

6TH FEBRUARY 2026

As we approach the end of the first half term of 2026, please remember that next Friday, 13th February is an INSET Day—school is closed to pupils.

Adam from J&J Sports joined us for Monday's assembly to launch next half term's clubs. Mini Trampolining will run on Mondays after school and Nerf Wars will run on Tuesdays. Both clubs are open to children in all four year groups and run from 3:30-4:30pm. All children must be collected by an adult. There are limited places at both clubs and you can book your child on by clicking [here](#).

The following clubs are NOT running next week in the run-up to the holidays: Warhammer, Thursday's Homework Club and Choir. All other clubs are still ON.

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,
Mrs J Hill

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our **Week 3 menu** again. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** [Week 3 Menu](#)



Coffee Morning—Be Device Wise Parent Workshop

You still have time to sign up to our Internet Safety Coffee Morning next week and we would urge you to do so if you have time! I know, as parents, we often feel that we have enough information about the dangers online but our own recent training and experiences in school constantly tell us that this is an ever-changing picture and staying on top of current trends is *almost impossible* so I would encourage you to attend if you can find the time.



The session is offering you the opportunity to become more consciously aware of your child's device use and the impact that device use has on a child's physical and psychological wellbeing—as well as on their ability to function at school, at home and in their relationships with others. Please join us on **Wednesday 11th February from 9-11am** for a parent workshop to learn about how device use and social media impact on a child's development and learn strategies and tips to reduce the time children spend on devices.

The workshop is a joint event and will be run by Mrs Clarke (Gayton) and Mrs Dale (Ridgeway) and is therefore open to parents of children at both Ridgeway Infant School & Gayton Junior School. **The event will be held at Gayton Junior School.**

Please click [here](#) to sign up and let us know you will be attending.

Attendance

We have included articles in previous newsletters regarding school attendance but feel that, approaching the half-way point in the school year, now would be a good time to remind families of our expectations around school attendance as, in some cases, attendance levels, as well as punctuality, are slipping, and these things will all have an impact on the achievements of your child in school.

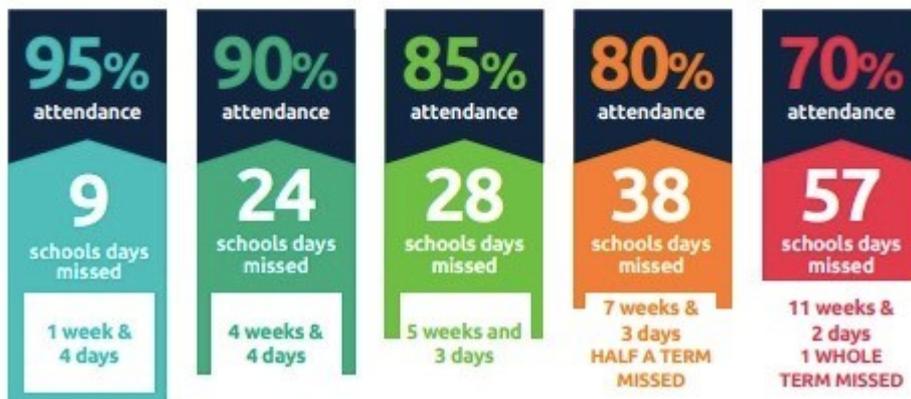
We all understand that there may be times when parents or carers are unwell, but children *are* still well enough to attend school. On these days, getting children to school can feel challenging. Where possible, we encourage families to think about alternative arrangements, such as walking to school with a trusted friend, neighbour, or another family who already does the school run. Having a small group of parents who can occasionally help one another can make a big difference. This helps children attend school regularly and supports our wider school community.

Punctuality

School starts at 8:55am every day. Children who arrive after this time will be marked as late. If children arrive after registers close at 9:25am, they legally have to be marked as absent for the whole morning. Children who arrive once lessons have started can find this incredibly difficult—they may have missed the teaching input and will struggle to catch up with the lesson or they may feel embarrassed walking in late in front of everyone.

School finishes at 3:30pm. In the case of an emergency, we are happy to keep an eye on your child if you are running late but, if lateness becomes a pattern, we will ask you to book your child into After School Club at Ridgeway.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



2025/26 DATES

Monday 9th February	2:10-3:10pm	STEM Day—Classroom visits to work alongside your child
Wednesday 11th February	9:00-11:00	Coffee Morning
Thursday 12th February	All Day	Reward Day
Thursday 12th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Monday 2nd—Friday 6th March	All Week	Book Week
Monday 2nd March	3:40-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Years 3-5
Wednesday 4th March	3:40-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Years 3-5
Thursday 5th March	All Day	World Book Day
Friday 20th March	All Day	Comic Relief
Friday 27th March	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
EASTER HOLIDAY		
Monday 13th April	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Monday 4th May	All Day	May Day—Bank Holiday
Monday 11th—Friday 15th May	All Day	Year 6 SATs Week— No Authorised Absences
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

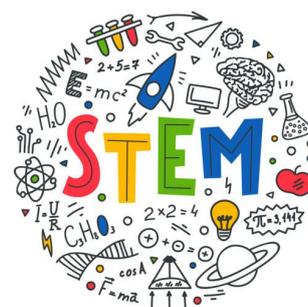
STEM Day—Monday 9th February

Please join us on Monday 9th February for an hour from 2:10pm to work alongside your child as they take on our STEM Challenges for STEM Day!

If you have not yet returned a slip to say you will be attending, please speak to a member of staff on the door at drop off or collection so that we have an idea of how many we are expecting.

Children are encouraged to bring used cardboard, cartons and kitchen rolls into school to help them build their prototypes.

On the day, if your child is in Year 3 or 4, please enter school through the Lower School entrance/exit doors; if your child is in Year 5 or 6, please enter school through the Upper School doors on the car park.



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