Whole School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

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

WEEKLY UPDATES

Dear Families,

It feels like its been a busy first week back and if you're anything like me, the half term seems like a distant memory already! The children and staff have been busy this week with a remembrance day display, a girls' football match, a Cadbury's World trip and a Great Fire of London workshop so a big thank you to everyone involved in organising these opportunities for our children.





BPBP Parent Talk

We are very pleased to say that we have someone from BPBP (Bassetlaw Primary Behaviour Partnership) coming into school for a parent/carer coffee and chat session on Monday 30th November at 9:00am. This is a really good opportunity to talk about a range of topics that reflect the real experiences of parents and carers, including unpicking behaviours at home and sleep patterns. More information is on the leaflet below. All are welcome.

Poppy Appeal

Our poppy appeal shop is up and running, in support of the British Royal Legion. The children are still able to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal next week - in the hall during morning break time. Please note we are unfortunately unable to give any change. The following items are available for a suggested donation:

- Reflector poppy - 50p
- Wristband - £1
- Snap band - £1.50
- Pencil - 50p
- Traditional poppy - 50p

Arbor

As mentioned previously, we have moved over to Arbor for our school management system. The next step is for you as parents/carers to set up your accounts so that we can use the system for communications, consents and bookings etc. Please keep a look out for an email from Arbor with a welcome link for you to set up your account and password. It may go into your junk folder so please check there too! Click on the link and then 'reset password'. Once you've done that, you can then continue using the Arbor portal, which is their webpage, or you can download their app. A Parent Portal and Arbor App User Guide is also attached to this week's email so please see that for more information and support.

BBC Children in Need

For BBC Children in Need this year, we have decided that we are going to have a pyjama day, with a suggested donation of £2.00. This will be on Friday 13th November and the children are welcome to come into school in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers - although please make sure the children have trainers/outdoor wellies or shoes for playtimes and lunchtimes. As we are a cashless school, please use the QR code below to make your donation.



Girls' Football

The girls played out another fantastic fixture on Monday night. Both teams played some really high energy football. Gamston were a lot more vocal and really got stuck into the battles all over the pitch. In an end to end first half, both keepers made excellent saves to deny the opposition and both Poppy and WIllow both came close to scoring. The second half played out in a similar way but it was great to see a team effort in defence. North Wheatley finally scored the only goal of the game. A special mention to Eva who stepped in and played in goal and made some last gasp saves! Also, a big thank you to Mr Trotter who stepped in to referee the match.



National School Meals Week

For National School Meals Week , we will be serving all day brunch as the meal choice on Thursday 12th November. Please see below for more details.

Thank you,

KBeanland

Miss Beanland

CELEBRATION WORSHIP



Hillary - Melanie

Nightingale - Sam

Tyndale - Willow

Bannister - Lucinda



Hillary - Sammy

Nightingale - Mabel

Tyndale - Eve

Bannister - Koby



Hillary - Etta

Nightingale - Sam

Tyndale - Mahdi

Bannister - Luke

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 - come dressed in pyjamas



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 have been learning all about Bonfire Night and creating their own fireworks.





Nightingale had a fantastic time at their Great Fire of London Workshop!

Tyndale got stuck into painting their poppies for our whole school display.





Bannister enjoyed their day at Cadbury's World learnign all about the origins of chocolate and having a go at making their own.

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/

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS

9TH - 13TH NOVEMBER

ALL DAY BRUNCH

NOTTINGHAMSHIRESAUSAGE

SERVED WITH
CRISPYHASH BROWNS,
SCRAMBLED EGG

AND
BAKED BEANS

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DESSERT

BUTTERSCOTCH TART

GLUTEN MILK



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Making the difference

What Do We Talk About?

We've developedsessionson a range of topicsthat reflect the real experiences of parents and carers:

Parenting & Behaviour

Unpicking behaviours

Reality vs Expectation

Surviving Parenting

Parenting styles – Complement or Clash?

Practical Behaviour Strategies

Reward vs Consequence... Pasta Reward?

Health & Wellbeing

Sleep

Survival Mode & the Breakwell Cycle

Transition

Effective communication: *What I say vs What my child hears*

Understanding Support Systems

Jargon Busting

"What support is out there?"

EHCP – What is it, and do I need one?

GDA vs The Right to Choose – Do I need one?

Our Goal Is Simple:

To work with you –not justfor you.

Together, we can create the most helpful, informed, and supportive environment for your child and family.



Want to Get Involved?

Comealong to aCoffeeandChatsessionin your school!

No pressure. No judgement. Just friendly faces and real talk.

Kerry Macadam

Family SupportCo-ordinator

Bassetlaw Primary Behaviour Partnership (BPBP)

Working *with* families, *for* children.



BASSETLAW PRIMARY BEHAVIOUR PARTNERSHIP

PARENTING

BPBP Parent / Carer Coffee & Chat Sessions



Remembrance Service

Join us at All Saints Church

for our

Service of Remembrance



Sunday 8th
November
at 6.30pm

Main Street
Eaton
DN22 0PS