Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 1
11th September 2026

Welcome to a new school year!

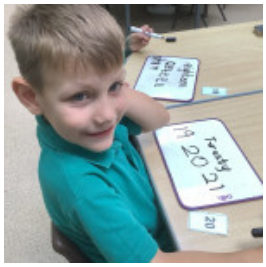
It has been wonderful to welcome back lots of our children and families to school this week and to also welcome our new children and their families. The children have settled into the new term brilliantly!

Children in Reception, Year One and Two as well as our first Nursery group have already had a busy start to the school year. There are some photos below which give a glimpse into school life this week. You can keep up to date with what's going on in school through social media, too. Further details are on the last page.









A close partnership between home and school is vitally important for us in working to achieve the best for all of our children. By working together and communicating openly, we can ensure that we do our very best for each child and their family. We will always welcome communication with you about your child so if you do have any queries or comments, please do get in touch with us.

It is fabulous to be back in school again. Thank you for the welcome backs this week. Staff would also like to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and lovely words at the end of last school year. Whilst in no way expected, these were all gratefully received.

Handouts:

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

- Sept/Oct Diary Sheet - This will be sent home during next week
- Packed Lunch Policy —Packed Lunch children only
- Autumn Term Dinner Menu -Rec, Yr1 and Yr 2 only. Nursery to follow

Email:

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

- Sept/Oct Diary Sheet - This will be sent out during next week
- Autumn Term Dinner Menu
- Uniform Information

Sharing Information

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. If information has been shared or is being shared with you other than in the newsletter, this will be listed in the handouts section on the front cover of the newsletter. If you have not received any of these, please contact the office for another copy.

When returning forms and slips etc, please ensure that you make your child aware that these are in their book bags and need putting in the class basket, by them, to go to the office. Staff do not routinely check all children's book bags.

Email Addresses

For reporting absences or for before and after school club bookings please use Mrs Cook's email address;

admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address;

admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before your class start time. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response. Staff will aim to respond as soon as possible but staff are encouraged, for their own work and home life balance, not to respond to emails during weekends and in school holidays. The class email system though is one greatly valued by staff and families alike!

Clothing in school

Children in Rec, Year One and Year Two need to wear school uniform to school each day. There is an attachment accompanying this letter that gives further information about this.

Reception children and any children new to school in other year groups will soon bring home a school PE bag, generously funded by our Friends of School. Children will need a named, plain, round neck white t-shirt, named, plain black or blue shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms and suitable named footwear for PE outside, preferably with Velcro fastenings. **Reception will not need their PE kits yet** and class teachers will let you know in the class newsletter when you need to bring these in.

As we move into autumn, we ask that children have a named pair of wellingtons that fit them, a waterproof coat and, ideally, waterproof trousers. If you have any difficulty with these, please contact us and we'll do what we can to help so that children can get fully involved in their outdoor learning. Please be aware that the pairs of wellies will be stored outside overnight under the shelter during term time.

Parking

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. We also ask that for the safety of all of our children, it is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day. We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but please remember that we have the parking permit system in place to help with this. For a charge of £5, an annual permit can be purchased for Eastgate car park for parking until 9.15am and between 3.20pm and 3.35pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit. Payment is made through Arbor but you also need to complete the application form for the permit, available from the school office. We also ask that families do not ever park on the white lines outside of school and that parking does not block access to road ways or drive ways of local residents. We are incredibly grateful that so many of our families put the safety of our children first, despite the pressures that we all face in our busy lives, by parking courteously.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our parents who make use of this scheme or who ensure that they park safely and courteously around school.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child's success in all aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day.

A quick checklist of reminders:

- Telephone school on the first day of your child's absence
- Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- Be firm with your child about their attendance
- Try to arrange appointments out of school time
- If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them

Lateness

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- Missing important information about the day in registration
- It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on
- It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

If your child is late or going to be late:

- Contact us and let us know why
- Take your child to the office and then sign them in the late book
- Come and see us if you have any difficulties

Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher

Class and School email addresses

Mrs Green	rabbits@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	squirrels@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Carter	badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Bointon	ladybird@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Dunsmore	butterfly@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Duck and Mrs Metcalfe	nursery@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Office	
General - Mrs Newby	admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Absences/before and after school club etc—Mrs Cook	admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Office Hours

Mrs Newby—All day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday morning only

Mrs Cook—Mornings daily, Monday and Wednesday afternoons

Change of Details

Please remember to let school know if you change your mobile phone number, landline number, email address or move house so that we can amend our records accordingly. Also, if there is any other information relating to your child, ie medical issues, that we need to know about please call at the office so that records can be updated.

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 and menus

Tel: 01751 472620 email: admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Follow us at facebook.com/PickeringInfant and @PickeringInfant on Twitter (X). We would appreciate if you would share and like your favourite post for us!

Rock Steady

On Wednesday 16th September, Jay Colling will be in school for our very first Rock Steady lessons. During these, children work in groups of up to eight children to create a rock band. They will learn a song as a band playing drums, keyboard, electric guitar, base guitar or as a singer. They will perform this at our end of term Rock Steady performance at the start of the school dayin front of friends and family - details to follow later this term.

There are still a few places available in our bands if any families are still interested in their child being a part of this. Further details, including around cost can be found at https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents/

We are fortunate to have been able to secure funding, for this year, to offer our oldest Pupil Premium children free places for at least two terms. Details have been sent to the families of the oldest of our Pupil Premium children (All Year Twos and some of our Year Ones) and I will be in touch to confirm details early next week.

Dates for your information

* **Friday 18th September**—Sports Club starts for year one and two children confirmation of place will be sent out on Monday 14th September.



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