



Newsletter—Week 30

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We have enjoyed a week of lovely weather—we still have a large number of children who are not bringing water bottles into school. This is particularly important next week for our Year 6 children who are sitting their SATs tests, as being hydrated definitely helps to keep our minds alert.

It is hard to believe that the children who first visited Gayton as Year 2 children during COVID and did their transition under such strict social-distancing conditions are now ready to sit their Year 6 SATs, go off on their PGL adventure and start rehearsing for their end of year production. We are all incredibly proud of them and everything they have achieved during their time at Gayton, particularly how polite, confident, well-rounded and articulate learners they are.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Coffee Morning this week. We hope you will find some of the tips and strategies that Julie shared useful as you approach the summer and transition period with your children.

Congratulations to the girls' football team who beat Arboretum Primary School 4-0 last night. Thank you to everyone who came to support the team. ☺

Class Attendances—Week beginning 6th May 2024

Our attendance for this week is **95.2%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated.

Class 1	94%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	96.8%
Class 4	98.4%
Class 5	95.8%
Class 6	89.3%

Class 7	92.5%
Class 8	97.9%
Class 9	97.6%
Class 10	98.5%
Class 11	93.6%
Class 12	93.3%



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

Term Dates Consultation

Derby City Council are consulting on the term dates for the academic years spanning 2025-26 and 2026-27. This revised consultation has arisen due to the feedback they received on a previous consultation where feedback identified that alternative term arrangements might impact positively on pupil attendance and achievement. Therefore, they are now consulting on Option A and Option B as detailed in the survey. Please click [here](#) to view both options and submit your preferences. Please submit your response to each year using the survey by **Midnight, Sunday 23 June 2025**.



2023-24 DATES

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 17th—Sunday 19th May	All Weekend—times TBC	Year 6 PGL
Wednesday 22nd & Friday 24th May	All Day	Arts Days
Thursday 23rd May	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 24th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
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Monday 3rd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 4th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 5th June	9:30-11:30am	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 5th June	AM	Class Photos
Tuesday 18th June	All Day	Year 3 Adventure Farm Trip—details to follow
Wednesday 19th June	All Day	Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip—details to follow
Tuesday 25th June	12:15pm	Picnic Day
Tuesday 2nd—Thursday 4th July	3 days	City-wide Transition Days
Friday 5th July	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip
Tuesday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

Appointments

Please try to make appointments for your child outside of school hours when you can. We do appreciate that this is not always possible. If your child will be absent from school in the morning due to attending an appointment, please make sure you let the school office know IN ADVANCE so that they are able to make a note in the register and order a dinner if needed. This can be done by phone, in person, by email absence@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk or using the Absence Reporting tab on the school app.



Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to 33 children. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish.

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fuel for learning

School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to Week 1's menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.40 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 1 Menu](#)



SATs Timetable

Our Year 6 children will be sitting the following tests next week. Please help them to get lots of rest and do something they enjoy doing to help them to relax this weekend!

Monday—SPAG paper 1 and paper 2 (spellings)

Tuesday—Reading

Wednesday—Maths paper 1 (arithmetic) and paper 2 (reasoning)

Thursday—Maths paper 3 (reasoning)

