

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite the cold weather this week, our Forest School sessions continue to be a huge success for our Year 4 and Year 1 children this half term. Our youngest children in Early Years especially enjoyed the wintry conditions, exploring the fascinating textures and shapes of ice found around the grounds.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Inspire Sessions hosted by Year 5 and 6 this week. It was wonderful to see so many families engaged in the children's learning about 20th Century Conflict. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on activity of building Anderson Shelters and hearing about the amazing knowledge the children have gained. Your attendance and support is really appreciated!

Next week in school is Parliament Week. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn more about our 5 British Values and understand the basic workings of the UK Parliament. We look forward to sharing our learning with you next week.

Thank you to Miss Darby for hosting a wonderful SEND Coffee Afternoon. It was a great opportunity for parents and carers to come in, enjoy a quick catch-up and ask any questions they may have had. We look forward to hosting more of these informal, supportive sessions.

We would like to share with you all that Mrs Stead has made the decision to retire at Christmas. Mrs Stead has been an excellent member of the Gawthorpe team and has left such a lasting impact on so many children and families. Please join us in wishing Mrs Stead a happy retirement and we know she will love the opportunity to spend more time with her family, she will certainly be missed.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

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Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Be Ready to Learn

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PTFA - Christmas Fair Donations

We have a Non-Uniform Day next Friday, November 28th and we would like to kindly request donations for our PFTA Christmas Fair.

Nursery to Year 2 - Donations of sweets or chocolate for the tombola.

Year 3 to Year 6 - Donations of bottled items such as pop, juice, shower gel, creams, etc.

Thank you in advance for your support of these events.

PTFA – Christmas Jumper Donations

PTFA are kindly asking for donations of Christmas Jumpers for our Christmas Jumper stall.

School Uniform Reminder

Please be reminded of the school uniform policy. All children should wear:

Blue polo shirt

Blue jumper or cardigan

Grey or black bottoms (trousers, skirts, etc.)

Black shoes or pumps

Uniform does not need to have the school logo embroidered. Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done Year 6 who have achieved the best overall attendance this week.

As a school, we strive to ensure our weekly attendance is at least 97% and your continued support is vital.

Year Group	This week's school attendance %
Reception	98.62%
Year 1	97.78%
Year 2	98.28%
Year 3	97.42%
Year 4	88.28%
Year 5	91.03%
Year 6	98.67%
Whole School	95.74%

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
28.11.25	Non-Uniform Day	Whole School Including Nursery
01.12.25	First Steps Together 1 - 2pm	New Nursery Parents

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03.12.25	Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5pm	Whole School
08.12.25	First Steps Together 1 - 2pm	New Nursery Parents
10.12.25	School Christmas Dinner	Whole School
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
16.12.25	Christmas Sing Song Stay and Play 10.15am - 11.30am	Nursery
16.12.25	Christmas Performance	KS1 - 2.00pm KS2 – 5.00pm
17.12.25	Christmas Performance	KS1 – 9.30am KS2 – 2.00pm
18.12.25	Nativity	Reception and Year 6
19.12.25	Carols around the Tree 2:00-3:00pm	Whole School
19.12.25	Break up today	Whole School
05.01.26	Return to School	Whole School
12.01.26	1:1 SATs Meetings	Year 6
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27.01.26	Open Classroom	All Classes
04.02.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Year 1
10.02.26	Stay and Play - Chinese New Year	Nursery
13.02.26	Break Up Today	Whole School
23.02.26	INSET Day	Whole School
24.02.26	Return To School	Whole School
28.02.26	Nursery Open Morning	New Nursery Parents
03.03.26	Careers Week	Whole School
05.03.26	World Book Day	Whole School
09.03.26 to 11.03.26	Bikeability	Year 5
09.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
16.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
18.03.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Year 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day	Whole School
26.03.26	Nursery Concert	Nursery
27.03.26	Break Up Today	Whole School
13.04.26	Return To School	Whole School
27.04.26	Parent's evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Reception - Year 5
29.04.26	Parent's evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Reception - Year 5
01.05.26	Sports Day	Whole School
06.05.25	Class School Photos	Whole School Including Nursery
07.05.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Reception
11.05.26	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
20.05.26	Grandparent's Day	Nursery

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21.05.26	Break Up Today	Whole School
22.05.26	INSET Day	Whole School
08.06.26	Return To School	Whole School
W.C 08.06.26	Phonics Check Multiplication Check	Year 1 Year 4
23.06.26	Open Classroom	All classes
13.06.26	Nursery Open Morning	New Nursery Parents
19.06.26	Farm Trip	Reception
09.07.26	End of Year Disco	Year 6
17.07.26	End of Year Performance	Year 6
W.C. 20.07.25	Residential	Year 6
21.07.26	End of Year Performance and picnic	Reception and Nursery
24.07.26	Celebration Afternoon	Year 6 Families
24.07.26	Break Up Today	Whole School



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