

7TH FEBRUARY 2025

It's been another busy week in school! We've hosted children from Griffie Field Primary School once again: this time their Year 4 children came to visit to experience our Roman Workshops. Mr O'Donnell is looking forward to running these workshops again with our Year 3 children later in the term and also looking forward to debuting the Egyptian Workshops with Year 5 very soon!

Year 3 ticked off another Gayton Passport experience this week as we welcomed Animal Encounters into school with another wonderful array of fascinating creatures for us all to learn more about! [Check out our Facebook page](#) for more pictures!

*Parents' Evening letters have been sent home today. Please check your child's bag if you have not seen one! Slips need to be returned by Tuesday 11th February please so that staff can make appointments for you.*

It has now been a few years since FOGS (Friends of Gayton School), our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) dissolved following key members leaving along with their children at the end of Year 6! We are now looking for *brilliant* parents (and families) to join a newly formed parents and staff group. This could involve helping to organise fundraising events, supporting events, helping bake and sell cakes and promoting the school within the community.

If you think you might be able to give some of your time to our new group, could we please ask you to complete this form by clicking [here](#)? By completing this form you are expressing an interest in being part of what has the potential to be an amazing venture! You will be invited to attend a meeting in the near future to discuss ideas and see what skills (and talents!) you have to offer Friends of Gayton School!

*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

## Asda Cashpot—THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who signed up to the Asda Cashpot for Schools before Christmas: your shopping generated us a whopping £495.40 which is now on its way into our school budget and is earmarked for the regeneration of our 'contemplation garden' in the corner of the playground outside Class 2 following some building work on the area last summer.



### INSET Days

We have agreed our INSET days for the 2025/2026 academic year with Ridgeway Infant School this week and these can be found below.

#### Dates for 2025/2026

Thursday 4th September—INSET DAY 1  
Friday 5th September—INSET DAY 2  
Monday 8th September—Autumn 1 Term starts  
Friday 24th October—Break up for half term  
Monday 3rd November—INSET DAY 3  
Tuesday 2nd November—Autumn 2 Term starts  
Friday 19th December—Break up for Christmas holidays  
Monday 5th January—Spring 1 Term starts  
Thursday 12th February—Break up for half term  
Friday 13th February—INSET DAY 4  
Monday 23rd February—Spring 2 Term starts  
Friday 27th March—Break up for Easter holidays  
Monday 13th April—Summer 1 Term starts  
Monday 4th April—May Bank Holiday  
Friday 22nd May—Break up for half term  
Monday 1st June—INSET DAY 5  
Tuesday 2nd June—Summer 2 Term starts  
Thursday 23rd June—Break up for summer holidays



### Expression of Interest—Holiday Club Childcare Provision

We are looking into the feasibility of running some holiday childcare provision in school. Before we look into this further, please could we ask parents to complete [this quick survey](#) to see if this would be something you are interested in?

Thank you to parents who have already responded to this. We will leave the questionnaire open until half term to provide everyone time to respond.



### School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to 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.



### After School Clubs

All After School Clubs are ON as normal next week in the run up to the holidays.

### Parking

Thank you! We have noticed fewer parents this week driving right up to the gates and we have appreciated that: the area outside school has been much safer for children and their parents walking to school.

However, I must draw your attention to a worrying incident which was reported to us during the week which took place locally. We were contacted by a local resident on Rushdale Avenue who reported that a car actually hit her father who was on the pavement. It leaves me to remind a small minority of those parents who *must* drive at pick up to please drive with care and attention in the streets around school: those of us who witness these accidents and near misses are so worried that one day this will be a child that is hit and a much less fortunate outcome.

### Film Night—Moana 2

Thursday 13th February in the hall  
3:30-5:15pm



Tickets on sale in the hall before school next week—£2 each  
£1 for a bag of sweets or bring your own snack

### Swimming Lessons

Please remember that swimming lessons for our Year 3 and 4 children are part of the National Curriculum and are not optional. **Children must take part each week.** By the end of their time at Gayton, the curriculum expectation is that all children should be able to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations



Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school on the correct day so that they can take part in lessons.

**2024/25 DATES**

Tuesday 11th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13th February	3:30-5:10pm	Film Night—Moana 2
Friday 14th February	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Monday 3rd— Friday 7th March	All Week	Book Week—Information to follow
Monday 3rd March	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Meetings
Wednesday 5th March	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Meetings
Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Wednesday 12th— Friday 14th March	TBC	Year 5 Egyptian Workshops—Information to follow
Wednesday 26th— Friday 28th March	TBC	Year 3 Roman Workshops—Information to follow
Friday 4th April	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
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
Monday 12th— Thursday 15th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week—all children in school please
Friday 16th— Sunday 18th May	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
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

**2025/26 DATES**

Thursday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Friday 5th September	All Day	INSET 2
Monday 8th September	8:55am	First day back at school
Monday 3rd November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 13th February	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 1st June	All Day	INSET 5



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