



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week there has been a Book Flood here at Gainsborough! We have been taking part in Jólabókaflóð (yola-boka-flod) which is an Icelandic Christmas tradition that roughly translates as 'Christmas Book Flood'.

You can watch the link below to find out more about this wonderful Icelandic tradition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R5fTD3o5Tw>

Every class has received books which they have loved unwrapping and discovering, and today everyone cosied up in the classroom during a special reading for pleasure session with their favourite book; even the teachers!

Our celebrations for Jólabókaflóð will continue throughout December and are just the beginning of lots of exciting events that we will be holding during 2026 for the National Year of Reading.

Don't forget that Thursday next week is Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day for all pupils!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Nurse
School Principal



Year 1

In Year 1, children have enjoyed learning about Jólabókaflóð (yola-boka-flod). We found out that this is an Icelandic Christmas tradition that roughly translates as 'Christmas book flood'. Children were excited to find two presents in the classroom on Monday morning, which we enjoyed opening together and sharing.

Year 1 had lots of fun tasting fruits yesterday. We used our DT skills to peel and chop the fruit and prepare them for a fruit smoothie. We enjoyed using the blender and tasting our smoothies afterwards.





Cup Winners



- Class 1: Ariana for being a fantastic role model and always giving 100% in everything she does.
- Class 2: Rory for his beautiful handwriting.
- Class 3: Mayzie for trying hard to use her phonic knowledge in her writing.
- Class 4: Ethan for an excellent start to Gainsborough.
- Class 5: Arlo for fantastic engagement in lessons.
- Class 6: Aadhav for giving his best in every lesson.
- Class 7: Poppy for trying really hard to improve her concentration in lessons.
- Class 8: Erik for a descriptive opening to his fable.
- Class 9: Archie for being kind and supporting his partner with maths.
- Class 10: Hanna for a super Ancient Egyptian mummification process.
- Class 11: Whitney for settling in so well to Gainsborough and having a great first week!
- Class 12: Luca for excellent fraction conversion in maths.
- Class 13: Albi for an excellent understanding of fractions.
- Class 14: Aysha for some fantastic 'teacher like' explanations of how to add and subtract mixed numbers ! ✨



Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		94.79%	
Overall school attendance last week		94.77%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		92.8%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	94.8%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	88.5%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	98.1%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	98.2%
Class 5 Miss Gee	99.3%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	92.7%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	94.8%	Class 8 Mrs Dewey	96.3%
Class 9 Miss Oliver	90.7%	Class 10 Miss Marshall	90.7%
Class 11 Miss Lee	99%	Class 12 Miss Booth	94.7%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	96.8%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	96.9%



Lunchtime Menu - week 2. w/c 8th December 2025

Monday	Pasta Italiane	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Spanish Chicken	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Wednesday	Sausage & Mash	Chow Mein Noodles
Thursday	Roast Turkey	Roast Quorn
Friday	Fish Fingers	Cheese & Onion Pie
Ham / Chicken / Cheese / Tuna available every day (NOT on Thursday this week)		

This week the elf has arrived from the North Pole!
The children have enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree and creating their own handprint trees.



This week in Reception, our role play area has been turned into a theatre. The children have been serenading us with songs and dances whilst dressing up.



Dates for your Diary

9 th December	2.30pm	Year 1 Nativity Performance
10 th December	2.30pm	Reception Nativity Performance
11 th December		Christmas Jumper Day (jumper WITH uniform)
11 th December	9am-10am	Nursery Christmas celebration
11 th December		Christmas dinner day
15 th December		Reception, Nursery & Y1 Christmas party
16 th December		Y2, 3 & 4 Christmas party
17 th December		Y5 & 6 Christmas party
16 th December		N, R and Y1 The Regent Theatre visit
18 th December		Last day in school this term
5 th January 2026		Children return to school

Reception 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then they are due to start Reception in September 2026. Please apply by 15th January 2026 at

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions or ring 0300 123 5012.

You still need to apply if your child attends our Nursery.

Apply online for a school place
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2026.

If you do not have web access call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from 1st September 2025 at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2025 for secondary

15th January 2026 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

Cheshire East Council

Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Irfan (c6) for working hard in every lesson.
- ★ Ella (c14) for improved effort in maths.



Makaton Sign of the Week



Winter

Clenched hands shake at chest height as if cold. Same sign is used for 'cold'.