



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school term here at Gainsborough. After a slightly delayed start, the children have settled back in well to their routines in school and are enjoying the new topics that they are learning in each subject.

This week, your child will have brought home a Curriculum Brochure which outlines their learning for the term for you to see, giving an overview of the objectives that will be taught in each subject in each year group. A copy can also be found on the school website under the 'Curriculum' tab if the paper copy didn't quite make it home!

We are also pleased to be offering a 'Look at our Learning' session for you and your child to share together. Staff will also be on hand for a chat and to answer any questions or queries that you may have.



These will take place on Tuesday 10th February for R, N, Y1 and Y2 and Wednesday 11th February for KS2. Both sessions will be straight after school until 4pm.

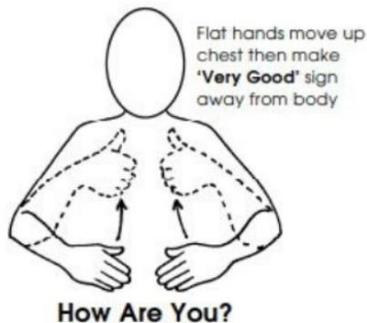


We do hope that you are able to join us for these sessions; a strong home/school partnership is crucial to a child's success in school. Research shows that parental engagement in a child's learning can have a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress and can reduce attainment gaps.

As always, if you have any queries about your child's progress at any time, do contact the office to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time and do remember that Mr Simpson runs a parent 'drop in' each week for advice around children who may have additional needs.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs J Nurse
School Principal

Makaton Sign of the Week



Dates for your Diary

16 th January	8.45am-10am	Y6 SATs breakfast workshop
16 th January		C8 swimming lesson
2 nd February		Y5 Safety Central visit
3 rd February	1pm-5.45pm	Y6 SATs additional parents' evening
4 th February		Y3 Beeston Castle visit
10 th February	3.15pm-4pm	R, N, Y1 & Y2 Look at our Learning
11 th February	3.20pm-4pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Look at our Learning
9 th -10 th March		Y4 Residential visit

Online Safety

The following guide has been added to our school website:

<https://www.gainsboroughschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/What-I-Wish-Parent-Guide.pdf>

It is a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives.





Cup Winners



- Class 1: Adlaide for being creative.
- Class 2: Adesola for super maths.
- Class 3: Mayzie for excellent independent writing about Hamelin.
- Class 4: Sunny for completing lots of home learning.
- Class 5: Gracio for drawing accurate lines of symmetry in maths.
- Class 6: Meek for improvement in his reading.
- Class 7: Varrel for hard work in phonics and in maths, learning about division!
- Class 8: Navana for a lovely Kenning poem describing a river.
- Class 9: Benjamin for the fantastic work he completed during the snow days.
- Class 10: Laurel for reading every day during the Christmas break.
- Class 11: Francesca for completing her online homework to a very high standard.
- Class 12: Oscar for returning to school with focus and working hard.
- Class 13: Diane for great progress and confidence in reading comprehension.
- Class 14: Toby and John for completing and returning their snow day work! Well done 😊



Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95%	
Overall school attendance last week		95.14%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		94.1%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	98.7%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	88.9%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	95.2%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	98.5%
Class 5 Miss Gee	91.7%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	93.3%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	100%	Class 8 Mrs Dewey	93.3%
Class 9 Miss Oliver	98.9%	Class 10 Miss Marshall	98.9%
Class 11 Miss Lee	94.8%	Class 12 Miss Booth	96.7%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	93.3%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	94.3%

Lunchtime Menu - week 1. w/c 12th January 2026

Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Cottage Pie	Veggi Mince Taco
Wednesday	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Golden Toasties
Thursday	Pizza – cheese & tomato or pepperoni	Pasta Italienne
Friday	Chicken Goujon	Hotdog
Ham / Chicken / Cheese / Tuna available every day		

Year 4

We've enjoyed having two extra days off to enjoy the snow. Now we're back, we've been reading a new book – Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton. We are enjoying learning about Viking gods and we're writing an abstract noun poem.





This week in nursery we have read the story, 'Dear Zoo' and made lion masks.



SENDCo Drop In

Next week the SENDCo drop in session will be on Thursday 15th January and not on Friday 16th January.



Lollipop Lady

There will be NO lollipop lady outside school on Monday or Tuesday next week.



CREWE Community Awards
Make your nominations NOW!

Award Categories:
 MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD:
 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER & INSPIRING INDIVIDUAL
 MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD:
 OUTSTANDING ORGANISATION/GROUP/CHARITY
 YOUNG ACHIEVER (UNDER 18) AWARD
 PROJECT: ARTS & CULTURE AWARD
 PROJECT: ENVIRONMENT AWARD
 PROJECT: EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD
 PRIDE OF CREWE:
 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The closing date for nominations is midday on Thursday 29th January 2026.

www.crewetowncouncil.gov.uk
 /community-awards-afternoon-tea-with-the-mayor/

This week in Reception the children have loved dressing up as Superheroes when introducing our new topic!



Christmas Cards

Hundreds of hospital patients received Christmas cards from primary school children in Crewe and the local area, including from Gainsborough pupils. A total of 534 cards were made with heartfelt get well messages.



Eryl Summers, Clinical Quality and Outcomes Matron at **Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** said: "Spending Christmas in hospital can be difficult, but these cards will bring warmth, smiles, and a real sense of community to our patients. Every message and drawing shows incredible thoughtfulness, and we know they will mean a lot to those receiving them."