



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 10th 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 in Celebration Worship this week:

Hillary:	Jacob
Nightingale:	Adeline
Tyndale:	Simon
Bannister:	Charlotte

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

Hillary:	Oliver
Nightingale:	Willow
Tyndale:	Usmaan
Bannister:	Sam J

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

Hillary:	Kobie
Nightingale:	Scarlett
Tyndale:	Rosie Hu
Bannister:	Gracie-May

Welcome back

As we step into 2025, we are delighted to welcome back all our pupils, staff, and families at Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School. We hope you enjoyed a restful Christmas break filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones. As we embark on this new year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our school community. Together, we will continue to foster a love for learning, encourage creativity, and support each other in our personal and academic growth. Let's embrace the challenges and successes that this term will bring, working together to make it a memorable and fulfilling experience for everyone. Here's to a fantastic start to the new year!

Nottinghamshire's top 14 (state primary schools of 2024 named - in new government performance data

We are delighted to share the news that our school has been ranked the 9th highest achieving primary school in the whole of Nottinghamshire in new government performance data. Please see the link below:

<https://www.nottinghamworld.com/education/nottinghamshire-top-14-state-primary-schools-of-2024-performance-data-4913255?page=3>

Census Day – Thursday 16 January

Next Thursday is Census Day and we would very much appreciate if you could encourage your child to have a school dinner on this day as it will help with school funding. There will be a menu swap from Thursday to Friday, therefore the menu on Census Day will be Fish and Chips. Thank you for your support.

Distribution of sweets in school

Could we please remind parents that unfortunately children are not able to bring in sweets to school to distribute to other children. We appreciate that they like to do this to celebrate occasions such as birthdays, but the dietary requirements of all our children need to be considered, therefore this cannot be permitted. Thank you for your understanding.

Reminder - Start & End of the Day – Staff, Parent & Pupil Protocols

At Gamston, we are privileged to have space on-site where families can park. However, we are also aware that at peak-times, the carparks and roads on-site can be very busy and congested. Whilst there is no 'magic solution', the following protocol is designed to keep our whole-school community safe.

We ask parents and carers to:

- be thoughtful and mindful of pedestrians, including small children, when driving and/or parking at school;
- Keep speeds to a sensible limit, i.e. between 5-10mph;
- Not mount the kerb near to pedestrians;

- Park considerately and with thought to emergency vehicle access and access for school coaches;
- Pull in/off with due care and attention to pedestrians;
- Use the one-way system and give way to oncoming traffic;
- Ensure that arrive promptly at the *start of the school day (8:50/8:55);
- Ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day (3:20/3:30).

*Children remain the responsibility of the parent/carer until 8:50 (EYFS/KS1)/8:55 (KS2).

Children should not be using the climbing frame (clamber stack) unsupervised.

We ask children to:

- Behave in the safe, respectful way as the do during school hours.

*There are to be no ball games at the start and end of the day.

We ask school staff to:

- Ensure that they are outside promptly to take their class in at 8:50/8:55;
- Wear a hi-vis vest when outside;
- Ensure that children are dismissed promptly at 3:20/3:30;
- Ensure that the pedestrian gates are locked at 8:55 and opened at 3:10.
- Ensure that they are available and visible at the start and end of each day in order to enable positive relationships and communication with parents.

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 16 January 2025	Census Day
Thursday 6 February 2025	Spring Disco
Wednesday 12 February 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025	Y3/4 Residential
Friday 14 February	Last day of term
Term 4	
Monday 24 February 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 February 2025	Children back to school
12 & 13 March 2025	Parents' evening
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
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