



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



11th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,



As we approach the holidays, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about this year's national summer reading challenge which we hope that all of our children will take up.

The children were visited in their assembly last week by a librarian from Crewe library who told them all about the 'Story Garden' challenge and they were all given a bookmark to bring home.

The Story Garden theme aims to inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

Children can visit Crewe library, set their own goal and read anything they like to earn badges and a certificate. There will also be a special presentation back at school in September for those children who choose to take part. To create a profile for your child or to find out more, go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The challenge is a perfect way to keep your child busy over the holidays whilst keeping their reading skills polished!

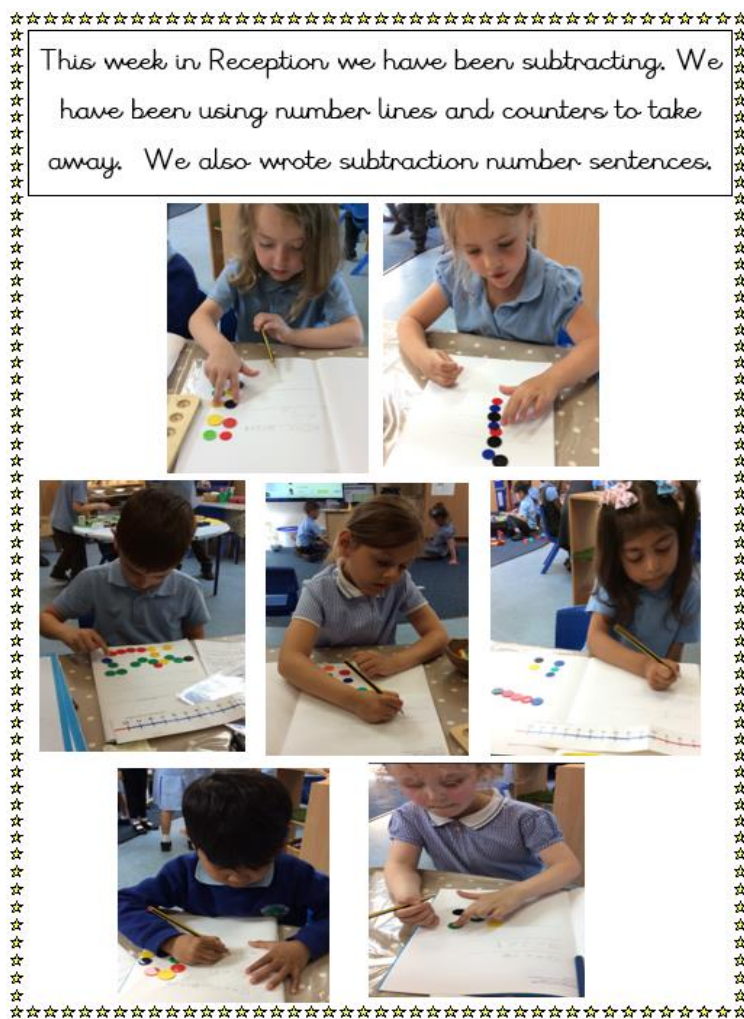
The Department for Education published an article this week which stated that '*reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence, and even higher future earnings, with new data showing those proficient in reading and writing in primary school [earn £65,000 more over their lifetime.](#)*'

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine,

Mrs J Nurse
School Principal

Lunchtime Menu - week 1 - w/c 14th July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Melted Cheese Sub Pasta Italiane	Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato	Hot Dog Chicken Burger	Roast Gammon Roast Quorn	Battered Fish Meat(less) Balls & Gravy
Ham / Egg / Cheese / Tuna available every day				



Cup Winners



- Class 1: Morgan for fantastic reading.
- Class 2: Theo for being a great role model.
- Class 3: Zayn for building a brilliant sandcastle at the beach.
- Class 4: Keegan for excellent behaviour at the beach.
- Class 5: Tomas for being resilient when building his fairground wheel during DT lessons.
- Class 6: Jax P for his improved reading.
- Class 7: Fatah for showing great improvement in maths.
- Class 8: Nika for trying really hard in her french lessons.
- Class 9: Sophia for consistently hard work and a cheery attitude.
- Class 10: Ernest for improvement in his handwriting.
- Class 11: Holly for good concentration and enthusiasm at the Ruskin activity day.
- Class 12: Natalia for impeccable presentation all year and a positive attitude to learning.
- Class 13: Olly and Andria for great teamwork at Primary College.
- Class 14: Jaden for being a superstar during Primary College.



Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		94.85%	
Overall school attendance last week		95.14%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		90.4%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	92.6%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	92.1%
Class 3 Miss Booth & Mrs Clewes	97.7%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	98.7%
Class 5 Miss Gee	94.1%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	96.1%
Class 7 Miss Hitchen & Miss Aitchison	99.6%	Class 8 Miss Lee	95.2%
Class 9 Miss Gough	97.5%	Class 10 Mrs Watson	98%
Class 11 Mrs Dewey	97.3%	Class 12 Miss Marshall	93.9%
Class 13 Mrs Kelly	93.2%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	95%

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an activity morning at Ruskin High School this week. The children took part in a PE session practising teamwork skills linked to football, as well as developing their javelin throwing techniques. They also visited the technology department where half of each class took part in a cookery lesson making a "Croque Monsieur" whilst the other half visited the Design and Technology room where they created a woodwork key ring. All of the children had a brilliant time!



Gold Stars – Summer Fun!

Gold Stars Summer Holidays

Monday 4th August
Make your own bubble wand
Chalk painting

Tuesday 5th August
Rock painting
Hand print cactus

Wednesday 6th August
Clay modelling
Paper plate lions

Thursday 7th August
Paper plate dream catcher
Outdoor fun

Friday 8th August
Teddy bears picnic
Movie and popcorn

Gold Stars Summer Holidays

Monday 11th August
Make your own kite
Test fly your kite

Tuesday 12th August
Forest walk
Make a leaf man

Wednesday 13th August
Ingo competition
Teddy bears picnic

Thursday 14th August
Dance party
Cupcake making

Friday 15th August
Bingo
Obstacle course

Gold Stars Summer Holidays

Monday 18th August
Paper plate bee
Leaf printing

Tuesday 19th August
Yoghurt pot jelly fish
Nature bracelets

Wednesday 20th August
Get active
Ice pop cooldown

Thursday 21st August
Cress heads
Cereal bird feeder

Friday 22nd August
Just dance party
Movie and popcorn

Gold Stars Summer Holidays

Monday 25th August
BANK HOLIDAY
Closed

Tuesday 26th August
Summer sun catchers
cotton bud sunflowers

Wednesday 27th August
Paper chain sunshine
Rainbow fish weaving

Thursday 28th August
Summer windmills
Pizza making

Friday 29th August
Bingo
Movie and popcorn

Dates for your Diary

14 th July	3pm	Pre-loved uniform sale
15 th July	3.30-5.15pm	Year 6 Leavers' Celebration
17 th July	2.15pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
18 th July	3.15pm	Last Day of term
2 nd September	8.40am	Children return to school

Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic visit to the beach this week. Please view their video by scanning this QR code or alternatively you can find the video and some photos on our school Facebook page.



Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Binky (N) for great name writing.
- ★ Theo (c2) for writing a fantastic letter.

