Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy

Newsletter

25th September 2026

Dear parents and carers

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our 'new to Gainsborough' parent and carer coffee morning today in support of Macmillan Cancer. We also welcomed parents and carers of children in our Gainsborough Academy choir who provided some superb entertainment for the event. We are pleased to let you know that we have raised £155.96 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everybody who donated either cakes or money.



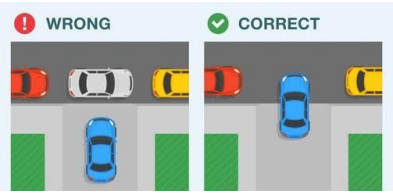
Next week we will be welcoming year 6 parents and carers for a family lunch on Wednesday (please order and pay for your meal on Arbor) and all children are invited to take a special Autumn themed lunch on Thursday.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nurse

Parking



Please can we remind all parents about parking safely and respectfully outside school. We have an increasing number of parents parking half on the kerb which is unsafe and makes it very difficult for those walking, particularly with pushchairs, to get past. Please do not park across our neighbours' driveways and be mindful that only BLUE BADGE HOLDERS can park where there is a single yellow line. Thank you for keeping our school community safe.



Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Libby (c2) for her super manners in the dinner hall.
- ★ Invander (c8) and Eduarda (c8) for fabulous writing about the Iron Man.
- ★ Frgie (c11) for his brilliant art work.
- ★ Rosie-May (c8), Eduarda (c8) and Joy (c8) for tidying up the snack trays so brilliantly.
- ★ Jacob (c11) for fabulous writing about his journey to Mars.
- ★ Sade (c11) for reading with such brilliant expression.
- ★ Tee-Jay (c12) for super art work.

Grit and Determination Award

Class 1	Ellie Rose
Class 2	Mia
Class 3	Alexia
Class 4	Timea
Class 5	Demilade
Class 6	Ranya





Cup Winners



Class 1: Piper for making brilliant progress writing her name.

Class 2: Steven for trying really hard with his maths.

Class 3: Oba for great participation in RE lessons.

Class 4: Harper for having a go and working independently.

Class 5: Azlan for working hard in RE to come up with questions for a visitor.

Class 6: Pati for her beautiful handwriting.

Class 7: Erica for being a brilliant defender in our football PE lesson and helping her team mates.

Class 8: Joy for being very conscientious about her work.

Class 9: Darrel for his excellent listening skills.

Class 10: Erik for not giving up with his maths challenges.

Class 11: Laylah for being a really good friend.

Class 12: Leo for producing some excellent writing and showing really improved focus and concentration.

Class 13: Phoebe for her great maths work and setting the example to others.

Class 14: Hunter for effort in his reading, writing and maths - keep it up!

Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		96.40%	
Overall school attendance last week		97.02%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		95.1%	
Class 1 Mrs Dewey	90.2%	**Class 2** Mrs Grocott	98.2%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	94.4%	**Class 4** Mrs Hampshire	99.2%
Class 5 Miss Gee	97.9%	**Class 6** Mrs Poulson-Green	98.1%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	99%	**Class 8** Mrs Jones & Miss Eccleston	98.6%
Class 9 Miss Gough	99.3%	**Class 10** Miss Marshall	96%
Class 11 Miss Lee	98.3%	**Class 12** Mr Niedzwiedzki	98%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	96.6%	**Class 14** Mrs Taylor	96.1%

Dates for your Diary

September 2026			
30th		Y5	Jodrell Bank visit
30th		Y6	Family lunch
October 2026			
1st		Y1	Library visit
2nd		C7	swimming lessons
9th		Y6	Crucial Crew visit
12th		Y2	Crewe War Memorial visit
14th	9.30-11.30		Open Day
19th-21st		Y6	Robin Wood residential
22nd			Academy Photographs
26th – 30th			Half Term Holidays



Lunchtime Menu - week 1
w/c 28th September 2026

Monday	Pasta Carbonara	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Beef Lasagne	Veggi Sausage Roll
Wednesday	Chicken Fajita	Homemade Pizza
Thursday	Sausage & Chips	Vegetarian Bolognese
Friday	Battered Fish	Quorn Dippers
Ham / Cheese / Tuna sandwich available every day		

This week in Nursery we have made collage rainbows and junk model furniture.








Harvest

The children will be celebrating Harvest Festival next week at church. Please could any donations be brought into school by Wednesday 30th September so that we can distribute them to St Paul's Pantry and CHANCE Changing Lives.





Makaton

Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate.

Parent Governor

The closing date for applications to become a parent governor is midday on Wednesday 30th September 2026. Please see today's email for further information.

This week in Reception we have been looking at patterns. We have tried to continue a simple pattern that we have been shown as well as make our own using different equipment.




We have also been looking at body parts and learning their names. In PE, we have been trying to follow along to "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" going faster each time.



Please remember to name all of your child's clothing! We have a large pile of lost items without names in at the moment.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the Autumn Term. In English they have read the story, Leo and the Octopus, and are in the process of writing their own version of the text. The children have loved their gymnastics lessons, learning how to create individual and paired balances. As part of their RE topic, the children interviewed a special visitor about what is means to be a Christian and the importance of the Bible. The children asked very sensible questions and we were proud of them.

Staff and parents have been getting familiar with the new digital reading record called Page Ticker. If you are still finding it tricky to use, please contact school so we can help.

Thank you for supporting your child by providing a school PE kit and assisting with homework. Working together we can continue to ensure your child reaches their full potential.



