom
Evie Peverell
Felix Peverell
Indie Phillips
Isaac Pickles
Ava Price
Aiden Sedman
Thomas Shelton
Samuel Simpkins
Alex Spence
Beatrix Temple
Edgar Tombs
Freddie Turner
Max Wilson
Daniel Wrenn
Liam Young**



Dear parents and 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.

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.

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