Whole School Newsletter
Friday 16th October 2026

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

WEEKLY UPDATES

Dear Families,

A Message From Me

As we reach the end of my first half term, I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to our whole school community. It is hard to believe how quickly the past few weeks have flown by!
Starting a new role at a new school is always exciting, but it can also feel a little daunting. From my very first day, I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by our children, staff, parents, governors and the wider community. Your kindness, support and warm smiles have helped me settle in so quickly, and for that I am truly grateful.
One of the greatest joys of this half term has been getting to know our wonderful children. They have been fantastic ambassadors for our school, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness every day. I have loved visiting classrooms, joining in with school activities and learning more about each child's unique personality and talents. It has also been a pleasure to meet so many families and begin building the strong relationships that are so important to school life.
I already feel very proud to be part of this special school community, and I am excited about all that we will achieve together in the months and years ahead.
Thank you once again for such a warm welcome. I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy some well-deserved time with family and friends.

Harvest Festival

A huge well done to all of the children for their wonderful contributions to our Harvest Festival. We are very proud of the fantastic singing, thoughtful readings, heartfelt prayers and beautifully performed poems that helped make the celebration so special. The confidence, enthusiasm and respect shown by the children were a joy to see, and they represented our school brilliantly. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and join us.

Pumpkin Competition

A big well done to Tabitha in Tyndale class who is this year's winner of the PFA pumpkin carving competiton!

A huge thank you and well done to everyone that entered, there were some fantastically creative entries!





PFA

The PFA would like to remind you that by using this easy fundraising link you can turn your daily shopping into free donations for the school. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 retailers who will donate part of what you spend - it won't cost you any extra! You just have to sign up and the donation reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

Gamston PFA Easy Fundraising

Bags to School Collection -Wednesday 4th November

The PFA have booked another fundraising bags to school collection.

This is how it works:

✨You sort your unwanted items (a list can be found on the link below)

✨Bring them to school the morning of Wednesday 4th November in any bag - just make sure they are all tied up because if it rains and the contents get wet they unfortuantely will not be able to take it.

Feel free to ask family and friends too!

✨The van comes to collect the bags from us at just after 9am and weighs them.

✨Then hopefully we receive a huge cheque for 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

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

Please also see below for this year's 12 events of Christmas, organised by the PFA!

Thank you for your support!

Thank you,

KBeanland

Miss Beanland

TERM 2 DATES 2026

Thursday 5th November - YR and Y6 Height and Weight

Monday 9th November - SEND Coffee Morning



Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day - (more information to follow)



Monday 16th November - Assessment Week

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th November - Tyndale Residential to Hagg Farm

Monday 30th November - Non-Uniform Day & Bring a Christmas Raffle Prize (more information to follow)

- Special Christmas Visitor



Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December - EYFS & KS1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Thursday 10th December - School Disco

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Craft Afternoon and Christmas Fayre

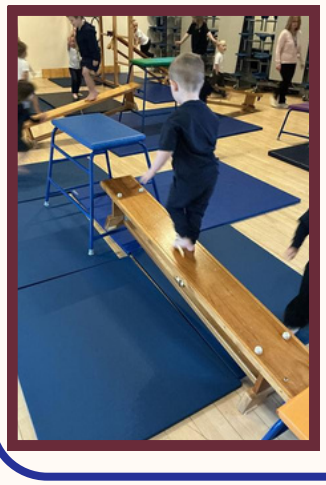
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December - Christmas Service at St Peter's Church 2:30pm and Last Day of Term



PHOTO GALLERY

Hillary Class practising their balancing in PE with Mr Payne.





Nightingale have been working really hard on their writing - both their composition and their handwriting.

Tyndale have been using shapes from nature to inspire their sketching.





Bannister have been investigating thermal isolators and conductors by measuring the temperature.

Gamston St Peters PFA Presents
12 Events of Christmas

XMAS TO SCHOOLS return by Friday 6th November

Your child's art work sheet will be sent home on **Friday 16th October** these must be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 4th November**.

Non uniform Day Monday 30th November

Your child is welcome to come to school in non uniform in exchange for a donation towards the Christmas colour hampers.

Santa Visit Monday 30th November

Santa will fly into school to read and chat with the children in their classrooms, the PFA elves have been busy making and wrapping a little something for Santa to give to the children.

Bags To School Friday 4th December

Please donate all your unwanted items and drop of @ 9am outside the Main Hall doors

Nativity Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December

The Hillary and Nightingale children will perform in the school Nativity. We have an extensive amount of costumes that have been donated. All we ask is for a small donation to the PFA.

Wrapping paper order forms Return to school by Monday 7th December

"Planet wrap it" have very kindly offered to make our personalised wrapping paper again this year which includes every childs artwork, all proceeds going to the PFA. Order sheets will be sent out and must be returned by **Monday 7th December** to allow enough time to print. Your orders can then be collected at the Christmas Fayre on the **Friday 11th December.**

You will also be able to order your reindeer food and hot chocolate cones for your Christmas Eve boxes on the same form.

Christmas Raffle Tickets return Monday 7th December

Raffle tickets will be sent home with the oldest sibling on **Friday 20th November** and should be returned to school by **Monday 7th December.** Extra tickets can be collected from Reception if you wish to sell to family and friends also.

Christmas Disco Thursday 10th December

The PFA will be hosting a Christmas disco after school until **4.30pm** at a donation of **£3** per child, please fill out the google form and payment link sent from the school number during the week running up to the disco.

Christmas Fayre Friday 11th December

The Fayre is a much loved exciting event where the whole family get to enjoy Christmas themed games, delicious treats, play the tombola and we will also draw the raffle on the night.

Christmas Jumper day Friday 11th December

On **Friday 11th December** the children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper or outfit. The PFA have a selection of good quality second hand items, these will be on sale in the playground on **Friday 27th November** for you to purchase. if you have items that you are able to donate to the sale please pop them in the yellow bin in the playground.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 16th December

Kim puts on a fabulous Christmas dinner for the children where the teachers and governors join them. The PFA will provide Christmas themed plates and cups, Christmas crackers and some fun decorations.

Church Service Friday 18th December

We invite you all to join us at the Christmas service over at St Peter's Church at **2.30pm**

More detailed information on all events above can be found on the school newsletter leading up to the events, and on the PFA Facebook page in the events section

https://www.facebook.com/groups/gamstonschool/

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Making the difference

BONFIRE NIGHT



Thursday 5th November

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAUSAGE HOTDOG

GLUTEN SULPHUR DIOXIDE

SESAME

OR

VEGGIE SAUSAGE HOTDOG

GLUTEN SOYA SULPHUR DIOXIDE

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WITH

JACKET WEDGES

&

CRUNCHY VEGGIE STICKS

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CATHERINE WHEEL COOKIE

GLUTEN