

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 19

19th June 2026



Sports Day

Following on from the wind, rain and hail of the last few weeks, we made the most of a break in the cloud on Monday afternoon to host our sports day for the children. Staff and children were sad not to be able to share the event with our wider community but we challenged the children to double their efforts to cheer on their classmates and friends! And they certainly did! Whilst some of them may have had a few 'butterflies in their tummies', every child participated with a smile on their face and with huge pride at the end of their races! Nursery ran their teddy bear race, Reception, Year One and Year Two each ran running races followed later on by a fun run style race. Year Two did the three legged race, Year One did an obstacle race and Reception did a race with lots of traditional sports day activities like 'egg and spoon' and the sack race! We were incredibly proud of the effort of all of the children!



Handouts:

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

- 🎉 Junior School Welcome Letter—Year 2 only
- 🎉 Transition Information Pack Year 2 only
- 🎉 Summer Concert ticket letter - to be sent out 26th June
- 🎉 Summer Fair Letter and Raffle Tickets - To be sent home early next week
- 🎉 Welcome to Arbor letter

Email:

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

- 🎉 Class Information for September 2026—to be sent out Monday 29th June
- 🎉 Rec/Y1 Cool Milk application information



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbits Class** with **97.45%** attendance from 1st June to 19th June 2026.





Summer Fair



Please come along and support our annual Summer Fair on Friday 26th June opening at 4.30 - 6pm. This year, back by popular demand, we will once again be serving hot dogs during the event! We will also have a cake stall and would greatly appreciate any donations of home baking—cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, buns. These should be dropped off in school on the morning of the fair. Please could we ask you to include a list of ingredients in your produce for information about any possible allergens.

This is one of our main fundraisers of the year so please help us to make it a spectacular one. There will be;

Raffle, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Bake Sale, Hot dogs, Refreshments, Games Fun Stall and much more!

Welcome to Arbor

We are currently in the process of moving our parental communication system over to Arbor from Parentmail. From Sep 2026, Arbor will be the system we use to communicate with parents, send out newsletters, accept parents evening bookings and allow payments for items such as nursery lunches, wraparound care clubs, parking permits and, as your child moves through school, for activity clubs etc. It is therefore very important that you have an account set up on Arbor.

You will have recently received a welcome email via Arbor so please look out for this in your inbox. As it is our first communication with you via Arbor, please check regularly to make sure it has not dropped into your junk or spam folder. Once you have set up your account via the Parent Portal website you can also download the Arbor app via the app store on either your Android or Apple device. Further details about logging on for the first time can be found by clicking on the link below. However, if you experience any difficulty logging on then please contact us on 01751 472620 or by email to admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk.

[Logging In to the Parent Portal & Parent App – Arbor Help Centre](#)

Please could you continue to use Parentmail to make any payments for items such as Nursery fees, before and after school clubs, nursery lunches etc until we advise you that these payment items have been set up on Arbor. We anticipate Arbor to be fully functional in time for the start of the new academic year.

Annual Art and Craft Exhibition

We are rapidly approaching our annual art & craft exhibition which the children are eagerly working on in order to showcase the creative skills they have developed and would like to share with you.

We think you will be impressed!

Viewing times:

Wednesday 1st July 2026 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 2nd July 2026 3.30pm- 5.30pm

Friday 3rd July 2026 3.30pm - 5.00pm



THANK YOU!

Sponsored Bounce and Open Gardens update

The sponsored bounce back in May raised an amazing £2,227.50!

Another **HUGE** Thank You to all our families and members of the wider community for making the recent Open Gardens event an enormous success, this raised £3155.80! Your support is greatly appreciated and will help provide some fantastic opportunities for the children of both the Infant and Junior schools.

Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge 2026!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Read to the Beat and children taking part will explore a whole range of creative arts and enjoy free materials from the library. The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Read to the Beat medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 4th July to Saturday 12th September.

“The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. This year’s Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.”

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge.

For all of those children who complete the challenge, they can have their certificate awarded in school during a special assembly attended by staff from Pickering Library. Just let them know which school your child attends when they complete the challenge.



Keeping to the Paths

When coming to school in the mornings and leaving at the end of the school day, could you please make sure that children stay on the main paths at the front of the school and not walk around the path including by the small hedge in front of the kitchen as this disturbs wildlife within the garden or play in front of the kitchen and classroom windows. The kitchen and classroom windows may be open and are easily walked into.



Community News



We have been asked to share with families that there will be free entry to the Community day at Rievaulx Abbey on Sat 27th June 2026 10am to 4 pm.

There will be clay modelling activities, quill pen writing activities taking place – also free of charge.

Dates for your information

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- * Monday 22nd June - New to Reception Welcome meeting at 6pm
 - * Tuesday 23rd June - Years One and Two Whitby Visit
 - * Wednesday 24th June - Year Two Curling Session
 - * Thursday 25th June - Reception Filey Beach Visit
 - * Friday 26th June - June Birthday Assembly 9.10am
 - * Friday 26th June - Summer Fair 4.30 - 6pm
 - * Friday 26th June - No Sports Club
 - * Monday 29th June—New academic year class Lists out at 4pm
 - * Tuesday 30th June — Nursery AM Dalby Forest Visit,
 - * Tuesday 30th June — Year two Parents meeting at Pickering Junior School at 5.30pm
 - * Wednesday 1st July, Thursday 2nd July and Friday 3rd July — Annual Art Exhibition (See overleaf for times)
 - * Thursday 2nd July— Moving-up Day for all pupils - Story Session New to Rec 10.30am - 11.15am
 - * Friday 3rd July—July Birthday assembly 9.10am, School reports out
 - * Monday 6th July— New to Year 1 and Year 2 Parents welcome meeting 6pm
 - * Friday 10th July - New class videos & information packs out

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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