

27TH JUNE 2025

Thank you to everyone who has joined us either today or yesterday for one of our Sports Days. We had two lovely mornings and it was great to see so many families out supporting our children over the two days. Thanks, as always, to Ms Hallam for organizing another successful two days.

The children have brought home letters this week telling you how you can order this year's class photos and directly support school fundraising by doing so. Orders can be placed for class photos using your School Money account for £10 and the deadline for doing this is **Monday 7th July**.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new cohort of Year 3 children to school next week for our three transition days, when children in years 3, 4 and 5 IN SCHOOL will also meet their new teachers. I know this can sometimes be worrying, but please reassure your children that their new teachers are often just as nervous about learning lots of new names and will be looking forward to spending Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday getting to know them really well so that they are settled ahead of September and there will be plenty of support staff on hand to help with any nerves on Tuesday morning. We know from many years of experience that these soon disappear as soon as they begin some fun activities in their new classrooms!

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

Book Bags

As the end of the year approaches, could we remind you to avoid buying expensive school bags for your children? We routinely get pulled up on Health and Safety audits and Fire audits that our cloakrooms in the corridors take up too much room and this is due to the size of the bags that children are bringing to school—these very often knock off coats hung on top onto the floor.

From September 2025, children will only be allowed to bring a book bag to school: there is no need for a larger bag than this—a book bag will fit a water bottle and reading books and this is all the children NEED to bring to school each day.

From 30th June, the school office will be selling book bags: you will be able to purchase these directly using your School Money account and they will be sent home with your child. Alternatively, book bags can be purchased directly from uniform suppliers Schoolwear Solutions, Chaddesden or Uniform Direct on Babington Lane. Plain navy book bags from other suppliers are also available (e.g. Amazon).

School Dinner Menu

Next week we will be on our new Week 3 menu, which can be found [here](#). School dinners cost £2.80 each day and must be paid for in advance please.



Could we please ask that you start to clear any dinner debts before the end of term, particularly if you are a Year 6 parent. The school budget cannot afford to sustain ongoing dinner debts and Mrs Wagstaff spends a large amount of time each week issuing reminders to parents.

Chickenpox!

It is that time of year and we have a small number of cases of chickenpox in school this week. Worryingly, **some** parents have been sending children to school with rashes while they are still contagious, despite advice from the staff in the school office!

If you are concerned that your child may have chickenpox, please seek the advice of your doctor in the first instance. Chickenpox remains contagious until **ALL** the spots have formed a scab. Only then can children return to school—provided they also feel well enough.

This is important advice to follow, as we have children in school with weakened immune systems and a pregnant member of staff—please help us by being vigilant and following NHS guidance, which can be found [here](#).



Coming Up Next Week....

End of year events are approaching thick and fast now, so please keep an eye on the diary dates pages each week.

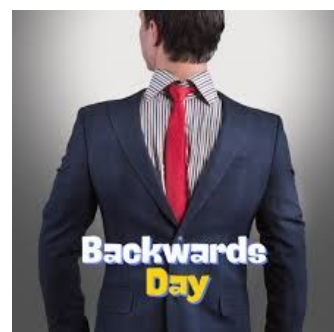
Tuesday 1st July-Thursday 3rd July—Transition Days

Children should come to school as normal each day (in and out of the usual doors) and line up in their current lines on the playground for registration and to order their dinners. From here, they will go to their new class for the rest of the day!

Children in Year 6 should have been given instructions about transition days at their new secondary schools and should make their own way there and back each day please. ***If your child is not attending transition days for any reason, please make sure their class teacher is aware that they will still be coming to Gayton on those days so we know that we are expecting them.***

Friday 4th July—Backwards Day!

Friday is our sponsored event to raise funds for the rewards, trips and experiences that help make Gayton such a unique and amazing school! On Friday, everything will be done backwards—wearing clothes, saying our names, writing with the opposite hands, eating pudding first at lunchtime—all sorts of crazy challenges in store for the children to take part in and be sponsored to complete. Thank you, in advance, for your help in supporting your child to get sponsors and collect money—we really do appreciate all of your fantastic ongoing support.



2024/25 DATES

Tuesday 1st— Thursday 3rd July	All Day	City-wide transition Days
Friday 4th July	All Day	Sponsored Event Day—NEW DATE!
Wednesday 9th July	All Day	Year 5 Seaside Trip—details to follow
Thursday 10th July	9:15am-11:30am approx.	RESERVE DAY: Lower School Sports Day
Friday 11th July	9:15am-11:30am approx.	RESERVE DAY: Upper School Sports Day
Friday 11th July	3:30-5:00pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July	6:30pm	Year 6 Production to Parents—details to follow
Friday 18th July	All Day	Year 4 Britain Since 1950s Day—details to follow
Friday 18th July	TBC	Year 5 Camp—details to follow
Week Beginning Monday 21st July	All Week	No swimming for Years 3 and 4
Monday 21st July	5:30-7:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd July	All Day	French Day
Wednesday 23rd July	12:15pm	Leavers' Dinner Special Menu
Thursday 24th July	All Day	Reward Day—non uniform for all children
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—Autumn Term 1 Begins
Friday 24th October 2025	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd November 2025	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 4th November 2026	8:55am	Autumn Term 2 Begins
Friday 19th December 2025	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
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



Plant Donations

Mrs Glasby and Mr Reed are ready to venture back outdoors with their Gardening Club now that the weather is better. If anyone has any bedding plants that can be donated for use in borders of pots at the front of school, please get in touch via the main office. All donations gratefully received.





The Adolescence Effect – free webinar

- Did you watch the Netflix drama 'Adolescence'?
- Are you worried about what your children might be up to online?
- Would you like to have a better understanding of incel culture and misogyny?
- Do you want some ideas about how to protect your children, especially our boys, against such negative influences?

Prevent Education Officer Sally Siner, supported by **Online safety expert Traci Gregory** are offering a free online webinar for parents and carers of children and young people on:

Monday 7th July from 11am – 12 noon

No need to book, just join the link below on the day!

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

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