

14TH NOVEMBER 2025

Thank you for donations sent into school today for Children in Need. We have been able to make a donation on behalf of the school for £210. It was lovely to see splashes of yellow in assembly today supporting the cause.



There are a number of children arriving on the school grounds increasingly early in the mornings: please remember that doors do not open until 8:45am (when the gates to the car park are also closed) and there are no adults on duty at the front of school until this time. Please either stay with your children, drop them off later or let them set off later from home if they walk alone so that they are not waiting outside school for too long alone each morning.

Your child should have brought home their Christmas card design this week if they were in school when they were completed. The deadline for placing orders is 12pm on Tuesday 25th November and school do receive a small percentage of commission on any orders placed so please do support us with an order if you are able to!

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

Christmas Dinner Day—menu updates

Letters came home this week with information about how to order a Christmas dinner for your child ready for Christmas dinner day in school on Wednesday 10th December. We are already looking forward to it as it is always lots of fun with music, crackers, hats and jokes!



On the menu this year is: **roast turkey**, stuffing, chipolata sausages, **roast potatoes**, vegetables and gravy. The **vegetarian** option is **Quorn™ roast** and the **halal** option is **roast chicken**. The stuffing and gravy are both suitable for vegetarians. **A range of desserts will be on offer.**

For those children with special dietary requirements, or if your child has not yet brought a letter home, please contact Mrs Wagstaff in the office and she will arrange a suitable option for your child. All children must return a slip by Monday 24th November—even if they are bringing a packed lunch!

Prefects

A special congratulations to the children chosen to be this term's prefects. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils, whose attitude and effort at school over the last half term has been exemplary:



Year 3—Aisha
Year 4—Noor Fatima
Year 5—Lillyana
Year 6—Isabelle



2025/26 DATES

Tuesday 18th November	Time TBC	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 19th November	10am & 2pm	Year 2 Parents' Open Day—see below 
Tuesday 25th November	12pm	Deadline for Christmas card orders
Wednesday 3rd December	9.00-11.00	Coffee Morning—Information to follow
Wednesday 10th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 10th December	12:15pm	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 11th December	PM	Year 6 Pantomime Trip—see letter
Friday 19th December	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all pupils
Friday 19th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 1 Begins
Wednesday 28th January 2026	7:30am—7:00pm	Year 6 Harry Potter Studio Tour Trip—see letter
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

School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to our **Week 2 menu**. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 2 Menu](#)



Year 2 Open Day—Wednesday 19th November—Prospective Parents for September 2026

Please come and join us for a brief presentation and a student-led tour of our school at 10am or 2pm on Wednesday 19th November. We are proud of both our school and our children, who are always keen to show off their school and explain why they think that coming to Gayton is the best decision you can make for your child! Staff are always on hand to answer any trickier questions you might have and you can also pick up one of our new prospectuses on the day to take away with you.

If you wish to attend one of our Open Sessions, please complete the form by clicking [here](#) so that we know how many people to expect.



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WINTER HOLIDAYS 2025/26



New to two wheels

4-8 Years 10am - 11am

29th December **£12**
at Markeaton Park

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**

29th December
at Markeaton Park

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

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



All activities **must be booked in advance**

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