



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 7th March 2025

Be the best you can be

Shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:15)

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who were awarded the Values Award Certificates (*Kindness, Resilience & Hope*) in Celebration Worship this week:

Hillary:	Charli
Nightingale:	Mahdi
Tyndale:	Maisy
Bannister:	Sam S

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who were awarded the Wonderful Work Certificates in Celebration Worship this week:

Hillary:	Luca
Nightingale:	Teddy
Tyndale:	Ophelia
Bannister:	Jenson

CONGRATULATIONS to this week's Outstanding Lunchtime Behaviour awards winners:

Hillary:	Sonny
Nightingale:	Millie
Tyndale:	Lucinda
Bannister:	Izzy

Change of Parent Payment System

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our school payment system. We're moving from Squid to School Money, a platform many of you already use for breakfast and after-school club bookings. This change will streamline all parent payments, including dinner money, trips, music tuition, and nursery fees.

The key difference is that you'll now be responsible for booking and paying for your child's meals in advance. You can book weekly, half-termly, or for the whole term. The last day for Squid payments is Friday, 14th March 2025, with School Money taking over from Monday, 17th March 2025.

Current login details will remain the same, for our Nursery families and other new users, we'll send out individual login information soon.

To help you navigate this new system, we've attached a handy guide from School Money to the email sent out on Wednesday. It's similar to the breakfast and after-school club booking process, so it should feel familiar.

We're confident this change will make things easier for everyone. If you have any questions, our school office is here to help. Thank you for your ongoing support as we make this positive change together.

Attendance

It is important that we address the matter concerning pupil attendance at our school. Our current whole-school attendance rate of 95% falls short of our 96% target, which is cause for concern.

Regular attendance is vital for our pupils' academic success and overall well-being. It enables them to fully engage with their learning and build positive relationships. We're closely monitoring attendance and will be contacting parents of pupils whose attendance drops below 90%.

Under new government guidance, we're taking a firmer stance on unauthorised absences. This may include issuing fines to parents of persistently absent pupils without valid reasons. We believe this measure is necessary to ensure all pupils receive the education they deserve. We appreciate your support in this matter. Please see the emailed letter dated 05.03.25 for further information.

Red Nose Day

The funniest day of the year is back on 21 March 2025. Get ready to feel good and do something funny for money. Together we will help people here in the UK and across the world. We're pleased to support Comic Relief on Friday, 21 March 2025. Children are welcome to come to school on this day wearing something red/non-school uniform. Any donations to support Comic Relief charities can be made directly via their website: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

Girls Football Match Results

It was great to see the girls back on the grass on Monday afternoon, in their away game at Leverton. It was a nervous start from Gamston and Leverton put them under real pressure. That early pressure told, and the home side took the lead. This spurred Gamston on and they began to put in some big challenges. First their keeper, then the central defender kept the score at 1-0. After the break, the midfield began to win the battle, and Dolly scored a well-deserved equaliser. Both Anisha and Bessie had chances, but it was Dolly who beat their defence to the ball to score a second. In the last couple of minutes, we defended strongly and kept out any further shots. In the end Gamston ran out 2-1 winners. A great start from the girls.

Boys Football Match Results

On Tuesday evening the boys played their next away match at Ranskill. A great game of football where the boys pressed from the first minute and played like that for the whole 40 minutes. There were so many things to be proud of, especially when at half time I asked the boys to switch positions. In the second half it was great to see Max score his first goal for Gamston and the fact that they played the whole second half with an extra man. Also, George getting on the scoresheet was just reward for his tireless running and tackling. The boys ran out as deserved 9-0 winners with 4 goals from Jenson, 2 from Fyfe, 1 each for George and Max and an own goal near the end of the match. Well done to all 8 boys; a near perfect performance.

Key Dates

Please see the Key Dates below for more information about upcoming events in school. **New dates are added in green.**

Key Dates 2025

Date(s)	Event
Term 4	
12 & 13 March 2025	Parents' evening
Friday 21 March 2025	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 March 2025	LKS2 Easter Production
Thursday 27 March 2025	PFA Disco!
Friday 4 April 2025	2:30pm – Easter Service at St Peter's Church
Friday 4 April 2025	Last day of term
Term 5	
Monday 21 April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Children back to school
Monday 5 May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025	Y6 SATs
Thursday 15 May 2025	Census Day
Monday 19 May 2025 to Wednesday 21 May 2025	Y5/6 Residential
Friday 23 May 2025	Last day of term
Term 6	
Monday 2 June 2025	Children back to school
2-week period from Monday 2 June 2025	Y4 x Table Check
Wednesday 4 June 2025	Whole Class and Year 6 Photographs

w/c: Monday 9 June 2025	Y1 Phonics Screening
Monday 9 June 2025	PFA Bags to School Collection
w/c: Monday 16 June 2025	Assessment Week
Wednesday 18 June 2025 Date changed to 4 June 2025	Whole Class and Year 6 Photographs
Wednesday 25 June 2025	Sports Day
Wednesday 2 July 2025	Transition Day
Friday 4 July 2025	Y3/4 Trip to Creswell Craggs
Thursday 10 July 2025	Summer Disco
Thursday 10 July 2025	Non-uniform Day – PFA Summer Fayre Donations
Wednesday 16 July 2025	Year 5/6 Production
Friday 18 July 2025	Reports (out to parents)
Friday 18 July 2025	Summer Fayre
Thursday 24 July 2025	2.30pm – Service at St Peter’s Church
Friday 25 July 2025	Y6 Graduation
Friday 25 July 2025	Last day of term