



# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Years 2 to 6 timed their visit to All Saints Church beautifully today, just missing this awful weather!

It was a super Harvest Festival, with every class contributing a song or a poem and giving thanks for the food that we are fortunate to have and celebrating the generous contributions that you have all made over the last week or so.

Representatives from 'Chance' and St Paul's came to talk to the children about the work that they do and to say thank you for all of the contributions.

On Monday the children in Reception and Year 1 will be celebrating Harvest in school during a special assembly led by All Saints Church.

A huge thanks goes to Mrs Crowther for organising our Harvest Festival this year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Nurse  
School Principal

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## Dates for your Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> October		Y6 Crucial Crewe visit
10 <sup>th</sup> October		Class 7 swimming lesson
16 <sup>th</sup> October	2.45pm or 5pm	Reception Phonics and Reading Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> October		Y5 Bikeability level 1
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Y6 Robinwood Residential
21 <sup>st</sup> October	12.50pm	Y5 Family Lunch
23 <sup>rd</sup> October		Academy Photographs
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October		Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> November		Y3 Chester Zoo visit
20 <sup>th</sup> November		Y2-Y6 New Vic Theatre Visit

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## Cup Winners



- Class 1: Michal for determination to form his 'm' correctly.
- Class 2: Liam for trying hard with sound recognition.
- Class 3: Denisa for using her own ideas when writing.
- Class 4: Gunner for coming to school with a smile.
- Class 5: Aliza for writing some great sentences based on the book 'A River'.
- Class 6: Joy for her story about the River.
- Class 7: Mishael for always being ready to learn!
- Class 8: Waqiah for trying her best and showing resilience in maths.
- Class 9: Kacper for trying hard to work independently in maths.
- Class 10: Lanai for reading at home at least 4 times every week.
- Class 11: Antonia for learning most of the common exception words. Well done!
- Class 12: Esma for a fantastic effort in English lessons.
- Class 13: Emily for an excellent effort in maths.
- Class 14: Karina for a fabulous effort since the start of year 6.



### Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95.66%	
Overall school attendance last week		96.4%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		96.3%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	95.3%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	95.6%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	97.1%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	93.2%
Class 5 Miss Gee	99.3%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	97.3%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	98.6%	Class 8 Mrs Dewey	97.6%
Class 9 Miss Oliver	91.7%	Class 10 Miss Marshall	97.6%
Class 11 Miss Lee	98.3%	Class 12 Miss Booth	97.9%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	96.8%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	97.3%

### Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Isla (c3) for super writing about Old Bear.
- ★ Louie (c14) for super behaviour and engagement at Harvest Festival.
- ★ Jessie (c12) for fantastic concentration when dancing during PE and following instructions.



### Lunchtime Menu - week 2 w/c 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Monday	Veggie Sausage Roll	Mushroom Tagliatelle
Tuesday	All Day Breakfast	Veggie Breakfast
Wednesday	Katsu Chicken Curry	Jacket Potato
Thursday	Chicken Fajita	Homemade Pizza
Friday	Chicken Goujon	Falafal

Ham / Egg / Cheese / Tuna available every day



This week in Nursery we have been using natural resources to make art.



Autumn is here! This week in Reception we have had lots of fun learning about Autumn and decorating trees with different coloured leaves. We made some super hedgehogs using the playdough too.



#### Homework

This week we will be sending a book home with your child to practise their letter formation and name writing. Please use this at home as often as you can to practise.



### Year 6

Year 6 have been so generous this term. We are very proud of the children and their families for bringing in such a variety of foods to share with others for Harvest. We have been concentrating on being thankful and the children were able to identify what they were thankful for. Well done, Year 6!



### Gainsborough GRIT and Determination Awards

Class 1	Olivia
Class 2	Venya
Class 3	Tommy
Class 4	Kostya
Class 5	Treasure
Class 6	Rosie-May



### Makaton Sign of the Week

Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols, alongside spoken language, to support communication. Some of our pupils at Gainsborough use Makaton to help them to understand and communicate. As an inclusive school, we are encouraging the whole Gainsborough community to learn this new skill together and we will be sharing new Makaton signs with you each week. As always, thank you for your continued support.



Using dominant hand, do the thumb up GOOD sign then fingertips of dominant hand tap non-dominant side of chest followed by tapping dominant side of chest



good afternoon

Using dominant hand, do the thumb up GOOD sign, then index and middle finger of dominant hand (N shape) move forwards and away from top lip.

### Late to School?

The school gates open at 8.40am and school starts promptly at **8.45am**.

If your child arrives after 8.50am they need to be brought to the main school office by an adult who will need to sign them into school.