Newsletter—Week 38

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17TH JULY 2026

What a busy week we've had—again—in school. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair at the end of last week. We have raised just over £2000 which is another record amount, so thank you for your over-whelming support.

We enjoyed a wonderful two nights watching our departing Year 6 children perform The Lion King Jr on Wednesday and Thursday—we are extremely proud of our Year 6 cohort and how hard they have worked to produce not only a fantastic show for everyone but over the last few years to catch up on all their lost learning after missing out on the beginning of the school life due to COVID back in 2020 when they were 5-year-olds in Reception.

Your children should have brought home their school reports with them tonight—more reasons to make you all proud of them: I have enjoyed reading them all throughout June and they always provide lovely reminders of the fantastic year of learning experiences the children have had.

Speaking of which, Year 5 are looking forward to spending a night under the stars in their tents on the school field tonight—one of our fifty passport experiences your child has the opportunity to enjoy whilst they are at Gayton!

Please keep looking for any missing reading books you have at home so that we can collate them for next year!

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Lim next week. Mrs Lim has been working with us here for 20 years and her expertise, love of reading and cookery skills will be sorely missed in September! We wish her all the best as she embarks on her retirement.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

School Uniform

Please remember that we would ask children to continue to come to school wearing PE kit (t-shirt, navy sweatshirt or cardigan, navy or black tracksuit bottoms and plain trainers) on days when they have PE. Being ready for PE means we lose less time from PE lessons getting changed in and out of kit and means we don't have to worry about where to store their PE bags during the week.

Again, it would be most ideal if you could buy black trainer shoes instead of school shoes in your 'uniform shop' this summer—this means the children will have appropriate footwear for completing the daily mile. If you are not able to find anything suitable, please make sure your child brings their trainers to school each day to change into.

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for PE.

What's Coming Up

Next Week

Monday 20th July—Year 6 Leavers' Party

The Year 6 Leavers' Party will take place from 5-6:30pm on Monday 20th July. **Children must be collected by an adult please—no mobile phones allowed.**

Wednesday 22nd July—Leavers' Lunch

Our catering team will be putting on a special menu on for all of the children on Wednesday 22nd July. As well as the usual sandwich and jacket potato options, children will also be able to choose from the following menu:

Beef Burger/ Halal Beef Burger / Quorn Burger
Served with fries, sweetcorn and peas

Celebration cupcakes, fresh fruit or yoghurt

Wednesday 22nd July—Silver Reward Day

Weather permitting, Wednesday 22nd July is likely to be our Silver Reward Day: water fights on the field. **This is the first of two non-uniform days. Children will need to bring a water pistol, a change of clothes (including pants, socks and shoes) and a TOWEL.**

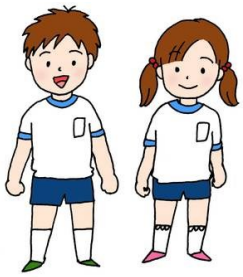
Thursday 23rd July—Gold Reward Day

The field will be full of inflatables for Gold Reward Day on the final day of term. **Children can wear non-uniform again but must have socks to go on the inflatables and be wearing suitable clothing for bouncy castles**—surfaces can get hot in the sun! Year 6 children may wear or bring school shirts for signing today.

REMINDER: There will be no school-run clubs in the final week of term. Only Cricket on Monday 20th July and Football on Tuesday 21st July will run as normal. There will be no Girls' Football, Homework Clubs, Lego, Warhammer or Choir during the week beginning Monday 20th July. Please arrange to collect your children as normal if they usually attend these clubs.

PE Days

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE	Swimming
Class 1	Monday	Wednesday	
Class 2	Thursday	Friday	
Class 3	Wednesday	Monday	
Class 4	Wednesday		Thursday
Class 5	Monday		Tuesday
Class 6	Thursday		Wednesday
Class 7	Friday	Monday	
Class 8	Wednesday	Thursday	
Class 9	Tuesday	Thursday	
Class 10	Monday	Friday	
Class 11	Friday	Tuesday	
Class 12	Thursday	Tuesday	



Year 4 will be swimming at the end of the school day, so may bring a onesie to school to get changed into when they finish their lesson if they wish. Children may come in PE kit on swimming days.

2025/26 DATES		
Monday 20th July	5-6:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 22nd July	All Day	Silver Reward Day—non uniform for all children
Wednesday 22nd July	12:15pm	Leavers' Lunch—see menu on previous page
Thursday 23rd July	All Day	Gold Reward Day—non uniform for all children
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday
2026/27 DATES		
Friday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Monday 7th September	All Day	INSET 2
Tuesday 8th September	8:55am	Autumn 1 Term begins
Friday 23rd October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 2nd November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 18th December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 2 Term—break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins
Friday 12th February	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 22nd February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins
Thursday 25th March	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—break up for Easter break
Monday 12th April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins
Monday 3rd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 10th May—Friday 14th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs—no authorized absences this week
Friday 28th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 8th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins
Friday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—break up for Summer
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

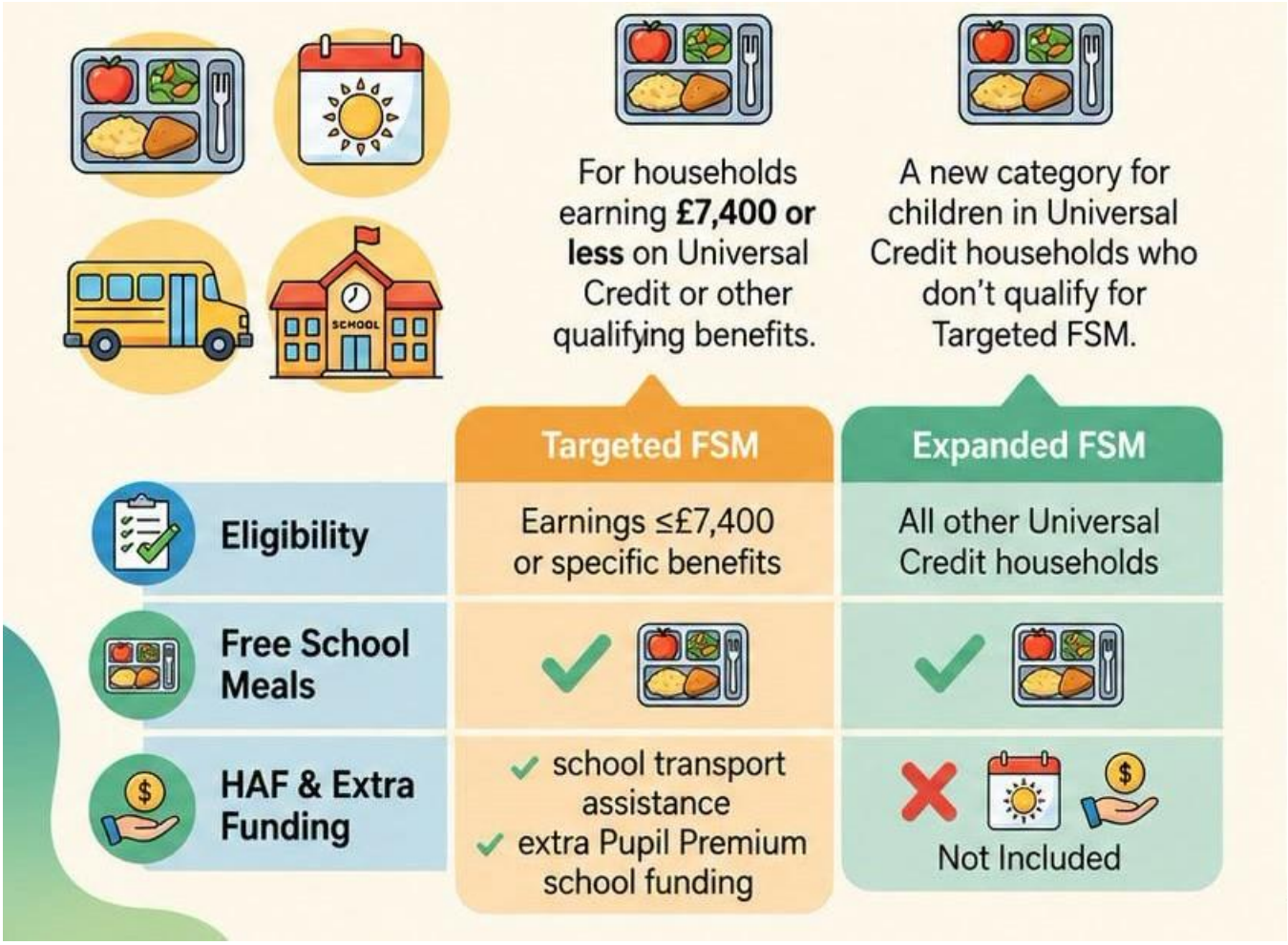
School Dinners

School dinners MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** using your School Money account. Dinners cost **£2.90 per day (£14.50 for a full week).** Next week, we will be back on the new Week 1 menu.

Free School Meals are changing

Gayton Junior School
Be the best you can be!

From September 2026, more families than ever will be entitled to free school meals. There are now two types of eligibility :



If your child is already in receipt of free school meals at Gayton you do NOT need to reapply.

Scan to Apply

We encourage ALL parents to check if they are eligible, even if they think they may not be or if they have applied before and been refused. You will only need to complete this once, as our free school meal system will keep your details and continue to check for any changes throughout your child's time at Gayton.

Please contact admin@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk if you need further information or assistance.

WELCOME TO SUMMER!

DISCOVER OUR WATER SAFETY DAY

TUESDAY 28TH JULY

Join us for our Water Safety Day where your child can learn essential water safety skills and enjoy a Welcome Party session too!*

Book today at www.everyoneactive.com

*Additional fees apply.

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