



Gateford Park Primary School

4th May 2026

Dear Families,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend.

Warner Studios – Harry Potter Visit

On Friday, Year 5 and 6 travelled all the way down to Warner Studios. We had such a brilliant day and the children were brilliant! A huge thank you to our parent and grandparent volunteers and to all of the staff who joined us for this fantastic but long day, we really appreciate it.

After school club

Our after school club provision is seeing higher numbers each week, which sometimes means that parents trying to book online will be unable to do so as all places are full. We never want to turn children away and understand what a valuable resource this is for our families so we have taken measures to ensure we can accommodate everyone by providing another member of staff when our numbers go over the usual maximum. If you are ever trying to book in and are unable to, please contact Mrs Ellis and, where possible, we will book your child a place. We understand that sometimes last minute bookings are unavoidable but if you can book further in advance, it helps us to accommodate numbers and arrange extra staff when needed.

School start times

Recently we have had an increasing number of children arriving late and entering school through the office. Just a timely reminder that our school start time is 8.50am, with classroom doors opening at 8.40am to offer some



flexibility. While we know sometimes being late happens, we ask that children arrive on time and enter school through their classroom doors.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th May – PTFA Meeting – 3.30pm – all welcome!

Wednesday 20th May - National Numeracy Day.

Thursday 4th June – Summer Disco

Friday 26th June - Dress down and donate a tombola prize day.

Friday 17th July - Gateford Ho Down (our favourite PTFA event of the year, the Summer Fayre!) *Save the Date*

Further details and times will be shared nearer to each event.

Finally

You may notice that I am still acting headteacher as, unfortunately, Mrs Doyle is still unwell. We hope Mrs Doyle will be well again soon but in the mean time, if you have a question, a comment, a suggestion or a worry, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you need to speak to either myself or your child's class teacher, please contact school to make an appointment and we will do our very best to help.

With my very best wishes,

Joanna Green

Acting-Headteacher

