



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Next Friday is National Handwriting Day and here at Gainsborough we are holding our very own handwriting competition. The children will be putting pen to paper to show off their very best presentation skills.

All week they will be practising their cursive handwriting style in an effort to improve their fluency and the accuracy of their letter joins. Each class will be learning a poem in their reading lesson and then producing a presentation copy in time for the competition to be judged on Friday afternoon. There will be prizes for the best in each class and also the most improved.

We will share with you some of the winning entries in next week's newsletter.

Following on from this competition, we will be celebrating both World Book Day (5th March) and World Poetry Day (21st March) so keep an eye out on our newsletters for more information in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs J Nurse

School Principal



Dates for your Diary

23 rd 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
12 th February		Y6 Weaver Hall visit
9 th -10 th March		Y4 Residential visit



Lunchtime Menu - week 2. w/c 19th January 2026

Monday	Pasta Italienne	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		



Cup Winners



- Class 1: Ania for super work exploring capacity in maths.
- Class 2: Vilma for always putting 100% effort into her learning.
- Class 3: Lucas for super attitude towards completing extra maths challenges when exploring place value to 20.
- Class 4: Nichita for excellent number line work in maths.
- Class 5: Branko for making a huge amount of effort to improve his handwriting.
- Class 6: Mya for improvement in her reading.
- Class 7: Jax for having an amazing start to the Spring term and trying really hard in all of his learning.
- Class 8: Aiden for excellent defensive skills in benchball.
- Class 9: Leo for his hardworking attitude in maths and for working hard to improve his times tables recall.
- Class 10: Demilade for super multiplication of 3 digit numbers.
- Class 11: Owen for a great improvement in his handwriting.
- Class 12: Daniela for her excellent efforts and answers in 'Book Club'.
- Class 13: Annie for a huge improvement in writing.
- Class 14: Lucas for excellent behaviour and always trying his best.



Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95.1%	
Overall school attendance last week		96.51%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		96.3%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	97.2%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	96.7%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	96.2%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	93.2%
Class 5 Miss Gee	95.3%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	92.7%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	97.1%	Class 8 Mrs Dewey	96.3%
Class 9 Miss Oliver	96.7%	Class 10 Miss Marshall	97.2%
Class 11 Miss Lee	98.3%	Class 12 Miss Booth	99.3%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	99%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	98.6%

Year 6

Year 6 parents were invited into school today for a maths workshop. After learning the calculation methods taught in school, the children joined their adults in the hall and they worked together to tackle an arithmetic paper. The children were all really impressed with their parents' skills!



