Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy

Newsletter

17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the Summer term here at Gainsborough; we hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

Thank you to everyone who returned their child's report acknowledgement slip; if you haven't done so yet, please send it in to school next week at the latest.

Today your child will have brought home a year group curriculum overview which outlines what they will be learning this term in all subjects. There is also a copy on the school website under the 'classes' tab if yours didn't make it home!



We are also running some 'Look at Our Learning' sessions for parents/carers in the coming weeks giving you an opportunity to come into school to look at your child's books alongside them in an informal setting and to also ask the staff any questions that you may have about how you can help at home.



These sessions will take place as follows:

Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 on **Thursday 7th May** from 3.20 until 4pm

Y3 – 6 on **Wednesday 6th May** from 3.25 until 4pm

We do hope that you can join us.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Nurse
School Principal



Please **do not** allow your child to ride their bikes or scooters in the school car park or play around staff and visitor cars.

We have had cars damaged this week.



Dates for your Diary

21st April		Reception Vision Screening
24th April	8.50-9.20am	Year 1 (c3 & c4) Stay and Read
28th April	8.50-9.20am	Year 2 (c5 & c6) Stay and Read
29th April		Y1 Crewe Sunflower Farm visit
29th April	2.15pm	Y3 Family Assembly
30th April		Reception Crewe Sunflower Farm visit
1st May		Nursery Crewe Sunflower Farm visit
6th May	3.25pm-4pm	Y3-Y6 Look at Our Learning
7th May	3.20pm-4pm	N, R, Y1 & Y2 Look at Our Learning



Lunchtime Menu - week 2
w/c 20th April 2026

Monday	Quorn Bolognaise Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Roast Gammon	Roast Quorn Dinner
Wednesday	Pasta Italienne	Jacket Potato
Thursday	Hunters Chicken	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Friday	Beef Burger	Vegetable Fingers
Ham / Cheese / Tuna available every day		

Cup Winners



Class 1: Adlaide, Kiana and Nixen for being helpful.

Class 2: Avrora for trying hard to learn new sounds.

Class 3: Dhruvi for writing a good prediction in English.

Class 4: Tayia for a detailed descriptive writing.

Class 5: Ognyan for writing sentences independently and ensuring his handwriting is still neat!

Class 6: Ezra for his accurate measuring in maths this week.

Class 7: Annalise for settling into Gainsborough so well and making a great first impression!

Class 8: Mara for trying hard to write an independent character description.

Class 9: Larissa for creating some excellent sentences during our sentence accuracy sessions.

Class 10: Ollie for putting in a super effort during maths learning about decimals.

Class 11: Aleksander for a massive improvement in his spelling test.

Class 12: Asher for improved handwriting and contributions in class.

Class 13: Chloe for trying really hard in lessons and for completing her revision pack over the Easter.

Class 14: Evie for the fantastic effort that she made with her Easter Revision Packs - even taking extra! 😊

Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95.44%	
Overall school attendance last week		95.34%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		91.9%	
Class 1 Miss Oliver & Miss Eccleston	96.9%	**Class 2** Mrs Grocott	98%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	96.5%	**Class 4** Mrs Hampshire	90%
Class 5 Miss Gee	93.2%	**Class 6** Mrs Poulson-Green	95.2%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	91.7%	**Class 8** Mrs Dewey	91.9%
Class 9 Miss Gough	97.7%	**Class 10** Miss Marshall	98.3%
Class 11 Miss Lee	96.9%	**Class 12** Miss Booth	99%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	95.3%	**Class 14** Mrs Taylor	99.3%

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the Summer Term. They were introduced to the new English text, 'The King Who Banned the Dark' by Emily Haworth-Booth. The children discussed the reasons to ban the dark and reasons why it should not be banned. In conclusion, Year 2 children agreed that the King should not ban darkness.

In maths, the children learnt the difference between cm and m and have been busy measuring objects in each unit of measure. They thoroughly enjoyed this.

To conclude their Design and Technology topic, the children have designed and made a chair suitable for Baby Bear from paper, card and tape. There was lots of experimentation and refining of their original designs, but their end results were great!

As we head to the final term in Year 2 please continue to hear your child read at least 4 times a week and ensure homework is completed to further support your child's progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 2 Team





Mrs Nurse's Special Award

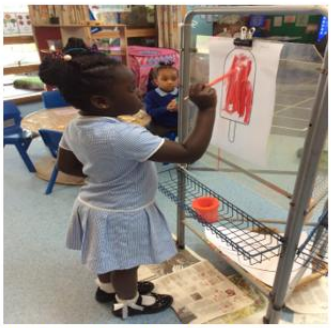
- ★ Poppy (c7) for her super handwriting & presentation.
- ★ Tommy (c3) for fantastic resilience.





This week in Nursery we have been focusing on our fine motor skills, using scissors and a paintbrush correctly.





This week in Reception the children have enjoyed our outdoor classroom.

They have been building together, writing and relaxing in the Nature Cafe.








The Monks Coppenhall Family Hub offer 30 minute bookable appointments with an Educational Psychologist. This is an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's emotional health and wellbeing, behaviour, learning development or any specific SEND needs. You can discuss behaviours/concerns that are present in school, at home or both. Educational Psychologists are trained professionals who specialise in child development, learning and social emotional wellbeing and they can listen to you concerns and offer helpful advice. Appointments are available on **Thursday 21st May** or **Thursday 2nd July** by calling The Family Hub on **01270 371240**. If you would like more information about this or would like support to book an appointment, please pop into SENDCo drop-in which takes place every Friday morning in the Community Room from 8:45am.