

27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a busy week it has been to see our children doing such a fantastic job with the "Grow a Pound" challenge, hosted by our PTA. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit shine as they've been busy transforming a single pound into even more. From baking delicious treats and organizing mini-stalls and crafting handmade goods, the children have truly embraced this initiative. All the money raised will go directly towards enhancing our school resources, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts and ingenuity. We'll be sharing the grand total and celebrating their achievements next week!

Today, our Year 2 children have visited Croft House where they have brought so much joy to the residents with their delightful singing performance! Events like this are so important, not only for brightening the day of the elderly residents but also for teaching our pupils the value of community spirit and spreading happiness through their talents. Well done, Year 2!

This week, our Year 6 children have been making a positive start to their end of year performance by delving into their rehearsals and learning their scripts. This show will be such a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their talents and create special memories of their time here at Gawthorpe before they journey onto high school.

Thank you for all of your support and we wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Bateman

Head of School

Mrs H. Dyson

Deputy Headteacher

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles



Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Be Ready to Learn

Nursery Open Day

Nursery will be holding their open day this Saturday 28th June. This will run from 9:30 - 11:30. If you have a child aged 3 or under or you know of a family that do please pass on this information. The open day is an opportunity to meet the staff and ask any questions you may have about your child attending Nursery. We will be providing drinks and biscuits as well as free play and craft.

Grow A Pound

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting your children with their Grow A Pound ideas. We have one weekend left. The money needs to be returned to school on Monday 30th June, please return it named, with the amount raised and how the money was raised written on a piece of paper. There will be prizes for the child from each Key Stage that raises the most money as well as a class and group prize and a prize for the most innovative way of raising money. If you have been unable to take part with this fundraiser please return the £1 on Monday.

Afternoon Tea

We are really excited to welcome you to our Afternoon Tea event that will take place on Friday 4th July 2025 at 1.45pm. We are hoping to have this event on the school field – weather permitting – where parents and carers can bring their own pop up chairs and blankets to enjoy the food prepared by children across school. Over the course of Thursday and Friday next week, children will be preparing a range of afternoon tea food choices to be enjoyed together as a community. Remember to save a space for the relevant time slot as explained in our previous letter.

Ticket sales for the Afternoon Tea will close at 3pm on Monday 30th June.
This is to enable us to order and plan for numbers attending.

School Email Address

Our school office email has now changed to gca-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk please use this for all correspondence from now on.

PANTS assembly

Over the next few weeks, children in school will take part in the NSPCC PANTS assembly. This assembly supports children in understanding that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a trusted adult if anything makes them feel upset or worried, delivered in an age appropriate manner to support all children. If you would like any further information, please contact the school office.

Summer Fair:

Preparations are underway for the Summer Fair on Wednesday 16 July 3pm. We hope to bring a range of exciting games and activities - more information to follow. Volunteers to help organise and/or run a stall would very much be appreciated. Please get in touch via gawthorpeptfa@gmail.com. We will have a few spaces for businesses to have a stall too, please get in touch if you are interested.

PTA Non-uniform Day

On Friday 11th July, we will hold a PTA non-uniform day in school to support in gathering donations for the summer fair. Rec/RS1 will be asked to bring in a donation of sweets/chocolate for the tombola and KS2 will be asked to bring bottles of soft drink/toiletries. Thank you in advance for your support.

School Lunches

Please remember to order your child's school dinners for next week. A copy of the lunch Menu has been added below. Thank you.

Craft Workshops

Wakefield Council have kindly offered to lead some craft sessions at Gawthorpe for parents and children. Parents are invited to take part in a craft session with Wakefield Council, we are limited to 30 places per workshop, please book in by emailing the school office gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk for a place. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 1 & Y2 – The Hungry Caterpillar (Thursday 10/07/25 at 9.30am-11.30am)

Year 3, Y5, Y6 – Van Gogh (Thursday 17/07/25 at 9.30am till 11.30am)

Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done Year 1 who have all achieved the best overall attendance this week. **As a school, we strive to ensure our weekly attendance is at least 97%** Your continued support is vital.

Year Group	This week's school attendance %
Reception	95.33%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.00%
Year 3	98.62%
Year 4	97.50%
Year 5	98.00%
Year 6	92.00%
Whole School	96.80%

Diary Dates

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
28.06.25	Nursery Open Day	New Nursery Children
02.07.25	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Reception
04.07.25	Afternoon Tea	Whole School
07.07.25	Leeds United Trip	Year 1 and Year 4
08.07.25	Open Classroom	Whole School
09.07.25	End of Year Disco	Year 6
10.07.25	Coal Mining Trip	Year 5
10.07.25	Craft Workshop 9.30am-11.30am	Reception, Y1 & Y2
11.07.25	Non-Uniform Day	Whole School
11.07.25	Stay and Play 9.45am – 10.45am	External New Starters
16.07.25	Summer Fair 3.00pm	Whole School Including Nursery
17.07.25	Seaside Trip	Year 1 and Year 4
17.07.25	Craft Workshop 9.30am-11.30am	Year 3, 5 & 6
18.07.25	End of Year Performance	Year 6
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22.07.25	End of Year Performance	Reception
25.07.25	Sports Day and Picnic 11.30-1.30pm	Nursery
25.07.25	Celebration Afternoon	Year 6 Families
25.07.25	Break up for Summer	Whole School Including Nursery



"Return to school support"

Do you have worries about your child's return to school in September?

Would you like strategies on what you could do to try to help your child?

Would you like to speak to somebody and get advice on what could be done to help?

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above, then the "Return to school support" service is available for parents and carers throughout the school summer holidays.

We have Educational Improvement Teachers (EITs) available to take your call to listen to your worries and provide support, signposting and impartial advice.

The EITs are available to take your telephone call on the following dates:

Tuesday 5 th August, 2025	10am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 12 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 19 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 26 th August, 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September, 2025	
Tuesday 9 th September, 2025	
Tuesday 16 th September, 2025	
Tuesday 23 rd September, 2025	



Please call the Educational Psychology Service on **01924 307403** and ask to speak to an EIT.



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