

30TH MARCH 2023

We've had a lovely last week of term: **please remember that we break up on today for our Easter break—school is CLOSED for INSET tomorrow, Friday 31st March.**

Please remember that we return to school on Monday 17th April.

We say goodbye to Mrs Hans this week as she moves on to pastures new after the holidays. We will miss her around school but all wish her lots of luck in her new career.



With Eid al-Fitr celebrations approaching after the Easter break, please remember to let us know if your child will be absent from school to celebrate the festival with family at home? **Please remember that I am only able to authorise two days every school year for religious festivals** so be mindful of this if you are intending on taking a day to celebrate Eid al-Adha in the summer. You can inform us of your child's absence using Parent App, by telephone (01332 760372) or by email [absence@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk](mailto:absence@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) Informing us before the absence will prevent us from ringing and disturbing your celebrations to check on any absences on the day.

**Class Attendances—Week beginning 27th March 2023—Average attendance 95.5%**  
Attendance has remained at a steady 95% this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still unable to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	97.6%
Class 2	98.8%
Class 3	92.1%
Class 4	91.1%
Class 5	87.1%
Class 6	96.3%

Class 7	99.2%
Class 8	98.8%
Class 9	92.9%
Class 10	98.3%
Class 11	98.4%
Class 12	95.8%



Have a lovely Easter break,  
*Mrs J Hill*

## What Have You Done at School Today?

Have you seen our weekly round-up posts on our Facebook page yet? We also share links to National Online Safety's Wake Up Wednesday parental guides as well as other useful links for parents.

<https://m.facebook.com/gaytonjuniorschool/>



## Big Walk and Wheel

A massive well done and thank you to all the children who have made an effort to walk, scoot or cycle to school over the last two weeks, especially those who normally would have travelled to school by car! At the time of writing, we were sitting 5th in the league table for large primary schools in the East Midlands and 17th nationally for the number of journeys taken **without** cars over the fortnight, with just below 90% of all journeys completed by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling!



It has certainly made the area outside the school gate feel much safer over the same period, so please can I ask that those of you who drive consider keeping this as your new drop off habit?

## After School Clubs—Summer 1



After the holidays, Progressive Sports will be running a Laser Tag club on Mondays for Year 5 children and Football for Years 3 and 4 on Thursdays. Both clubs cost £3.50 per session and run from 3.30-4.30pm. Please see the information below for booking information.

**Year 5 Laser Tag:** Mon 17th April/Mon 24th April/Mon 15th May/Mon 22nd May

<https://progressive-sports-derbyshire.class4kids.co.uk/info/421>

**Year 3 & 4 Football:** Thu 20th April/Thu 27th April/Thu 4th May/Thu 11th May/Thu 18th May/Thu 25th May

<https://progressive-sports-derbyshire.class4kids.co.uk/info/422>

Clay Creators Club is back after Easter—now on Wednesdays after school! The club is open for all four year groups and costs £5.50 per session (£33 for 6 weeks). Children will get to keep their models each week. The theme for Summer 1 is Jurassic: children will create their own dinosaurs!



**Clay Creators:** Wed 19th April/Wed 26th Apr/Wed 3rd May/Wed 10th May/Wed 17th May/Wed 24th May

<https://booking.claycreators.com/bookings/course-info/1125>

The following school-run clubs will also start back up after the holiday:

- Monday:** Year 3 Homework Club  
Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football  
Cookery Club—Invite only
- Tuesdays:** Year 5 & 6 Warhammer Club  
Year 4/5/6 Homework Club  
Year 3 Dance Club—Letters to be sent out  
Cookery Club—Invite only
- Thursdays:** Year 4/5/6 Homework Club  
Choir

## School Dinners

After the holiday, we will be on **Week 1's dinner menu**. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.



<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Week-1-Menu-Spring-Summer-2023.pdf>

### DIARY DATES

Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 1
<b>Monday 1st May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children</b>
Tuesday 9th—Tuesday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Testing
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Tuesday 23rd May	PM	Year 4 Ukulele Concert for Parents—Details to follow
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th May	All Day	Arts Days
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
MAY HALF TERM		
Wednesday 7th June	All Day	Year 6 Castleton Trip—Letter to follow
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Friday 16th June	TBC	Y4 Derby Arena Halle Orchestra Event—Letter to follow
Wednesday 21st June—Date Change!	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip—Letter to follow
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00am	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Monday 3rd July	All Day	Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip—Letter to follow
Tuesday 4th—Thursday 6th July	All Day	City-wide Transition Days
Monday 17th July	All Day	Year 3 Adventure Farm Trip—Letter to follow
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
2023-24 INSET DAYS		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

### Summer Diary

You will note several trips planned for the summer term: please note these are only provisional at this stage and are dependent on being able to source buses and make bookings at destinations. Keep an eye out for letters home next term for more details!

### Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 45 children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it.**

**breakfast**  
fuel for learning