# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy

# Newsletter

**1st May 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to tell you all about our special World Culture Week that we are holding here at Gainsborough during the week beginning May 18th.




The week coincides with World Culture Day which this year falls on 21st May. Led by UNESCO and supported by the UN, it promotes, protects, and celebrates the richness of global cultures. This year the theme is **CULTURE CONNECTS US ALL.**

Here at Gainsborough, we will be celebrating our very own diverse community in a week of learning focused on exploring the different traditions and cultures from around the world.
Throughout the week, we will be exploring the traditional music of Africa, art from Eastern Europe and religions in Asia, as well as learning a traditional dance from East Timor and tasting some traditional food of the UK. Children will also be learning greetings in a variety of different languages. Why not test them out!

On Friday 22nd May we would love the children to come to school dressed in clothes/costumes or colours that represent their own culture. This is purely optional but would be a fantastic way of celebrating our diverse community here at Gainsborough. We hope that you will encourage your child to take part and that you will let your imagination run wild – Anything Goes!

If you think you would be able to join us during our special week to show traditional outfits or artefacts or talk to the children about traditions in your culture, please get in touch with Mrs Richmond in the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs J Nurse
School Principal

## Dates for your Diary

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| 4th May | | Bank Holiday – school closed |
| 6th May | 3.25pm-4pm | Y3-Y6 Look at Our Learning |
| 7th May | 3.20pm-4pm | N, R, Y1 & Y2 Look at Our Learning |
| 22nd May | | World Culture Day at school |
| 25th -29th May | | Half term Week – school closed |

## Mrs Nurse's Special Award

★ Zayn (c5) for his fantastic writing.

★ Alexander (c9) and Sade (c9) for great writing.




## Lunchtime Menu - week 2 w/c 4th May 2026

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| **Monday** | | |
| **Tuesday** | Pasta Italiene | Jacket Potato |
| **Wednesday** | Roast Gammon | Roast Quorn |
| **Thursday** | Hunters Chicken | Pizza |
| **Friday** | Beef Burger | Vegetable Fingers |
| **Ham / Cheese / Tuna available every day** | | |

## Cup Winners

Class 1: Arthur for such an improvement in his handwriting.

Class 2: Freya for always putting 100% effort into her learning.

Class 3: Alexander for increasing independence in English lessons particularly with using finger spaces.

Class 4: Patrik for coming back to school with a smile.

Class 5: Alesia for double checking her answers during maths.

Class 6: Sofia for her handwriting.

Class 7: Samuel for always being first ready in the assembly rehearsals.

Class 8: Tiffany for good retelling of the Forgettery story.

Class 9: Lillie for working hard to improve the speed of her times table recall.

Class 10: Beau for using imaginative vocabulary in his refugee narrative.

Class 11: Whitney for excellent improvement of handwriting and presentation.

Class 12: Caspar for a great effort with joined handwriting this week.

Class 13: Daniel for excellent effort and resilience in maths.

Class 14: Jacob E-S for excellent effort with reasoning and problem-solving.




## Attendance

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| National average Primary School attendance | | 96% | |
| Overall school attendance to date | | 95.47% | |
| Overall school attendance last week | | 95.76% | |
| **Nursery** Mrs Taylor | | 95.3% | |
| **Class 1** Miss Oliver & Miss Eccleston | 95.8% | **Class 2** Mrs Grocott | 98% |
| **Class 3** Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes | 95% | **Class 4** Mrs Hampshire | 90.9% |
| **Class 5** Miss Gee | 98% | **Class 6** Mrs Poulson-Green | 96% |
| **Class 7** Mrs Watson | 98.6% | **Class 8** Mrs Dewey | 96.7% |
| **Class 9** Miss Gough | 94.5% | **Class 10** Miss Marshall | 99.3% |
| **Class 11** Miss Lee | 96.6% | **Class 12** Miss Booth | 93.3% |
| **Class 13** Miss Hitchen | 93.3% | **Class 14** Mrs Taylor | 97.2% |

## Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting time at Crewe Green Sunflower Garden this week. We explored the farm and met the animals. We hope our seeds start to grow soon!









This week in Reception the children have been learning about minibeasts.

We used different materials to make ladybirds.






## Gold Stars May Half Term

Bookings for Gold Stars in May half term are now available on Arbor.










This week in Nursery we have been busy making hats. Here are a few of the designs. Witch hats, princess hats, pirate hats and a crown!














## School Visits

If your child requires a school packed lunch when on a visit then this **MUST** be ordered at least one day in advance of the visit.