



# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday, 20 of our Y4, 5 and 6 pupils were lucky enough to visit Crewe UTC for some STEM workshops to mark 200 years of the railway.

The children visited a careers fair and had the opportunity to talk to different people about their roles in the railway industry.

After that one group designed and made their own rockets which they then fired using a pneumatic launcher. This was great fun!



The other group designed and made their own Formula 1 racing cars which they then raced, reaching speeds of up to 70km an hour!

We would like to thank Crewe UTC for hosting this brilliant event and giving our children the opportunity to take part.

Just a quick reminder that parents and carers of Y5 children are invited to have lunch with us on Tuesday. Simply book your meal with the school office by Monday at the latest. We do hope you can join us!

Look out for our after-school clubs letter which will be coming home soon. We are offering a range of exciting clubs that your child can stay for after half term; there's no less than **16** different clubs to choose from and they are all free! Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Nurse  
School Principal

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



## Lunchtime Menu - week 2 w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

<b>Monday</b>	Veggie Sausage Roll	Mushroom Tagliatelle
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Pie	Veggie Chilli
<b>Wednesday</b>	All Day Breakfast	Veggie Breakfast
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Fajita	Homemade Pizza
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken Goujon	Falafal
Ham / Egg / Cheese / Tuna available every day		



Academy photography will be in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

They will be taking individual photographs of the pupils as well as sibling groups within school.

## Parent Governor Election

Following our recent election we are pleased to welcome 2 new parent Governors to the local governing board of Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy and Cledford Primary & Nursery Academy. Rob Carlin is parent to a daughter in reception and Thomas Hall is parent to a son in Y5, both at Gainsborough. We are looking forward to working with them.



## Cup Winners



- Class 1: Kenzo for a fantastic explanation of what hibernation is.
- Class 2: Hubert for working hard in phonics.
- Class 3: Demilade for working independently to complete additions within 10.
- Class 4: Tiffany for trying hard to write independently.
- Class 5: Deviishaa for great effort in learning her spellings in school, and at home.
- Class 6: Ayat for increasing her work pace and completing tasks.
- Class 7: Evan for always trying his best with his presentation and handwriting.
- Class 8: Mykelti for persevering with some challenging maths and getting lots of answers correct!
- Class 9: Lillie for planning and creating a brilliant Egyptian diorama.
- Class 10: Nathaniel for super sculpture skills when making his Ancient Egyptian diorama.
- Class 11: Arshan for trying really hard to use technical vocabulary in his writing.
- Class 12: Seby for excellent concentration when playing notes on the glockenspiel in music.
- Class 13: Adam for always being a good role model and following the Gainsborough rules and values.
- Class 14: John for his effort within every lesson!



### Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95.98%	
Overall school attendance last week		96.69%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		95.6%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	95.9%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	98.2%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	96%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	97.3%
Class 5 Miss Gee	96.3%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	98%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	98.6%	Class 8 Mrs Dewey	96.9%
Class 9 Miss Oliver	95.7%	Class 10 Miss Marshall	93.1%
Class 11 Miss Lee	99.3%	Class 12 Miss Booth	98.3%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	95.5%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	98.6%

### Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed searching for signs of Autumn as part of their science topic on seasons.







This week in Reception we have been talking about Autumn and hibernation. Please ask your child to tell you at home what the words Autumn and hibernation mean. We hope you like our leaf crowns.



Please keep practising name writing and letter formation at home in the red home learning book.



## Dates for your Diary

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
24 <sup>th</sup> October		Y2 Crewe War Memorial visit
24 <sup>th</sup> October		Class 7 swimming lesson
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October		Half Term – school closed
5 <sup>th</sup> November		Y3 Chester Zoo visit
20 <sup>th</sup> November		Y2-Y6 New Vic Theatre Visit

Mrs Nurse's

### Special Award

- ★ Alexander (c9) for great improvement in his handwriting.
- ★ Mabel (c10) for always being a good role model in class and around school.
- ★ Rosie-May (c6) for good manners at lunchtime.
- ★ Nathaniel (c13) for a great narrative with ambitious word choice about Rose Blanche.



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.

## Autumn



Fingers move from open to closed across chest.