



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 24th January 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:	Joseph
Nightingale:	Eve
Tyndale:	Andre
Bannister:	Jacob

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

Hillary:	Imogen
Nightingale:	Tabitha
Tyndale:	Poppy
Bannister:	Joe

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

Hillary:	Imogen
Nightingale:	Mahdi
Tyndale:	Samuel
Bannister:	James

[Sportshall Athletics](#)

Last week, some of our children from Bannister class represented Gamston at the Sportshall Athletics event at Retford Oaks Academy. Children competed in field events (including triple jump, javelin, wall jump, standing jump and others) with some impressive performances and results. They also competed in the sprint and relay races. The children all put fantastic effort into the events and displayed excellent behaviour throughout the day. The children's efforts were rewarded by qualifying for a place in the finals, later this month.

[Payment of Dinner Money](#)

We kindly ask that you regularly check your child's 'Squid Dinner Money' account to ensure it is not in arrears. Please respond promptly to any requests to top up the account, as the system is now less lenient regarding negative balances.

Accounts that remain in negative credit for more than a week may result in restrictions on your child's ability to purchase meals.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

[REMINDER: After School Club – Friday 31 January 2025](#)

Due to staffing issues, there will be no after-school club on Friday, 31 January. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

[Tyndale Residential Deposit Reminder](#)

Just a reminder that the deposit is now due to secure your child's place for this trip. A letter regarding this was sent to Tyndale parents earlier in the week. Many thanks.

[World Book Day](#)

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6 March 2025! On this day, all children can come to school in pyjamas or non-uniform and bring their favourite book into school to share with their class.

[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>

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 3	
Thursday 6 February 2025 Postponed New date (for after half term) to be confirmed asap.	Spring Disco
Wednesday 12 February 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025	Y3/4 Residential
Friday 14 February 2025	Last day of term
Thursday 27 February 2025	PFA Bags to School Collection
Term 4	
Monday 24 February 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 February 2025	Children back to school
Thursday 6 March 2025	World Book Day
12 & 13 March 2025	Parents' evening
Friday 21 March 2025	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 March 2025	LKS2 Easter Production
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
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 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

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Bags to school

We have booked the next 2 dates for our fundraising bags to school collection (See key dates).

Here is a reminder of how it works:

- You sort your unwanted items (list can be found on the link below)
- Bring to school the morning of the collection date organised. Any bag is ok, usually bin bags are good, just make sure they are all tied up because if it rains and the contents gets wet, they won't take it.
- Feel free to ask family and friends too.
- The van comes and collects the bags from us at just after 9am and weighs them.
- We then receive a cheque with the amount dependent on the weight of the items.
- They collect much more than just clothes - follow the link to find out more.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



[What We Collect - Bag2School](#)

Find out which items are accepted and which aren't with our Bag2School textile recycling fundraiser for schools and organizations.

bag2school.com

If you are unable to keep your unwanted items until the date please let one of the PFA know and we can arrange to pop them in our shed until the collection date.

Thank you for your support.