

17TH JANUARY 2025

We are properly back into the swing of things this week! Every classroom has been busy this week and every child has been hard at work on their new topics! It's meant I've been lucky enough to be visited by a number of children showing me their good work over the last five days, ranging from posters about earthquakes to speeches about global warming and from science experiments about stalactites to delving into mysteries surrounding the Mary Celeste!

Well done to our first prefects of 2025, who were announced in last Friday's assembly! It is fantastic to hear how well you have impressed your teachers over the first term in school with your attitude and effort—keep up the great work!



Year 3—Tia
Year 4—Amaya
Year 5—Sakina
Year 6—Inaayah



Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,

Support Eliza!



There is still time to sponsor Eliza in Class 4, who is preparing to have her hair chopped off for charity! Eliza is raising money for the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs for children with cancer and alopecia.

If you would like to support Eliza's fundraising, please click [here](#) to visit her Just Giving page.

Coffee Morning

Due to popular demand, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Costema will be running a craft session for our next Coffee Morning, next Wednesday 22nd January! This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child while engaging in fun crafts and a spring planting activity.

Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable morning where you can connect with other parents, share a cup of coffee, and create lasting memories with your child. We hope you can make it! Children will be able to join their parents in the hall from 9:30am for a short craft session.

Doors open from 9am for tea, coffee and biscuits: please click on the link [here](#) to reserve a place if you have not returned a slip from the letter that came home this week.

2024/25 DATES

Monday 20th January	1:30-3:00pm	Y6 Geography Field Trip—walk to Sunnydale Park!
Wednesday 22nd January	9:30-11:00am	Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th January	7:45am-6:00pm	Y6 Harry Potter Studios Trip
Wednesday 29th January	All Day	Chinese New Year Faith Day
Tuesday 11th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

Well done!

A big well done to our Girls' football team who represented the school at a tournament at the Racecourse on Tuesday this week. They played six and won two games, thoroughly enjoying their day out and representing the school well.



School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our Week 3 menu. **Please remember that we have had to increase prices for school meals by 20p per day to £2.80 per meal to cover costs which can no longer be paid for by the school budget.** A full week of dinners from this week now costs £14. Please remember that school dinners **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. **There have been some small changes to the remainder of our Autumn/Winter menu, please click [here](#) to view the full menu.**



Online Support—National College Online Safety

Some of our Year 4 children have been talking about 'Five Nights at Freddy's' since returning back to school after the holidays. We shared the parent guide from the National Online Safety page with Year 4 parents via our Parent App on Monday and you can also find this on the next page if you have not yet signed up to the app.

Did you know that we pay for a parental subscription to the **National Online Safety** website, where you can find parental guides for lots of different games, apps and websites?



To register for an account, simply search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store, click to say you are a parent and search for Gayton Junior School when prompted.