Gawthorpe Community Academy

NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We are so proud of how brilliantly all of the children have settled back into school life this week - they have transitioned back into their routines seamlessly and with huge smiles on their faces. Our Early Years children and team are so excited to celebrate Diwali with a range of fun, creative activities. Looking ahead to next week, our school community will be coming together to mark Remembrance Day, and we are especially looking forward to our School Council leading a poignant Remembrance assembly for the children.

Wellbeing Weekly

This week, we have launched our new half-termly focus on British Values and Protected Characteristics. We have been exploring in the first instance what British Values are and why it is important to follow them to ensure everyone around us, in our school, homes and communities, feels safe, respected and welcome. Why not quiz your child on the 5 British Values and open up a discussion about why each is so important?

Important Updates

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November - parents/carers are invited to make an appointment with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress so far. Please do this through Arbor.

We are finding an increase in our lost property - please ensure your child's belongings are named.

Attendance Update

Well done to **Year 1** 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	98.06%
Reception	94.10%
Year 1	98.62%
Year 2	96.00%
Year 3	97.30%
Year 4	89.67%
Year 5	98.28%
Year 6	92.41%
Whole School	**95.40%**

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Dates for your diary

09.11.26	Diwali Celebrations - Party Wear	Reception and Nursery
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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13.11.2026	Children In Need - Wear Pyjamas or Comfy Clothes	Whole School
13.11.2026	Children In Need Bake Sale	Whole School
16.11.2026	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day	Whole School

Star Awards

Reception	Lily & Sage
Year 1	Miller & Ophelia
Year 2	Redge & Shelby
Year 3	Sienna & Blaine
Year 4	Farhaan & Freya
Year 5	Amara & Toby
Year 6	Sidney & Chloe

Class Spotlight

Our Year 1 children enjoyed their first Forest School session this week, where they talked all about fire safety ahead of bonfire night and enjoyed exploring our outdoor area by climbing, creating with natural materials and immersing themselves in role play.

Club Spotlight

Our girls football club had the leisure of mascotting for Ossett United Girls Team at the weekend. What an honour it was and we were incredibly proud of our Gawthorpe Girls!

SEND COFFEE AFTERNOON



You are invited to a SEND coffee afternoon.

Talk, discuss, share and chat with Miss Darby with a cuppa and a biscuit.



NOV 30TH

2:15PM-3:15PM

Confirm your attendance by emailing jdarby@inspirepartnership.org.uk.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

WHAT

Bring £1.00 donation to school, wear pyjamas or comfy clothes, Bake sale (donations welcome), Guess how many sweets in the jar 20p per go. Our aim is to raise as much money as possible to fill up our Pudsey picture.

DONATE ONLINE

Scan the QR code or head to bbc.co.uk/pudsey to donate online

WHEN & WHERE

Gawthorpe Community Academy

13TH NOVEMBER

CONTACT

Your School Council Member



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