

13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, Year 5 participated in Bikeability. Despite a few chilly breezes, the instructors were incredibly impressed by the group's focus and resilience. The children transitioned from basic balance drills on the playground to navigating local junctions with impressive awareness. They've learned vital life skills regarding road safety and signalling. Well done Year 5!

Thank you to Miss Croisdale for holding her Learning Mentor Coffee Afternoon yesterday, joined by the Team Around the School (TAS), providing a relaxed space for parents to chat about student wellbeing and support services. If you couldn't make it this time but have questions about how we support your child's emotional growth, please don't hesitate to reach out to Miss Croisdale.

Our Rocksteady bands performed their end-of-term concert this week and we could not be prouder of the skills they have learnt - well done everyone!

Please can we send a polite reminder about ensuring children are bringing coats and water bottles into school daily, the weather is still unpredictable and we want to encourage the children outside as much as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend and may we take this opportunity to wish a very happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful carers!

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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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lead of School   Assistant Headteacher

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Miss D Croisdale, Mrs L Dearnley, Miss J Darby

### Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March we invite the children into school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation towards Red Nose Day charity. The children will take part in doodling activities throughout the day in theme with this year's red noses. If you haven't seen them yet you can buy them and doodle on them. We will also have a pupil with a stall at the end of the school day selling home made fidget toys with a portion of his profits going to charity. This will be outside by the front entrance.

### Easter Egg Competition

As we approach the end of the term, it's time to get crafty for our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. We invite all children to get creative and bring their decorated entries into school on **Thursday, March 26th**. Our School Council will have the very difficult task of judging the entries, with winners being announced on Friday, March 27th.

### Easter Holiday Club - Towngate Primary

We have a fantastic range of activities planned to keep the children entertained, active, and creative throughout the break. Closed Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April. The trip day will be Wednesday 1st April to Pontefract Castle and you will only be able to book a full day 07.30 - 18.00 for this day.

- How to book: Please log in to your Arbor Parent Portal or App.
- Where to find it: Navigate to the 'Activities' or 'Clubs' section to select your required dates.
- Availability: Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Grow a Maypole

We are looking to support with raising funds to replace the Gawthorpe Maypole as part of a community project. We will be communicating dates for this in upcoming weeks.

### Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done Year 2 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	95.00%
Year 1	90.00%
Year 2	97.93%
Year 3	94.33%
Year 4	96.79%
Year 5	93.00%
Year 6	94.67%
Whole School	<b>94.53%</b>

### **World Coal Carrying Championship**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the 63rd World Coal Carrying Championship which will be held on Monday 6th April 2026. Please see <https://gawthorpemaypole.org> for further details.

<b>School Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
16.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
18.03.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Year 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform	Whole School Including Nursery
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
15.05.26	National Coal Mining Museum visit	Year 1 & 2
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
09.06.25	Murton Park visit	Year 3
W.C 08.06.26	Phonics Check	Year 1
	Multiplication Check	Year 4
15.06.26	Murton Park Visit	Year 4
23.06.26	Open Classroom	All classes
13.06.26	Nursery Open Morning	New Nursery Parents
19.06.26	Swithens 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



  
**CCC**  
**63<sup>rd</sup> WORLD COAL CARRYING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
PROUD TO BE SPONSORED BY **BOX**  
Eric F. Box (Funeral Directors) Ltd  
ON **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**  
DETAILS: <https://gawthorpemaypole.org>



Half day: 7.30am until 12.30pm - £15  
1.00pm until 6.00pm - £15  
Full day: 7.30am until 6.00pm - £30  
9.00am until 3.00pm - £18

**Easter Holiday Club**  
MARCH 30TH TO APRIL 10TH  
Closed Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April

1<sup>st</sup> WEEK ACTIVITIES - EASTER EGG HUNT, EASTER BONNET MAKING, TRIP TO PONTEFRAC CASTLE, VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY

2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK ACTIVITIES - SPRING TIME, PLANTING BULBS, FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, PLAY ON THE FIELD, VISIT PARK



Tel: 07917 024280



  
PROUDLY PRESENT THE **152**  
**GAWTHORPE MAYPOLE PROCESSION & FEAST**  
**SATURDAY 2nd MAY 2026**  
Headed by the May Queen Elect  
**MISS MADDIE FERDINAND**  
Her Maids of Honour and  PROCESSION STARTS AT 14:00

FANCY DRESS AND VEHICLE ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED BY VISITING THE MAYPOLE CABIN (46 High Street)  
Pre-register by emailing [secretary@gawthorpemaypole.org](mailto:secretary@gawthorpemaypole.org)  
FANCY DRESS TO BE JUDGED AT 13:15 (REGISTER BY 13:00)  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT DUNCAN SMITH ON 07771 390082

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