



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy

Newsletter



12th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Gainsborough!

We have had a fun filled week which started with our Reception and Year 1 children reminding us all about the true meaning of Christmas in their fabulous Nativity performances for parents; we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did!

Our Choir was also performing, this time alongside other local schools at Crewe Market Hall, helping the local shoppers to get into the Christmas spirit. They even won some vouchers which we have added to the prizes for a Gainsborough PTA Christmas raffle.



Finally, yesterday was Christmas lunch day which was enjoyed by everyone and our thanks go to our wonderful staff team in the kitchen for cooking up well over 350 delicious meals. We also enjoyed seeing the children in their festive jumpers and the younger children in their party hats.



On Thursday, parents and carers of children in Nursery joined us for some crafts and songs in their Christmas celebration; it was lovely to see so many of you there having fun with us.



The fun continues next week with our Christmas parties. Children may come to school in their party clothes but sensible shoes that are suitable for running around outside must be worn. See the 'Dates for your Diary' section for party days for individual year groups.

As this will be the last newsletter of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to remind you that school closes on Thursday 18th December and re-opens on Monday 5th January.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Nurse

School Principal



Lunchtime Menu - week 1. w/c 15th December 2025

Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Cottage Pie	Veggi Mince Taco
Wednesday	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Golden Toasties
Thursday	Chicken Goujon	Hotdog
Friday	Ham / Chicken / Cheese / Tuna available every day	

Makaton Sign of the Week



Father Christmas

Cup Winners



Class 1: Kiana for being a helpful friend.

Class 2: Ire for being a kind and caring member of the class.

Class 3: Dhruvi for using his plan to support with writing a set of instructions.

Class 4: Eliana for using finger spaces in her writing.

Class 5: Maja for creating some brilliant sentences in her writing.

Class 6: Sofia for her improved sentence writing.

Class 7: India for making a real effort to control her emotions.

Class 8: Audrey for always working hard to make sure her work meets expectations.

Class 9: Lexie for always having an excellent attitude to learning.

Class 10: Laila R for super extra research on Polar bears.

Class 11: Arshan for writing a brilliant letter.

Class 12: Tymon for his excellent contributions in lessons.

Class 13: Camelia for an excellent piece of art showing shade and tone.

Class 14: Logan for great effort throughout the term.



Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		94.91%	
Overall school attendance last week		96.76%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		97.3%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	96.8%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	97.1%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	96.2%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	97.7%
Class 5 Miss Gee	96.7%	Class 6 Mrs Poulsom-Green	93%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	98.6%	Class 8 Mrs Dewey	98%
Class 9 Miss Oliver	96.7%	Class 10 Miss Marshall	96.6%
Class 11 Miss Lee	98.6%	Class 12 Miss Booth	98.7%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	96%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	97.2%

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their second week of 'Relax and Read' as part of our celebrations for Jólabókaflóð (an Icelandic Christmas tradition).

We have enjoyed reading in different spaces around the classroom, with blankets and a cosy fireplace in the background! We have also enjoyed sharing our favourite books with each other and recommending good reads to our friends.



This week we have been very busy with our Nativity. We are very proud of the children and their performance.



Mrs Nurse's

Special Award

★ Lydia (c3) for fabulous independent writing.

★ Alma (c4) and David (c4) for excellent handwriting.



Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated money at the two Nativities this week and to the parents that bought Christmas jumpers at our after school sale.

We raised £167 for My CWA which we presented to them today.



My CWA are a local charity that help children affected by domestic abuse in Cheshire.



Dates for your Diary

15 th December		Reception, Nursery & Y1 Christmas party
16 th December		Y2, 3 & 4 Christmas party
16 th December		N, R and Y1 The Regent Theatre visit
17 th December		Y5 & 6 Christmas party
18 th December		Last day in school this term
5 th January 2026	8.40am	Children return to school

This week in nursery the children have been busy decorating their hats ready to wear on Christmas dinner day!

