Gawthorpe Community Academy

NEWSLETTER

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

What another busy and wonderful week we have had at school! Following our Harvest Festival, we were delighted to welcome Reverend Kathleen into school, where the children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about harvest and the vital work the church does to support our local community. We also hosted our first Inspire event of the year, which proved to be a huge success - a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers who came along to support the children and join in. Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Wellbeing Weekly

Saturday 10th October 2026 is World Mental Health Day. The theme for this year is 'Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change'. Conversations matter - talking about mental health makes a difference and reduces the stigma. Tackling these conversations at an age-appropriate level can be difficult, so please see the leaflet attached for ideas on how to open up these discussions.

"Be kind to your mind"

Important Updates

A reminder that our Halloween disco tickets are for sale on Arbor.

Our Early Years open morning is on **Saturday 10th October from 9.30am.** This is for prospective nursery and reception parents.

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.*

Nursery	98.71%
Reception	97.93%
Year 1	93.01%
Year 2	99.60%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	99.33%
Year 5	97.93%
Year 6	98.28%
Whole School	97.97%

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Dates for your diary

22.10.2026	EYFS Halloween Stay and Play 10.00am-12.00pm	Nursery and Reception
22.10.2026	Halloween Disco Y1 & Y2 : 2.15pm - 3pm Y3 & Y4 : 3.15pm - 4pm Y5 & Y6 : 4.10pm - 4.55pm	Years 1 - 6
23.10.2026	Break Up Today	Whole School
02.11.2026	Return to School	Whole School
02.11.26	Individual School Photos	Whole School
10.11.2026	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm	Whole School
11.11.2026	Remembrance assembly 10.30am-11.00am	Whole School
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Star Awards

Reception	Olivia & Alora
Year 1	Ayda & Oakley
Year 2	Evie-Rose & Joseph
Year 3	Leo & Sophia
Year 4	Rosie & Albie
Year 5	Finley & Lydia
Year 6	Ethan & Zoya

Class Spotlight

This week, our Year 5 children visited Croft House. They read the residents stories, talked about their favourite books and shared their passion for reading. Well done Year 5!

Club Spotlight

Miss Wilson's classroom on a Wednesday is a calm place to be! Our early years mindfulness club includes yoga, crafting and taking a moment to learn different techniques to help our minds. There are still spaces available!

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EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING



SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
9:30-11:30



Come and look around our Early years provision for Nursery children due to turn 3 and Reception starters for 2027

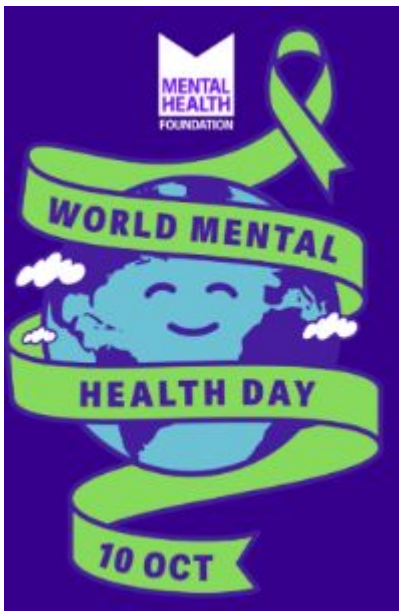
- 30 hours places available
- Wrap around care
- 15 hour places available
- No catchment area for Nursery

STAY AND PLAY

MEET OUR DEDICATED STAFF TEAM

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EXPLORE OUR WONDERFUL SETTING



LET'S TALK ABOUT FEELINGS!

IDEAS FOR STARTING CONVERSATIONS AT HOME ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

TIPS & ICEBREAKERS FOR KIDS & GROWN-UPS TO CHAT ABOUT THEIR INSIDE FEELINGS

1. USE "FEELING CHECK-INS" (Daily)

- How are you feeling on a scale of 1-10?
- What's one thing that made you smile today?
- Share a thumbs up/thumbs down for your day.

2. SHARE STORIES & BOOKS

- Read books about feelings together (like The Colour Monster!)
- Talk about what characters might be feeling.

3. TALK ABOUT YOUR DAY (It's Okay to be Not Okay!)

- What was something fun about today?
- Was anything tricky you feel?
- Was tricky or tough today?
- How did that make you feel?

4. GET CREATIVE TOGETHER

- Draw a picture of what happy looks like to you!
- Paint how you are feeling inside right now.

5. ASK FUN QUESTIONS & CHAT!

What's the best thing that happened this week?

What helps you feel calm when you're sad or angry?

If you were a superhero for feelings, what would your power be?

TALKING HELPS US UNDERSTAND OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER! IT'S GOOD TO SHARE!