Gainsborough Primary & Nursery Academy

Newsletter

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we had a super Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, with every class from year 2 to year 6 contributing a song or a poem and giving thanks for the food that we are fortunate to have. We celebrated the generous contributions that you have all made over the last week or so and thought about the impact of the amount of food that gets wasted each year.

Representatives from 'Chance' and St Paul's came to talk to the children about the work that they do and to say thank you for all of the contributions.

On Wednesday the children in Reception and Year 1 celebrated Harvest in school during a special assembly led by Mrs Crowther.

A huge thanks goes to Miss Gough for organising our Harvest Festival this year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Nurse
School Principal











Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Ellis (c12) and Diana (c12) for absolutely brilliant story writing.
- ★ Seby (c14) for excellent diary writing.
- ★ Novah (c2) for super writing.
- ★ Tanzeela (c13) for brilliant work in RE.
- ★ Luca (c2) for a super effort with his writing.
- ★ Elvis (c13) for his excellent diary writing.

Makaton



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



Cup Winners

Class 1: Junar for sitting at a table and writing his name.

Class 2: Jordan for his effort in phonics lessons.

Class 3: Eric for great focus and effort in writing lessons.

Class 4: Arthur for trying hard to follow instructions.

Class 5: Carys for coming up with some great ideas and using them to extend her sentences in English lessons.

Class 6: Oscar for his great Geography work.

Class 7: Mia-Lola for always being a good friend and trying to help others.

Class 8: Ezra for wonderful vocabulary.

Class 9: Waqiah for really working hard to concentrate and listen in class.

Class 10: India for super singing at the Harvest Festival at church.

Class 11: Frgie for great enthusiasm and joy on the trip to Jodrell Bank.

Class 12: Imogen for showing wonderful curiosity and enthusiasm on our trip to Jodrell Bank, asking great questions and enjoying the experience.

Class 13: Kyaan for an excellent piece of writing.

Class 14: Bella for participating brilliantly in our Harvest Festival.

Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		96.85%	
Overall school attendance last week		97.47%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		96.1%	
Class 1 Mrs Dewey	93.2%	**Class 2** Mrs Grocott	99.1%
Class 3 Mrs Crowther & Mrs Clewes	97.2%	**Class 4** Mrs Hampshire	99.2%
Class 5 Miss Gee	96%	**Class 6** Mrs Poulson-Green	98.1%
Class 7 Mrs Watson	99.3%	**Class 8** Mrs Jones & Miss Eccleston	97.9%
Class 9 Miss Gough	98.6%	**Class 10** Miss Marshall	98%
Class 11 Miss Lee	99.3%	**Class 12** Mr Niedzwiedzki	98.3%
Class 13 Miss Hitchen	95.8%	**Class 14** Mrs Taylor	96.8%

Dates for your Diary

October 2026			
6th	10am - 12	Y3	The Dome Youth Zone
9th		C7	swimming lessons
9th		Y6	Crucial Crew visit
9th		R	Vision Screening
12th		Y2	Crewe War Memorial visit
14th	9.30-11.30		Open Day
15th	2.45pm **or** 5pm	Y1	Phonics and Reading meeting
19th-21st		Y6	Robin Wood residential
22nd		All	Academy Photographs
26th–30th			Half Term Holidays



Lunchtime Menu - week 2
w/c 5th October 2026

Monday	Beef Chilli	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Roast Gammon	Roast Quorn
Wednesday	Pasta Italienne	Cheese & Vegetable Gratin
Thursday	BBQ Chicken	Homemade Pizza
Friday	Beef Burger	Vegetable Fingers
Ham / Cheese / Tuna sandwich available every day		

This week in Nursery we have collected leaves and twigs to make leaf men and leaf ladies.








Late to School?

The school gates open at 8.40am and school starts promptly at **8.45am.**

If your child arrives after 8.50am they need to be brought to the main school office by an adult who will need to sign them into school.



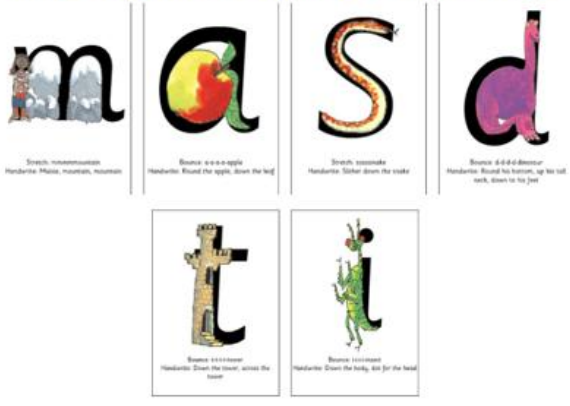
This week in Reception we have been reading and talking about the book "The Lion Inside". The children have been busy making lion faces in play dough, decorating a lion's mane with tissue paper and building enclosures to keep all of the animals safe.





Phonics

We have been learning the letter sounds m, a, s, d, t and i. Can your child remember these sounds?



Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic visit to **Jodrell Bank**, where the children learned a great deal about Space . They thoroughly enjoyed the immersive experience in the **Space Dome**, which helped bring their learning to life. One of the highlights of the day was seeing the impressive **Lovell Telescope** move, which amazed and excited us all. The pupils were engaged throughout the visit, asked thoughtful questions, and represented the school brilliantly. It was a memorable and inspiring day that enhanced their understanding of space.





