

18TH JULY 2025

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year. There is lots of important information on the next few pages about next week AND next year so please make sure you make a note of everything you will need to remember!

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our families for your fantastic support this year and especially last week at our Summer Fair, where we raised almost £2000. In addition to this, Mr O'Donnell tells me that our Backwards Day this year's sponsored event, raised £5005 which is incredible! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and who brought in sponsorship money that will go towards our reward days and passport experiences for the children over the next 12 months. We really couldn't continue to provide all of these fantastic opportunities to the children without all of your support. A huge well done also, to Mr Thomson in Class 3 who joined me in the office for a day this week as headteacher as a reward for raising the most sponsorship money! You can read a bit about his day in *his* box below!

A huge thank you also to our fantastic team of staff this year who have, as always, worked incredibly hard to continue to provide such high standards of education for your children. It really does take a lot of effort to sustain these standards and they have definitely earned their break this summer!

Over the holidays, if you are concerned that a child is at risk of harm or neglect, please email safeguarding@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk or ring 999 if you think a child is in immediate danger.

Along with our Year 6 children and their families, we say goodbye next week to Mrs Oliver, Mr Kempster, Mrs Lowndes, Mrs Briggs, Mrs Rehman and Ms Bashir. We will miss them all a lot in September and wish them all the best in their next roles and adventures!

And finally, on behalf of all of the staff at Gayton, we would like to wish you all a lovely, restful summer. We will see most of you back again on Monday 8th September!

THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT GAYTON NEXT WEEK.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Special Headteacher's Notes

On Thursday I spent the day in charge of Gayton Junior School. At the start of the day, I collected my staff badge and then went outside to welcome all the children into school. Then I went onto the playground to ring the bell and make sure all of the children were lined up nicely and walking into class quietly. I did a quick walk of the school with my Deputy Headteacher, Mr O'Donnell, to check all of the children were settled in class and then I went to the office to write some emails and do some shredding. Just before break, I went to ALDI to buy some ice creams as a treat for Classes 4 and 7 who had gone to the park as a treat. I answered the phone and took a message from a parent too.

As I had worked so hard all morning, I spent the afternoon playing on the PS5 in Mr O'Donnell's office!

I really enjoyed my day as headteacher of Gayton Junior School. It was brilliant!

Mr Thomson

School Dinner Menu

Next week we will be back 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.**

Leavers' Dinner—Menu –Tuesday 22nd July

Children will be able to order from our special Leavers' Dinner Menu on Tuesday 22nd July as the kitchen are putting on a special dinner for all of our children in celebration of our departing Year 6 children! Children will still be able to order the usual jacket potatoes and sandwich options but will also be able to choose from the following options instead of the normal menu on 22nd:



Chicken Fillet Burger & Smiley Faces

Veggie hotdog & Smiley Faces

Halal burger & Smiley Faces

Pudding:

American Waffle, Ginger Biscuit

Raspberry Jelly, Mixed Fruit



Coming Up Next Week...

It's a busy week next week, so please make sure you know what is happening in school for your child!

Monday 21st July—Year 6 Leavers' Party

Our Year 6 Leavers' Party is on Monday. **Starting at 5:30 and ending at 7:30pm**, children may bring a phone to take pictures of their friends, with a permission slip (their class teachers will send one home).

Tuesday 22nd July—French Day—see page 4

On Tuesday, we will be celebrating our annual French Day again in school. Children are welcome to come to school wearing a splash of something red, white and blue along with their school uniform (no jeans or football shirts please). We will start the day with a special assembly and our usual French breakfast before enjoying some activities in class.

Wednesday 23rd July—Silver & Bronze Reward Day—Water Fights—Non-uniform Day

All children can come to school in non-uniform today. Children taking part in the water fight for the silver reward should come with a change of clothes to change into after the water fight—please remember to bring dry pants, shoes and socks! And don't forget a towel and a water gun! Bronze rewards—a class film—will also take place today so children can bring a snack to eat while they watch their film!

Thursday 24th July—Gold Reward Day—Non-uniform Day

All children can come to school in non-uniform today (Year 6 children may want to wear their school t-shirts to be signed). As today is the gold reward day on the inflatables, **children should wear clothes suitable for this and make sure they have socks on or a pair of socks with them to put on when they go on the inflatables.**

PE Kit

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.



PE days for next year are listed in the table below for your child's **new** class. We are continuing swimming lessons for the children moving into Year 4 to give as many children as possible the chance to build on the great progress they have made with their water confidence this year and to allow them time to achieve the Key Stage 2 objective of being able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. Sports Premium funding will be used to pay for these additional lessons and we are grateful to the pool for finding us three additional slots to allow time for Classes 4, 5 and 6 to swim next year. This swimming session will replace one of the PE lessons in Year 4 so that they still have time for all of the other exciting curriculum topics that the Year 4 staff have planned for them across the year—the team will let you know whether the PE unit for each half term will be indoor or outdoor so you know when to send your child in their PE kit.

PE Days

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



Class 4 and 5 will be swimming right at the end of the school day, so may still bring a onesie to school to get changed into when they finish their lesson if they wish. Class 6 will swim before lunchtime so will need to change back into school uniform after their swimming lesson. I am happy for them to wear PE kit on a Friday if they are more comfortable changing into this after their lesson.

French Day!

Tuesday 22nd July is Gayton Junior School's annual **French Day**. This year we will be exploring countries around the world where French is spoken including Canada, Vietnam and Madagascar! We hope the day will be a fantastic celebration of language learning and French culture. During the day we will be completing lots of international themed activities such as decorating flags, playing popular games and learning to talk about the weather. Pupils will also enjoy a French breakfast (please let us know, as soon as possible, if your child has any allergies we are not already aware of). Children may wear a splash of red, white and blue if they wish.



Merci beaucoup!
Madame Orchard



2024/25 DATES

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
Tuesday 22nd July	12:15pm	Leavers' Dinner Special Menu— New Date!
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 3rd October 2025	AM	Individual School Photos
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
Monday 5th January 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 1 Begins
Thursday 12th February 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Friday 27th March 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May 2026	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday



Year 5 Drop Off and Collection

When your child moves from Year 4 to Year 5, they will need dropping off at and collecting from the Upper School entrance in the car park. **In the mornings, please stand outside the front of school behind the green gates until the main car park gate is closed and it is safe to stand in the car park and wait for the door to open.** This keeps you and your children safe from cars entering the car park. Thank you.

Welcome to Year 5



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2025



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4-8 Years 10am - 11am

£12

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at Derby Arena

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided

Holiday Club

£26

10.30am - 1pm 6-12 Years

5th August
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You need:

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- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

30 minute skills and confidence session followed by a 120 minute ride



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