



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 21st November 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:	Paisley
Nightingale:	Freddie
Tyndale:	Orlando
Bannister:	Felicity

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

Hillary:	Kobie
Nightingale:	Jacob C
Tyndale:	Patrick
Bannister:	Andre

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

Hillary:	Paisley
Nightingale:	Beatrice
Tyndale:	Ada
Bannister:	Bessie

Samaritans Purse School Box Appeal



Thank you to all our families who contributed so generously to this appeal. Mr Woodsford very kindly dropped off our boxes at the allocated collection point at the end of last week where they will continue their journey to reach children by Christmas. Your support was greatly appreciated.

St Swithun's Church Retford, Christmas Tree Festival

Starting this Saturday St Swithun's Church Retford will be filled with Christmas trees individually decorated by different charities, schools, organisations and businesses in the area. **Our Children here at Gamston have been busy completing their decorations which will be displayed on our own school tree throughout the festival.**

There will be Live Music, Kid's Activities and a Christmas Tree Cafe serving real coffee and delicious cakes, brownies, cookies and gingerbread from the amazing The Cake Lady!

Pre-bookable workshops are also available:

- Saturday 22nd Nov - 2-4pm, Christmas Cookie Decorating Workshop with The Cake Lady for Kids £3
- Friday 28th Nov - 12:00-1:30pm, Wreath Making Workshop with Divine Flowers £25 includes all materials, coffee and a festive brownie
- Saturday 29th Nov - 2-4pm, Christmas Cookie Decorating Workshop with The Cake Lady for Kids £3 Limited spaces for our workshops so book your place now: www.stsretford.org/events

Admission Adults £3 & Children Free

School Disco, Thursday 27th November

Thank you to the PFA who have again organised a school disco for the entertainment of our children and to raise money for the school. Please ensure that if your child is attending you have completed the online consent form sent out at the beginning of the week. Many thanks.



Key Dates 2025/26

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

Date(s)	Event
Term 2	
w/c: Monday 24 November 2025	Assessment Week
Thursday 27 November 2025	Disco
Thursday 4 December 2025	Tyndale Class 'Jingle Jog', Sherwood Pines
Friday 5 December 2025	Christmas Fayre (3.30pm)
Monday 8 December 2025	Hillary and Nightingale Class Christmas Trip to the Savoy Cinema
Wednesday 10 December 2025	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - am
Thursday 11 December 2025	EYFS KS1 Nativity - pm
Friday 12 December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 December 2025	Santa
Wednesday 17 December 2025	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 December 2025	2:30pm – Christmas Service at St Peter's Church
TBC	YR & Y6 height and weight
Friday 19 December 2025	Last day of term
Term 3	

Monday 5 January 2026	Children back to school
Wednesday 14 January 2026	SEND Coffee Morning
TBC	Census Day
Thursday 5 February 2026	Spring Disco
TBC	Y3/4 Residential
Friday 13 February 2026	Last day of term
Term 4	
Monday 23 February 2026	Children back to school
Wednesday 4 March 2026	SEND Coffee Morning
10 & 12 March 2026	Parents' evening
Wednesday 25 March 2026	LKS2 Easter Production
Friday 27 March 2026	2:30pm – Easter Service at St Peter's Church
Friday 27 March 2026	Last day of term
Term 5	
Monday 13 April 2026	Children back to school
Wednesday 22 April 2026	SEND Coffee Morning
Monday 4 May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026	Y6 SATs
TBC	Census Day

Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 May 2026	Y5/6 Residential
Friday 22 May 2026	Last day of term
Term 6	
Monday 1 June 2026	Children back to school
2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026	Y4 x Table Check
w/c: Monday 8 June 2026	Y1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 10 June 2026	SEND Coffee Morning
w/c: Monday 15 June 2026	Assessment Week
Tuesday 23 June 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 1 July 2026	Transition Day
Thursday 9 July 2026	Summer Disco
Thursday 9 July 2026	Non-uniform Day – PFA Summer Fayre Hamper Donations
Wednesday 15 July 2026	Y5/6 Production
Friday 17 July 2026	Reports (out to parents)
Friday 17 July 2026	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 21 July 2026	2:30pm – Service at St Peter’s Church
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Y6 Graduation
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Last day of term

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PFA Christmas Orders

Children should now have brought home an order form for this year's whole school wrapping paper, hot chocolate cones and Reindeer food.

The cones are made with galaxy hot chocolate and the reindeer food is safe for birds and wildlife and is wrapped in biodegradable paper.

The children have been hard at work creating some lovely wrapping paper (this has a piece of artwork by each child printed on it), a sample for viewing will be displayed in the PFA notice board in the playground.

Please can all forms be returned to the box in reception by the end of the day on Monday 1st December at the LATEST to ensure the paper will be ready to collect at the Christmas fayre along with any hot chocolate and reindeer food orders.

A huge thankyou to Planet Wrap It for creating the wonderful wrapping paper again this year and for doing this at no cost to school. Our school will receive 100% of the funds raised from the sale of the paper which is amazingly generous. Thank you so much!

- 🍫 Hot Chocolate cones £2.50 each
- 🦌 Reindeer food £1 each
- 🎄 Wrapping Paper £3.50 for a 3-meter roll or 3 rolls for £10

Thank you very much for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.