



# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy Newsletter



30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week here at Gainsborough, the children took part in a special assembly where we launched our Alexandra Trust art competition.



As Sir David Attenborough celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, the theme of the competition is 'Animals'.

All children are invited to create a piece of art at home that represents their favourite animal. This could be a collage, drawing, sculpture, painting, junk modelling – whatever they like!

### Essential Information:

- Deadline: **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** (Submissions to be given to Ms Aitchison in Y6).
- There will be 4 winning categories – EYFS, KS1, lower KS2 & upper KS2 – with **Art prizes to be won!**
- A digital gallery with artwork from all 4 schools in the Trust will be set up so children, parents and carers can view all the entries.

**Please note that all entries MUST be the children's own work.**

We hope that your child will enter the competition and here are a few ideas to get them started.



Have a lovely weekend and have fun getting creative!

Mrs J Nurse  
School Principal



### Dates for your Diary

2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Y5 Safety Central visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	1pm-5.45pm	Y6 SATs additional parents' evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.30pm-3.05pm	Y2 Come & Read
4 <sup>th</sup> February		Y3 Beeston Castle visit
4 <sup>th</sup> February	2.15pm	Y2 parent/carer assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Wear something red with your uniform for Sepsis (£1 cash)</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> February		C8 swimming lesson
10 <sup>th</sup> February	3.20pm-4pm	R, N, Y1 & Y2 Look at our Learning
11 <sup>th</sup> February	3.25pm-4pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Look at our Learning
12 <sup>th</sup> February		Y6 Weaver Hall visit
12 <sup>th</sup> February	5pm	Y4 Boreatton Park parent meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> March		Y4 Residential visit

### Lunchtime Menu - week 2. w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

<b>Monday</b>	Pasta Italienne	Jacket Potato
<b>Tuesday</b>	Spanish Chicken	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausage & Mash	Chow Mein Noodles
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Turkey	Roast Quorn
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers	Cheese & Onion Pie
<b>Ham / Chicken / Cheese / Tuna available every day</b>		



## Cup Winners



- Class 1: Binky- Ray for a fantastic attitude to his learning.
- Class 2: Vilma for trying hard with segmenting and blending in phonics.
- Class 3: Tommy for a great attitude towards writing sentences with new vocabulary in English.
- Class 4: Patrik for always having a good go.
- Class 5: Ryan for working hard to be independent during English lessons.
- Class 6: Mia for her super art work.
- Class 7: Jackson for a huge improvement in his handwriting.
- Class 8: Tomas for trying really hard to write sentences independently.
- Class 9: Ellis for his excellent mythical character and setting description.
- Class 10: Levi for making great progress with his writing - both the content and presentation.
- Class 11: Mia for writing an excellent 'cliffhanger'.
- Class 12: Robert for trying really hard in writing lessons.
- Class 13: Nymaya for always putting in 100% into every lesson.
- Class 14: Ella for fabulous effort in maths this half term.



### Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		<b>96%</b>	
Overall school attendance to date		<b>95.20%</b>	
Overall school attendance last week		<b>95.25%</b>	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		<b>88.8%</b>	
<b>Class 1</b> Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>Class 2</b> Mrs Grocott	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Class 3</b> Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>Class 4</b> Mrs Hampshire	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>Class 5</b> Miss Gee	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>Class 6</b> Mrs Poulson-Green	<b>97%</b>
<b>Class 7</b> Mrs Watson	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>Class 8</b> Mrs Dewey	<b>94.3%</b>
<b>Class 9</b> Miss Oliver	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>Class 10</b> Miss Marshall	<b>99%</b>
<b>Class 11</b> Miss Lee	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>Class 12</b> Miss Booth	<b>98%</b>
<b>Class 13</b> Miss Hitchen	<b>98%</b>	<b>Class 14</b> Mrs Taylor	<b>98.6%</b>

### Year 1

The children are using colours and shapes in their art lessons to recreate work by the artist Henri Matisse. In their sketch books, children designed their own versions of Matisse's "snail".



**Active Travel Poster Competition**

Has your child taken part in Bikeability (level 1 or 2)?

Everybody Health and Leisure are challenging the children to create an eye-catching A4 poster that encourages active travel in a safe manner (cycling, walking, scootering and wheeling or using public transport).

Use paint, crayon, felt pen or pencil but remember to put your name and school on the back of the poster!



**Gold Stars February Half Term**

	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> Toilet tube ladybird Clay modelling	
	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> Rainbow turtle Dragon puppet	
	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> Let's bake cakes Get active!	
	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> Parachute fun Film & popcorn	
	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> Closed	

**February Half Term**

This week in Reception, we have been enjoying exploring the classroom and learning all about the police and how they help us. We have put our detective skills to the test and worked out whose feet were whose. We have also been busy building.

**Wear RED for Sepsis**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February the children are invited to wear something red alongside their school uniform (eg. T-shirt, jumper, hair band, leggings or socks) for a donation of £1 cash which will be donated to Sepsis UK.

**Makaton Sign of the Week**

**Listen**

**Mrs Nurse's Special Award**

- ★ Kostya (c4) for great independent writing.
- ★ Daisy (c14) for great work in reading boosters.
- ★ Mia (c11), Raheem (c11), Nevaeh (c11) and Hunter (c11) for excellent story writing.