Whole School Newsletter
Friday 20th November 2026

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

WEEKLY UPDATES

Dear Families,

Celebration Worship

Unfortunately, there will be no celebration worship next Friday - Friday 27th November.

PFA

There are a few messages from the PFA about upcoming events - hampers, raffle tickets and Christmas Fayre pre-orders - so please see below for more information. As always, we really appreciate everyone's support in helping raise money for our PFA, and ultimately for our school and children. They do a fantastic job in raising money for projects that benefit all of our children and make their time at Gamston as memorable as possible.

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.

Hillary and Nightingale Nativity Performances

The children in Hillary and Nightingale are busy practising for this year's Nativity performances! They are on Monday 7th December at 2:30pm and Tuesday 8th December at 9:30am. There is no need to purchase tickets but there will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets and purchase refreshments to support our PFA.

Breakfast and After School Club

If you are having a clear out in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we would be very appreciative of any donations of toys, games or crafts that the children could use at Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Thank you,

KBeanland

Miss Beanland

CELEBRATION WORSHIP



Hillary - Henry L

Nightingale - Evelyn

Tyndale - Ruby

Bannister - Andre



Hillary - Solly

Nightingale - Joe

Tyndale - Eva

Bannister - Riley



Hillary - Henry L

Nightingale - Sofia

Tyndale - Millie

Bannister - Samuel

TERM 2 DATES 2026

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 (2:30pm) and Tuesday 8th December (9:30am) - EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Thursday 10th December - School Disco

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

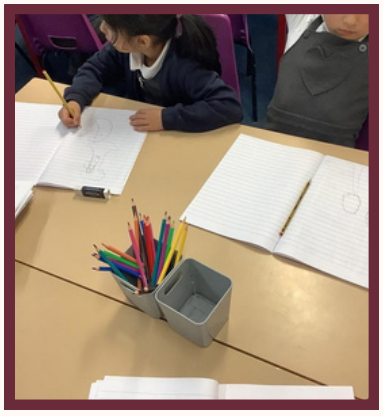
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

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

PHOTO GALLERY

Reception children in Hillary have been practising finding one less in Maths this week.

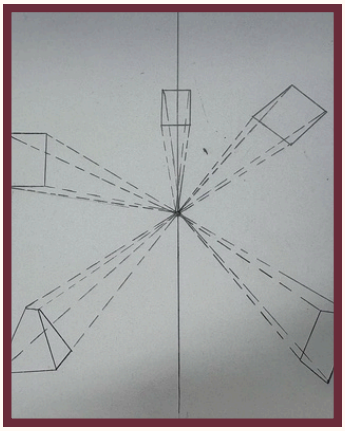




In Science, Nightingale have been looking at what different animals need to survive in various habitats.

The joyful sound of Tyndale playing recorders in music has been filling the school this week!





In Art, Bannister class have started creating depth and space by creating boxes using one point perspective from a vanishing point!

Christmas Fayre

NON-UNIFORM DAY & HAMPERS

Our raffle hampers always go down so well and create such a fantastic buzz for both the childen and adults! The feedback is always so positive, so we've decided to bring them back for this year's Christmas Fayre!

Monday 30th November - Non-uniform Day

In return for your child coming to school in their own clothes, fancy dress or with crazy hair (the choice is yours - go wild!), we kindly ask that they bring in an item to help us fill our Christmas raffle hampers.

Each hamper will have its own colour theme, so we're asking families to donate an item in the colour allocated to their child's year group:



Nursery & Reception: Gold💛
Year 1: Red❤️
Year 2: Green💚
Year 3: Silver🩶
Year 4: White🤍
Year 5: Orange🧡
Year 6: Blue 💙



Donation Drop Off

Items can be placed in the collection boxes in the playground on the morning of Monday 30th November. If your child attends Breakfast Club that morning, there will also be a basket in the hall.



PFA

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On **Friday 20th November,** the Christmas raffle envelopes will be coming home with your eldest child. Inside, you will find £10 worth of Christmas raffle tickets, along with a list of all the fantastic prizes up for grabs! We already have some cracking prizes this year, alongside our wonderful class hampers!

There is absolutely **no expectation** to sell all of the tickets. Any amount you are able to sell will help us raise valuable funds for future school projects.

Please return all sold ticket stubs, any unsold tickets and the money raised in the sealed envelope to the school office. Simply pop it into the post box labelled 'Raffle tickets' by **Monday 7th December.**

If you would like to offer tickets to family and friends, additional tickets can be collected from the school office, if needed.

The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 11th December!

Thank you, and good luck!



Christmas Fayre Pre-Orders

Your child will be bringing home an order form giving you the opportunity to pre-order our lovely personalised school wrapping paper, delicious hot chocolate cones and magical reindeer food!

If these are things you would usually buy for your Christmas Eve boxes or as little gifts for Christmas, why not purchase them through the PFA instead? Every penny raised will go directly back into supporting our school and future projects.

All orders will be available to collect at the Christmas Fayre. And don't worry, if you don't want little eyes spotting their Christmas surprises, we can be very discreet!

Hot Chocolate Cones - £3
Reindeer Food - £1
Personalised Christmas Wrapping Paper - £3.50 per 3-metre roll or 3 rolls for £10.

Wrapping Paper - Every child has been very busy creating some gorgeous artwork and with these pieces, 'planetwrapit' will create a lovely festive wrapping paper. We will pop a sample on the PFA noticeboard in the playground so you can see just how lovely it is!

Please return all completed order forms to the box in Reception by the end of the day on Monday 7th December.

A huge thank you to Planet Wrap It for producing our wonderful personalised wrapping paper again this year, completely free of charge to the PFA. This means that 100% of the money raised goes directly to the PFA. We are so grateful for your generosity and continued support!





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/

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

