

9TH OCTOBER 2026

A huge well done again to the football team who knocked Cloudside Primary School, from Sandiacre, out of the Cup on Monday evening. The boys ran out 4-0 winners, with Oscar scoring all four goals in an emphatic win! The girls' football team kicked off their season this week with two games against Markeaton Primary School on Thursday evening, running out 1-0 winners in both games, with goals from Ayla and Lyla. Well done everyone—you have represented the school well this week!

Please see information on this newsletter about our Halloween Disco on **Thursday 22nd October—tickets go on sale on Monday in the hall before school and cost £2 each.**

We are also holding two additional events this year which we hope will help to launch our new PTA. The first event is Bonfire Bingo and is on Thursday 5th November—please see the advert on page 3 for more information. If you are interested in helping with the event, or finding out more about how you can help us re-launch our PTA, please get in touch with [Mrs Clarke](#) here at school.

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

Safer Inside

Staff are spending time this week or next, during their class assembly time, talking to the children about our 'Safer Inside' procedure. This is the procedure we would follow if there was ever a situation where it was safer for everyone to remain inside the school building. We are making sure that children recognise the 'Safer Inside' alarm, which is different from our fire alarm, and understand what they should do if they hear it.

I talked to Class 8 about this earlier in the week and they were incredibly sensible, asking thoughtful questions and showing a good understanding of what they would need to do. Most importantly, they understood that if they hear the alarm, they should calmly and safely make their way to their classroom, following the instructions of the adults around them. We also spent time reassuring them that they would be with familiar adults and their friends, and that staff would give them clear instructions and explain what they needed to do.

These conversations are simply about making sure that, should we ever need to use the procedure, our children know what to expect and can respond calmly and confidently. As always, our priority is keeping everyone in school safe and reassured.



Safer



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School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our new Week 2 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost **£2.90** and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE.** [Week 2 Menu](#)



2025/26 DATES

Monday 12th— Wednesday 14th October	All Day	Year 5 Stone Age Workshops—see letter
Wednesday 14th October	10:30am; 2pm; 5:30pm	Open Sessions for Year 2 Parents
Friday 23rd October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—break up for half term
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications for September 2027 for Y6 Parents	
Monday 2nd November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins
Thursday 5th November	5:30pm onwards	Bonfire Bingo—Tickets only via School Money
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 authorised 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

Halloween Discos

We will be holding our Halloween Discos again this year, as they continue to be a popular request of the School Council! There will be two discos—one for Lower School (years 3 and 4) and one for Upper School (years 5 and 6) on **Thursday 22nd October**. Children are welcome to dress up if they wish! Children **MUST** be collected by an adult please as the nights will be dark by then.



The Lower School Disco will run from 5pm until 6:15pm and the Upper School Disco will run from 6:30pm until 7:45pm. Tickets will go on sale (£2 per ticket) in the hall when doors open each morning from **Monday 12th October** and there will be enough tickets for everyone, so please don't worry. There will be a tuck shop open on the night where children can buy sweets and drinks if they wish—they will need no more than £1 for this!

Gayton Junior School
Families

BONFIRE BINGO NIGHT

Thursday 5th November 2026

★ Doors open at 5:30pm
for a 6pm start ★

★ Tickets are limited! ★
£1 per person

Purchase via your School Money account.

Hotdogs

(including veggie
sausages)

£2.50 each

Pre-order using your
School Money account.

Bingo cards & dabbers

£3 per book
of Bingo cards
(6 games)

£1 per dabber

Available to
buy on the night.



Small
sweet stall



Cold drinks
available
too!



Come along for a
great night of
family fun!

Tea available to buy while you play
(please pre-order hotdogs)

When extra steps are needed, help them with key life skills



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