



AUTUMN TERM 2026

Foundation Stage

CURRICULUM LETTER

Welcome!

As we begin a new school year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families joining Christopher Pickering Primary School. We are especially proud of our youngest starters, who have approached their first few days with enthusiasm, confidence and resilience. Congratulations to all the children on such a positive start to their school journey.

At Christopher Pickering, we pride ourselves on providing a happy, caring and stimulating learning environment where children can take their first steps towards independence, learn lots of new skills and make lifelong friends.

The children are beginning to settle in well. We have seen them exploring and finding their way around their new classroom environments. Our focus for the first few weeks in both F1 and F2 is on developing the children's confidence, independence and self-esteem. Our topic, 'All About Me', supports this as the children really come out of their shell when they can talk about themselves or their family.

Thank you for all your support whilst we have been settling the children. We are very excited about the wonderful year ahead, getting to know your children.

Curriculum Information

Reading for pleasure

Children will soon be coming home with a 'reading for pleasure' book. F1, please return these to school each Wednesday and, F2, please return yours each Friday. This is to enjoy together and share, it is not for your child to read to you.



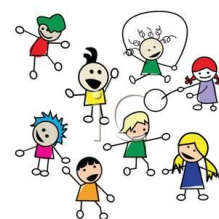
PE

Whilst children in Foundation Stage are active each day and enjoy largescale physical opportunities all of the time, F2 do have a set PE day, however, please ensure that all children come in suitable shoes for climbing and running every day.

F2 - The children will take part in PE on Tuesday afternoon. Please send your child in their PE kit and remember to label all of your children's clothing.

Outdoor play

Although we are still having some very warm days, we will be moving into Autumn, therefore, can we ask you all to send your child in a suitable warm, waterproof coat. Most parents have provided a pair of wellies to stay at school, we really appreciate this.



F2, if you have any spare underwear, socks, trousers etc please could you donate them to us as we are running low.

Snack and baking

Please could we ask you for a voluntary contribution of 50p a week to enable us to bake and taste a variety of foods with your children. If it is easier to pay each half term, you are more than welcome to do this. Pop it in the money box or pass it to a member of staff on the door.

Reception Baseline Assessment

F2 only

Your child will complete a baseline assessment with their class teacher. This allows your teacher to get to know your child a little better. You can find more information about this on our website, and you should have received an email with further information.

Dates

09/10/26	F2 Stay and Play 2.15pm
12/10/26	F2 Parents Evening
13/10/26	F2 Parents Evening
14&15/10/26	Individual school photos
19/10/26	F1 + F2 Hull fair day - <i>details to follow</i>
21/10/26	F1 and F2 Halloween day - <i>details to follow</i>
23/10/26	School closes for half term
2/11/26	School reopens
12/11/26	F1 Stay and Play 10-11am (afternoon families invited in)
13/11/26	Children in Need day - <i>details to follow</i>
1/12/26	Christmas Fair
3/12/26	F2 Christmas balance bike day (in school)
10/12/26	F1 Christmas songs 10-11am (afternoon families invited in)
11/12/26	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch
14/12/26	F2/Y1 Nativity 2.00pm
15/12/26	F2/Y1 Nativity 2.00pm
17/12/26	Christmas Party
18/12/26	School closes for Christmas holidays
6/1/27	School re-open

More dates may be added - Keep an eye on your emails.

General

Please ensure that your child's name is written on all pieces of uniform as well as bottles, bags, shoes and coats.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with them every day.

Beginning and the end of the school day

Please make sure that younger children are with you at all times. The outdoor play equipment should not be used before or after school.

Attendance

Regular school attendance and arriving to school on time is so important, because it helps pupils keep up with their learning, build confidence, and achieve their full potential. Attending school every day also promotes positive friendships, develops good routines, and teaches valuable life skills such as responsibility and punctuality.

If your child is poorly and really, really unable to come into school, please ensure you call the reception on 01482 352245 to inform us of their absence.

Once again, we'd like to thank you for your continued support in helping the children settle into school. We understand these first few weeks can be daunting for parents and children alike, but it has been a very settled time for everyone.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to email the office (admin@cpickering.het.academy) and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as they can.