

23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a busy week we have had in school! This week we were joined by our CEO, Mr Knox, who spent the day visiting classrooms and meeting children. It filled us with great pride to share the successes of all our children, who were the best ambassadors for the school, showing off their incredible work and high standards of behaviour.

One highlight of the week has been our singing assembly hosted by Mr Walker, whose energy and passion for music is truly infectious. Each Tuesday afternoon, we hear the school hall filled with beautiful singing voices which is an absolute pleasure to listen to!

On Tuesday, our Key Stage One children had a road safety talk which they all engaged in, asking lots of well-thought questions with enthusiasm. Well done Year 1 and 2, we hope you have shared your learning with your adults at home.

Yesterday, our fabulous librarians were proud to share an assembly on their expectations for the use of the library with all pupils across school. We are incredibly proud to have a team of such enthusiastic and dedicated young leaders in school, who have worked incredibly hard to make the library a special place to visit.

It is with great pride that we share that our Maypole team, led by Mrs Hardacre, is already off to a flying start this year! The children take this opportunity incredibly seriously, demonstrating resilience and high expectations of themselves. We cannot wait to see how they progress over the next few months!

Finally, we would like to share some wonderful news regarding our Year 4 team. Mrs Bateman is delighted to share that she is expecting her second child, due this summer. I am sure you will join us in sending her and her family our warmest congratulations on this exciting news.

Mrs A Berry
Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman
Head of School

 Be Respectful

 Be Responsible

 Be Reflective

 Be Ready to Learn

Mrs A Berry
Executive
Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman Mrs S Davies
Head of School Assistant Headteacher

Chair of Governors: Mr M Clements
Safeguarding Officers: Mrs A Berry, Mrs A Bateman,
Miss D Croisdale, Mrs L Dearnley, Miss J Darby

Miss Dyas - Year 1 update

We would like to inform all parents/carers that Miss Dyas has made the decision to resign from her post as class teacher at Gawthorpe. Miss Dyas has been a valued member of our teaching staff and we are grateful for the contribution she has made to the Gawthorpe team and the wider school community during her time with us. We know you will join us in wishing Miss Dyas the very best of luck in her future endeavours.

Morning Playground Supervision

A polite reminder that children must be supervised at all times prior to school opening at 8.40am. For the safety of all, ball games are not allowed on playgrounds before school starts.

Twitter

Please be aware that as a school, we will be moving away from Twitter and will be transitioning to use Class Dojo as our primary communication source for updates and sharing of photos. If you are not yet connected to Class Dojo, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to help you get connected.

Open Classroom Event

On Tuesday, we will be holding another of our Open Classrooms. We will allow parents/carers to join their children in class from 3:00 - 3:10pm to take a look at books and the fabulous work the children have been working on throughout Autumn term.

Clubs

If your child is unable to attend a club after school for any reason would you please advise the school office for safeguarding and so that this can be reflected on the appropriate register.

Also, if they no longer wish to attend would you please advise so that we can offer their place to someone else. You will appreciate that places are limited and we have a waiting list.

Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done Year 5 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 % |
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| Reception | 94.29% |
| Year 1 | 95.93% |
| Year 2 | 95.86% |
| Year 3 | 98.00% |
| Year 4 | 93.57% |
| Year 5 | 100% |

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| Year 6 | 96.67% |
| Whole School | 96.39% |

| School Diary Dates | | |
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| Date | Event | Year Group |
| 27.01.26 | Open Classrooms 3.00pm - 3.10pm | All Classes |
| 04.02.26 | INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm | Year 1 |
| 09.02.26 | SEND Coffee Morning 9am - 10am | Whole School |
| 10.02.26 | Stay and Play - Chinese New Year | Nursery |
| 13.02.26 | Break Up Today | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 23.02.26 | INSET Day - School Closed | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 24.02.26 | Return To School | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 28.02.26 | Nursery Open Morning | New Nursery Parents |
| 02.03.26 | 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 | Spring Fair 10am - 11.30am | Nursery and Reception |
| 27.03.26 | Break Up Today | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 13.04.26 | Return To School | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 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 |
| 21.05.26 | Break Up Today | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 22.05.26 | INSET Day | Whole School Including Nursery |
| 08.06.26 | Return To School | Whole School Including Nursery |
| W.C 08.06.26 | Phonics Check | Year 1 |
| | Multiplication Check | 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 |

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| 17.07.26 | End of Year Performance | Year 6 |
| 20.07.26 - 22.07.26 | 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 |

