



Whole School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Be the Best You Can Be
Shine as Lights in the World (Philippians 2:15)

WEEKLY UPDATES

Dear Families,

Boys' Football

On Tuesday evening, the boys played their first league match of the season. It was fantastic to see several new faces representing the school for the first time.

Gamston faced a strong and physical St Luke's side, but the boys rose to the challenge and competed brilliantly throughout a fast-paced first half. Both teams created chances, with Riley making some excellent saves to keep us in the game. St Luke's eventually took the lead following a scramble in the penalty area, and the score remained 1-0 at half-time.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with the boys continuing to work incredibly hard and showing great determination against a physical opposition. As we pushed forward in search of an equaliser, gaps opened up at the back, and St Luke's were able to score two late goals.

Although the result did not go our way, the boys should be very proud of their effort, teamwork and resilience. It was great to see them supporting one another and battling right until the final whistle. Well done, boys!

Harvest Festival

Please join us at our Harvest Festival on Friday 16th October 2026 – the last day of term – at 2:30pm at Gamston Church. Due to the limited space, we ask for a limit of 2 adults per family, please. Please be aware that this could be standing room only. Due to limited parking in the village, we will open up the basketball cage area so parents/carers can park at school and walk to the church. Food donations are warmly welcomed and all donations will be gratefully received by Bassetlaw Food Bank. Please see the link as to what items are needed and can be donated. [Bassetlaw Food Bank – What We Need](#)
Please bring your donations to the office by the last day of term.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our parents' evenings are being held on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October 2026. These appointments are 10 minutes long and will provide an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group, focusing on their happiness and their attitude to their learning, and school life. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work (Years 1 – 6). If you have not done so already, please book your slot following the link that has previously been sent out.

Pupil Leadership

A big congratulations to our new school council:

Nightingale – Ava B, Joshua, Charli, Tommy

Tyndale – Scarlett, Santino, Mahdi, Millie

Bannister – Simon, Muhsin, Usmaan, Sienna, Willow, Harvey, Rosie

Another big congratulations to our new school worship leaders:

Sienna, Samuel, Luke and Usmaan.

Attendance

We know that getting children to school every day is not always easy, and we appreciate the hard work that families put in to support good attendance. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children feel settled, confident and successful at school.

Every day brings new learning opportunities, as well as chances to develop friendships, routines and a sense of belonging. When children attend regularly, they are better able to build on previous learning and feel fully involved in school life.

At school, we provide a range of support to help children flourish, including additional learning interventions, wellbeing programmes, nurture support and pastoral care. These opportunities are carefully planned to meet children's individual needs and give them the very best chance of success. However, they can only make a lasting difference when children are able to take part regularly and consistently. Frequent absences can make it more difficult for children to benefit fully from the support available to them.

Of course, there will be times when children are genuinely unwell and need to be at home. Beyond this, we encourage families to make attendance a priority wherever possible so that children can make the most of all the opportunities, support and experiences that school provides.

We would also like to remind parents that school is unable to authorise holidays during term time. As a school, we are required to process any term-time holiday absences in line with national regulations and Local Authority guidance. We therefore ask families to avoid booking holidays during term time to minimise disruption to their child's learning and school experience.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support on this.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that the flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Thursday 8th October. You need to follow the online link that was sent to you from the NHS to either consent or decline. Unfortunately, it is not something we can do through school so must be done beforehand.

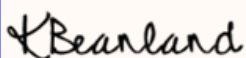
PFA Events

Dates for your diaries! The PFA are very kindly organising a couple of events before half term. There will be a pumpkin competition on the last day of term, as well as a chocolate apple stall at the end of the day – after the Harvest Festival. There will also be a disco on Thursday 15th October. Please see the attached posters for more details.

Kitchen Dishwasher Help Needed

We are looking to replace our school kitchen dishwasher and are looking for a little help! If you think you're able to help with fitting and installing a new commercial dishwasher, we would love to hear from you – and expertise would be gratefully received! If you think you can help, please email the school office at office@gamston.smat.org.uk.

Thank you,



Miss Beanland

TERM 1 DATES

- **6.10.26**
Tyndale Residential
Parent Meeting
- **8.10.26**
Flu vaccinations (R - Y6)
- **13.10.26 and 14.10.26**
Parents' evenings
- **15.10.26**
PFA Disco
- **16.10.26**
Harvest Festival
- **16.10.26**
PFA Pumpkin
Competition and
Chocolate Apple Stall
- **16.10.26**
Last day of term

CELEBRATION WORSHIP



Hillary - Oliver
Nightingale - Ayat
Tyndale - Mahdi
Bannister - Orlando



Hillary - Paisley
Nightingale - Sam
Tyndale - Adeline
Bannister - Rae



Hillary - Hope
Nightingale - Hudson
Tyndale - Teddy
Bannister - Amelie



PHOTO GALLERY

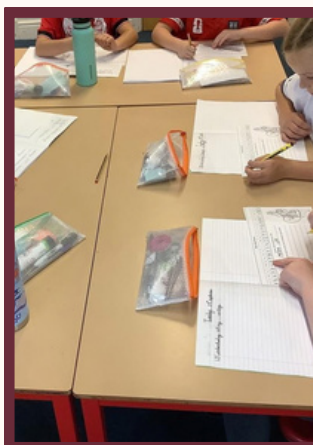


Hillary Class have been busy making medicine for Grandma for their work on Little Red Riding Hood.



In PE, Nightingale were practising jumping and hopping over objects and trying to keep their balance.

In History, Tyndale have been writing their names using Viking style runes.



In DT this week, Bannister have been practising peeling apples ready to make their apple turnovers.



PFA

School Disco

☆ THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL
UNTIL 4:30PM

A bag of sweets / hot dog

Unlimited drinks

Glow stick

Quiet room available to children to take a break from the noise and excitement.

Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes to change into.

Ran by fully DBS-checked volunteers, with school staff present.

Please collect from the main playground at 4:30pm.

TICKETS: £3.00

PLEASE COMPLETE THE GOOGL E FORM THAT
WILL BE SENT OUT VIA TEXT FROM SCHOOL.



PFA PUMPKIN CARVING

We'll be running our Pumpkin Carving Competition again this year! If your child would like to take part, please get creative at home and bring their pumpkin into school throughout the last week of term, ready to be displayed in the playground by Friday 16th October.

The winner will be chosen during the day and will receive a lovely autumn basket full of treats!

Entry is completely free!

Please remember to put your child's name and class name inside the pumpkin so we know who it belongs to.



CHOCOLATE APPLES

FOR SALE
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
AFTER OUR HARVEST
FESTIVAL



THIS YEAR WE ARE OFFERING DELICIOUS
CHOCOLATE APPLES FOR SALE IN THE
PLAYGROUND, WITH A VARIETY OF
YUMMY TOPPINGS TO CHOOSE FROM!

ENJOY THEM STRAIGHT AWAY OR, IF YOU
CAN RESIST, TAKE ONE HOME TO ENJOY
AS A DELICIOUS EVENING TREAT!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

ALL FUNDS RAISED THROUGH PFA EVENTS
GO TOWARDS ENHANCING OUR
CHILDREN'S LEARNING, EXPERIENCES AND
ENJOYMENT AT OUR WONDERFUL
SCHOOL.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

HARVEST

festival



Sunday 11th October
6.30pm

The service will be followed by a 'bring and share' supper.
Any donations of non-perishable items for the
Bassetlaw Foodbank are also appreciated.