

20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had another fabulous week in school. It was truly wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining our Year 2 Inspire session this week. It was lovely to see so many families working together to recreate street scenes from the Great Fire of London. The attention to detail on the timber-framed houses was incredible! Thank you for coming in and making learning such a collaborative experience.

We are excited to share that we officially begin preparations for our Maypole Float. This is a long-standing tradition and our dancers are really impressing us week on week in mastering the intricate weaves and ribbons. We can't wait to show you the finished performance later this term!

Today, the school is celebrating Red Nose Day. We are so proud of our students for showing such empathy and spirit in support of Comic Relief. We are still tallying the final donation totals but your generosity is already making a huge difference. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to this amazing cause.

Looking ahead to next week, our Egg Decorating Competition will take place on Friday ahead of the Easter break. Whether it's a "Shell-ebrity", a historical figure or a scene from a favorite book, we can't wait to see your "egg-cellent" creations.

Have a super weekend, we hope the sun keeps shining!

Mrs A Berry
Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman
Head of School



Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Be Reflective



Be Ready to Learn

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.

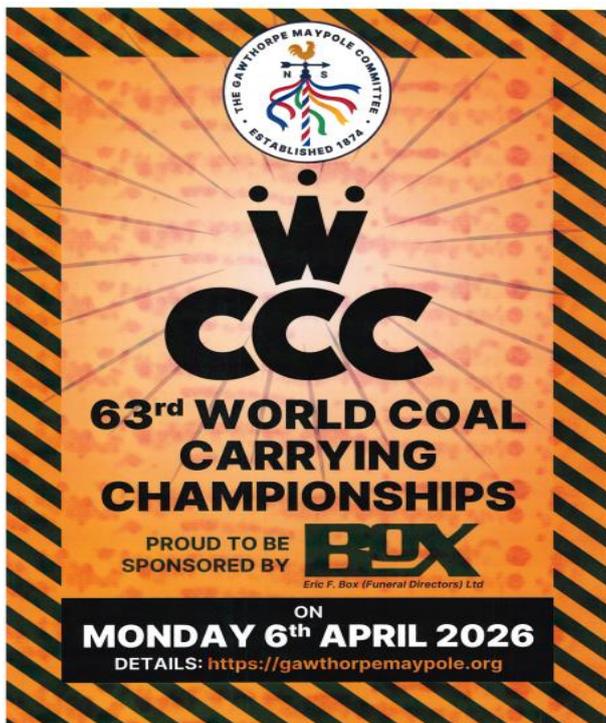
Attendance

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	96.07%
Year 1	91.07%
Year 2	100.00%
Year 3	90.00%
Year 4	98.57%
Year 5	85.67%
Year 6	90.67%
Whole School	93.05%

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
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



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**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
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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EASTER FUN!

FUN GAMES · CAKES · BALLOONS

27th March 3pm	Dining Hall Bottom Playground
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> BRING YOUR PENNIES <
RAN BY GAWTHORPE PTF

EYFS Spring Performance & Fair!

One adult per child invited

Thursday 26th March
10:00am - 11:30am

Join us for a special **Spring Performance & Easter Egg Hunt!**

Chocolate Donations
Please bring chocolate donations this week for our Chocolate Tombola!

Baking Donations
Baked treats needed on the day of the fair!

Thank you to all parents for your support!
We look forward to celebrating with you!

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 APRIL
30TH TO 10TH

Closed Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April

1ST WEEK ACTIVITIES - EASTER EGG HUNT, EASTER BONNET MAKING, TRIP TO PONTEFRAC CASTLE, VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY

2ND WEEK ACTIVITIES - SPRING TIME, PLANTING BULBS, FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, PLAY ON THE FIELD, VISIT PARK

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