

Gawthorpe Community Academy NEWSLETTER



A word from Mrs Berry, Mrs Davies, Miss Darby and Mr Stephenson

This week, our pupils have been bringing one of our fundamental British Values to life as we explored the concept of **Democracy**. Thanks to a loan of authentic polling equipment from Wakefield Council, the children experienced the excitement of a real-life election firsthand! After registering to vote, pupils cast their secret ballots in official polling booths and deposited them into genuine ballot boxes to elect our new School Council representatives. This hands-on activity gave everyone a fantastic insight into how fair voting works, why every voice matters and how we can use our votes to make positive changes in our school community.



Important Reminders

Following an incident earlier this week, we felt it was important to remind all our parents/carers of the importance of parking safely and responsibly outside of school. Please remember that you **must not** park or pull up on the double yellow lines, zig-zags, or pavements outside school. Parking here blocks the view for both drivers and children trying to cross the road, which can make things really dangerous.

In class this week, the teachers have talked with all the children in an age-appropriate way about staying safe near roads, including reminding them to stop, look and listen. Let's continue to work together to make our school gates safe for everyone.

Attendance Update

Well done to **Year 2** 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	98.62%
Year 1	95.17%
Year 2	99.23%
Year 3	96.00%
Year 4	97.93%
Year 5	98.28%
Year 6	97.59%
Whole School	97.13%

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Dates for your diary

21.09.2026	Phonics Workshop 3.15pm - 3.45pm	Reception and Year 1 Parents
22.09.2026	SEND Coffee Morning 9.30am-10.30am	SEND Parents
22.09.2026	Reading Workshop 3.15pm - 3.45pm	Key Stage Two Parents
25.09.2026	Flu Immunisations	Reception to Year 6
25.09.2026	PTFA Colour Run 2.00pm	Whole school
28.09.2026	Maths Workshop 3.15pm - 3.45pm	KSI & KS2 Parents
28.09.2026 to 01.10.26	Book Fair 3.15-4.15pm	Whole School
01.10.2026	Harvest Festival 10am	Whole School
05.10.2026	Black History Month	Whole School
07.10.2026	Y3 Inspire Event 1.30pm	Y3 Parents

Star Awards

Reception	Gracie & Matilda
Year 1	Calvin & Guy
Year 2	Finn & Neve
Year 3	Fearne & Clayton-Jai
Year 4	Elliot & Ava-Mae
Year 5	Orion & Ava
Year 6	Chloe & Addley

Wellbeing Weekly

Our One Life sessions the last couple of weeks have been centred around our inner cheerleaders and inner critics. The children have drawn them, named them and shared some things that each may say. We have discussed the importance of drowning out our inner critic and remembering that it is okay if we are not the best at everything, but it is never okay to not try.

Why don't you ask your child the name of their inner cheerleader and ask them to recreate their drawing of them at home?!



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