Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 2

25th September 2026



Reading and Parental Involvement

Reading is such an important life skill that opens up endless opportunities for children as they grow and learn but is also a great way to relax.

We will be holding a reading event will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 3:30pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about how your child will be learning to read in reception, the resources you will have access to and share stories with your child. Children are welcome to attend with you.

As a school we use 'bug club' to support your child's reading with many online resources to access including games and books. You will receive your child's reading record with log in details and their first key words at the event.

We greatly appreciate parental support around reading; both helping children to read their school reading books and access Bug Club but in sharing books at home too.

Next week, all Year One and Two children will be assigned new books on their Bug Club login (Details in the front of reading records) and will have already brought reading books home for individual and group reading. Please ensure though that these books are brought back to school **every day** as well as their reading record. Please try to add a note and date in their Reading Record when they have read. It doesn't need to include lots of information but will help staff if they know what children have read at home.

Handouts:

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

- Mini Sing Squad Letter—Yr1 and Yr2 only
- Autumn Lunch Invitation—Packed lunch children only
- First half year menu - Nursery only
- Christmas Card Design and order form (to be returned no later than Mon 5th Oct)

Email:

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

- First half year menu—(Nursery only)
- Home to School Travel Policy Post Implementation Review consultation





Attendance

Congratulations to **Badgert Class** with **98.02%** attendance to 25th September 2026.



Congratulations

I wanted to share with our school community the exciting news that Mrs Carter's wealth or experience and expertise in maths and, particularly, maths mastery has been recognised with her appointment as a Local Leader in Maths Education. This means that Mrs Carter will use her knowledge and expertise that the children benefit from both in her classroom and through the training she does in school with our staff team to also support other local schools and teachers with their maths teaching as part of the Maths Hub.



Birthdays

The celebration assembly for children who have had their birthday during the month of September will be Friday 25th September at 9.10am. Head Teacher on a Friday, Mrs Smith will lead the celebrations! Families are welcome to join us. If we can ask you to wait at the gate to the Eastwing playground, to the right of the school building as you come up the path, a member of stff will let you in to the hall whn we're ready.

Parents have enquired whether they are able to bring a treat for children in their child's class for birthdays. There is no expectation that you will share anything with the class. We teach the children that no food is bad for you if eaten in appropriate moderation and as part of a well-balanced diet. However, with the frequency of birthdays in classes, these started to become more of a norm than an exception. With this in mind, we continue to ask parents not to bring sweets and treats in for birthday celebrations. We appreciate that these are often part of birthday celebrations but would appreciate your support with this.

Playground Equipment

Please may we ask that in a morning the children do not touch or use the equipment out on the playgrounds. Staff spend time organising and tidying these and we appreciate families respecting the time given to do this. We aslo spend a lot of time teaching the children how to play safely with the equipment and need to ensure that these expectations are the same whenever the children are playing with it.

Autumn Lunch Menu

Our children who usually bring a packed lunch have been invited to join us for our whole school Autumn lunch on **Thursday 1st October**. Please see invitation for further details.

The Nursery meal will be Toad in the Hole with mashed potato.

All dietary requirements catered for.

Toad in the Hole or
Veg Sauage Toad in the Hole
with mashed potato
or
Cheese Panini
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V Apple Sponge
Fresh Fruit
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Dates for your Diary



- ✎ **Friday 28th Sept**— September Birthday Assembly 9.10am
- ✎ **Monday 28th Sept**—Individual photographs
- ✎ **Thursday 1st Oct**—Autumn Lunch
- ✎ **Monday 5th Oct** - Christmas Card Artwork to be back in school for orders

Outdoor Wear

We have such extensive grounds and it is great to be able to use lots of it at lunchtimes and playtimes. As long as it is safe to do so, we try to go out in all weathers. To this end we ask that all children have a coat in school with them every day. It would also be helpful for children to have their own pair of wellies in school for outdoor play. We have spare sets (and always welcome donations of pairs of wellies of any size from a small 5 to a size 2) but children often prefer their own if you can.

Plea for Volunteers

If you, or someone you know, have a spare hour or two at all and would like to come in to school to help support the children and staff, your help would be greatly appreciated. Support can be by listening to readers, helping with key words, photocopying or laminating resources, helping in the school office, or even gardening. Please contact the school office to speak to Mrs Smith or staff in the office.

Individual School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 28th September. All the children have an individual photograph taken. If there are siblings in school, they will also have a photograph taken together. The children will bring home details of how to place an order, however you are under no obligation to buy.



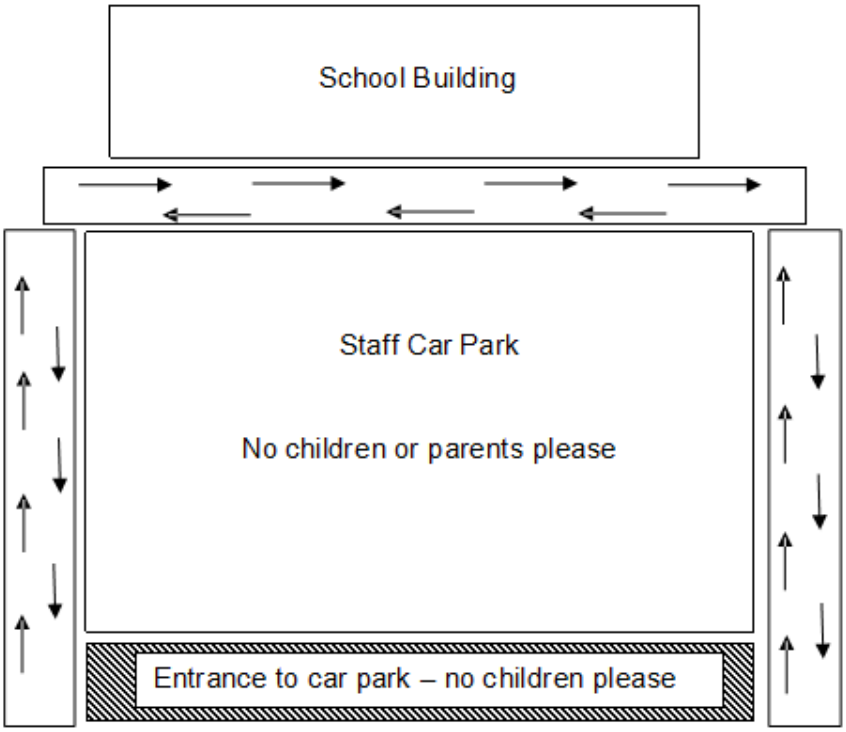
Safeguarding

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

Safe School Access



The safety of our pupils is paramount and that is why we ask that parents do not walk across the car park at drop off times but rather use the paths to the right and left of the car park (as above). The reason for this arrangement is that some of our staff arrive between 8.45 and 9am and leave between 3.25 and 3.40pm. They are always vigilant and ensure that there are no children behind them as they reverse, but to minimise the risk, I would stress the importance of using the paths. Please could I also ask that parents do not let children climb on the grassed hill next to the car park. There is a steep drop at the other side of this.

It has been lovely to see some of the children arriving on scooters and bikes! Please ask your child to push these rather than ride them on school grounds as the paths can get busy and there are steep slopes leading directly to the road. There is a scooter and bike park at the entrance to the Reception playground where children are welcome to leave these during the day. These are left entirely at parents' own risk.

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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