

# Gawthorpe Community Academy NEWSLETTER



## *A word from Mrs Berry, Mrs Bateman & Mrs Davies*

What a pleasure it has been to enjoy the sunshine this week.

Firstly, we would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 class during their mock SATs week, showing such dedication and resilience on the build up to their assessments.

This week, children across school have finished their final pieces in their art units with a focus on painting. A big thank you to Mr Walker for leading such a captivating unit of work for all of our children!

Our final preparations have been put in place ahead of Maypole Weekend, especially from our fabulous Maypole dancers and Mrs Hardacre who are excited to show everyone what they have been working on.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

## *Wellbeing Weekly*

This website offers support for **keeping children safe online**. It includes videos on a range of topics and guidance on safe settings for parents and carers to access for advice.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

## *Attendance Update*

Well done to **Year 4** who are our attendance champions this week.

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

Reception	95.17%
Year 1	95.36%
Year 2	98.97%
Year 3	96.67%
Year 4	99.29%
Year 5	92.00%
Year 6	99.00%
Whole School	96.62%

## *Important Reminders*

- Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 1st May
- Parent's evening slots are now live for next week - please book via Arbor



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## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Year Group
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 Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 : 9am - 10.30am Rec, Y1, Y2 : 10.45am – 12.00pm	Whole School - Parents Welcome
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
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 Multiplication Check	Year 1 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	Sports Day 11am-12pm	Nursery
21.07.26	EYFS Picnic 12pm-1pm	Reception and Nursery
24.07.26	Celebration Afternoon	Year 6 Families

## Star Awards

Reception	Hannah & Ophelia
Year 1	Jensen & Arthur
Year 2	Sophia & Clayton-Jai
Year 3	Owais & Faith
Year 4	Aria & Ethan
Year 5	Komal & Sufyaan
Year 6	Ethan & Maci

## Class Spotlight

*This week in Year 3, the children have enjoyed their first Forest Schools session. They explored the outdoor environment, climbing trees, relaxing in hammocks and creating mud paintings!*

## Club Spotlight

*Our KS2 football club is a wonderful place to be because it fosters a high-energy environment where the children can grow their confidence and love for the game alongside their peers. The children are learning the values of teamwork, communication and supporting each other through a range of drills.*

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## Wakefield Parent Education Hub

### What is it?

A new, easy-to-use website has launched in Wakefield, giving families clear information, practical tools and helpful resources to support their child's health, development and learning.

### Who is it for?

The website is for all Wakefield families, including families who home educate and those with children who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). The website can help support children and young people from birth up to 19 years old (or up to 25 years old for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan).

### Why is it useful?

Created with local parents and partners, it brings trusted local and national guidance together in one place to help every child thrive.

### What you'll find on the website:

Clear, easy-to-follow information on health, safety and wellbeing topics



Activities and resources to help build resilience and confidence



Easy-to-understand information and tips for talking about different topics at home



Practical advice and ideas to support with feelings and emotions



Speech, language and communication advice and support for under 5yrs.



Links to trusted local and national support



Scan the **QR code** to go to the **website!**  
<https://www.riskandresilience.org.uk/>

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## App Awareness for Parents

It's essential to note that whilst no specific app is inherently dangerous, certain apps can pose risks to children if used improperly or without proper supervision. Here are some apps that parents should be aware of:



### Social Media

Social media apps such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok can expose children to various risks, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, online predators, and privacy concerns. Parents should monitor their child's social media usage, guide them on privacy settings, and encourage responsible online behavior.



### Messaging

Messaging apps like WhatsApp, Kik, and Discord can potentially expose children to strangers and cyberbullying. It's important for parents to discuss the risks of sharing personal information online and educate their children on safe messaging practices.



### Dating Apps

Dating and hookup apps like Tinder, Bumble, and Grindr are designed for adults and can expose children to inappropriate content and potential exploitation. Parents should ensure that their children are not using these apps and have open discussions about appropriate relationships and boundaries.



### Anonymous Apps

Apps that allow anonymous posting, such as Whisper, YOLO, and Sarahah, can be platforms for cyberbullying, harassment, and the sharing of inappropriate content. Parents should discourage their children from using these apps and encourage positive online engagement.



### Live Streaming

Live streaming apps like Live.me, Bigo Live, and Twitch can expose children to inappropriate content and interactions with strangers. Parents should monitor their child's live streaming activities and educate them on the importance of privacy and responsible broadcasting.