

25TH APRIL 2025

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy summer term at Gayton!

At the start of the Easter break, we joined Mr Chapman, who supports children in Year 5, to celebrate his marriage. I am sure you will all join me in wishing the new Mr & Mrs Chapman lots of happiness as they embark married life together.

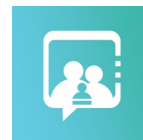
The children have all been enjoying the meals being provided by our new catering company, Mellors. We have already responded to feedback from the children regarding the provision of a non-Halal option on a Wednesday and they will ensure there will be options for everyone to enjoy a Wednesday roast dinner from next week. Please remember that your child can order a school meal to try at any time—they simply need to pay in advance or on the day using the School Money app and place their order in class that morning. Dinners cost £2.80 and children can also order a jacket potato or sandwich with a range of toppings and fillings (see article on page 2 for more details).

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

Parent App

I cannot stress to you enough how helpful it is to us at school if you can sign up to and use the school app! Apart from being able to quickly access the range of information and features listed below, it also enables us to communicate quickly and effectively with parents and carers, particularly in the event of school closures, or other emergencies, such as lack of utilities in school, e.g. heating, power or water.



What can you do on the app?

- Receive newsletters, letters home, links to useful websites and important forms to complete
- Find links to our social media, school website, dinner menus and after school clubs information
- Report lateness, absences and submit leave of absence requests
- Receive messages, notifications and reminders about events in school

We are trying to use the app to send out letters this term rather than in paper form. For those not on the app, this requires a text message at a cost to the school. We currently have the equivalent of a whole class of parents not subscribed to the app, making every letter, newsletter and whole-school message very costly!

If you have previously installed the app and no longer use it, please visit the App Store or Google Play and reinstall it: you may need to use the forgotten password prompt. Myself (head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) or Mrs Hardisty (admin@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) will be able to help with forgotten user names or new invitations to the app for new users.

2024/25 DATES

Monday 28th April - Friday 9th May	TBC	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Wednesday 7th May	9:00-11:00am	Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th May	PM	VE Day Celebration
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
Tuesday 20th May	TBC—pm	Year 4 Ukulele Concert to Parents
Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st May	All Day	Arts Days
Friday 23rd May	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
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
Wednesday 11th—Friday 13th June	All Day	Year 5 Tudor Workshops
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

2025/26 DATES

Thursday 4th September 2025	All Day	INSET 1
Friday 5th September 2025	All Day	INSET 2
Monday 8th September 2025	8:55am	First day back at school
Monday 3rd November 2025	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

School Dinners

Following our first week with our opening menu, next week we will be using our new Week One menu—click [here](#) to view the updated menu. School dinners cost £2.80 each day and must be paid for in advance please. Contact Mrs Wagstaff in the School Office (cwagstaff@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) if you need to activate your School Money account or have any dinner money queries please.



Jacket Potatoes



Cheese
Baked Beans
Tuna Mayo

Sandwiches

Ham
Cheese
Tuna Mayo






YOU'RE INVITED!

Friends Of Gayton Junior School (FOGS) Meeting

Join us for our very first FOGS meeting, where parents, carers, and friends can come together to share ideas for events and fundraising to support our school community

 **DATE: TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2025**

 **TIME: 6:30 PM**

 **LOCATION: GAYTON JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Your ideas and support can make a huge difference! Whether you're keen to help organise events, contribute fundraising ideas, or just want to find out more, we'd love to see you there.

Refreshments will be provided.

Let's work together to make a positive impact for our children and school!