

30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an incredibly busy week here at school, full of hands-on learning and lots of positive learning opportunities.

Thank you to the parents and guardians who joined us for our Open Classroom event. It was a genuine pleasure to see the children's faces light up as they had the opportunity to share their hard work and progress with you. We will continue to offer these sessions throughout the year.

In the classroom this week, our Year 4 pupils took part in an essential Road Safety workshop. The session focused heavily on the life-saving importance of wearing seatbelts and we were incredibly impressed by the mature and thoughtful questions the children asked. It served as a timely reminder for our whole school community that a quick "click" is the most important part of any journey.

Creativity has also been flowing through the corridors as we launched our school-wide art unit on sculpture. In Key Stage 2, the children have been developing their precision and patience, with some classes carving intricate designs into soap while others manipulated wire to create dynamic 3D forms. Meanwhile, in Key Stage 1, our younger artists have been busy exploring texture and shape using playdough to build imaginative structures.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents about our upcoming SEND coffee event hosted by Miss Darby on **9th February**. This will be an opportunity for any parents to join and discuss any queries, ask questions and meet our linked advisory teachers.

We look forward to another productive week ahead. Please remember to ensure all children have winter coats for break times as the weather remains chilly.

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Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman
Head of School

 Be Respectful

 Be Responsible

 Be Reflective

 Be Ready to Learn

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Head of School Assistant Headteacher

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Miss D Croisdale, Mrs L Dearnley, Miss J Darby

Careers Week

Week beginning 2nd March we will be hosting a careers week in school. We will be inviting visitors into school to share with the children inspirational careers that may inspire the children.

If you think you would be able to give an hour of your time at some point during this week to discuss your career, please contact Mrs Dearnley via email ldearnley@inspirepartnership.org.uk

We would love some practical careers eg: plumbers, hairdressers, builders, beauticians, joiners etc

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 %
Reception	98.21%
Year 1	92.59%
Year 2	96.21%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	94.29%
Year 5	99.33%
Year 6	98.33%
Whole School	96.88%

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
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	Valentines Bake Sale 3.15pm	Whole School
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
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



Valentine's Bake Sale

Friday 13th
February
3.15pm

Gawthorpe PTFA will be holding a bake sale in the bottom playground after school on Friday 13th February. Please come along to buy a treat for you and a loved one. We will have some vegan/dairy free options.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of yummy treats, to be dropped off at the school office on the Friday morning.

All money raised goes towards extra activities and experiences for the children.




Winter Festival

Celebrate the chill with warmth, laughter, and a touch of winter magic. Lots of fun activities building snowmen, ice adventure and much much more.

16th - 20th February

Full day £30 -7.30 till 6
AM 7.30-12.30 /PM 1.00-6 -£15
Activity session 9-3 £18
bring your own dinner ,snacks, breakfast and tea provided

please book through the arbut app or speaking to someone in school office



SEND COFFEE MORNING

Gawthorpe Community Academy

Monday 9th February 2026

Come and join us between 9-10am for a hot drink, biscuit and chat. We will have our advisory teachers in attendance who can provide a listening ear, give professional advice or sign post you for further support. Please confirm your attendance by emailing jdarby@inspirepartnership.org.uk.

Look forward to seeing you there!



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