



Gateford Park Primary School

27th April 2026

Dear Families,

I hope that you have had a lovely weekend, enjoying the sunshine.

Special Mention Assembly

Congratulations to Elaina, Hugo, Logan, Anna and Millie for receiving a special mention in last Friday's assembly – we are so proud of you. Also, well done to Jaxon, who brought in the Blue Peter badge he has been awarded for his brilliant family drawing – we are proud of your achievement Jaxon and can't wait to see the Book Badge you have in your sights!

Last Week!

Elf class absolutely loved their visit from Steve and his guide dog, Phoenix, and learnt so much about how Phoenix helps Steve in his day to day life. We are hoping that Steve and Phoenix will visit the rest of school in the future.

Year 6 children had a very busy week! They completed the 'Mock SATs' – in formal test conditions and they wowed us, as per usual. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic group of children in Year 6, they really do personify our school values and their perseverance over this last few days, weeks, months and years has really paid off! In a very timely visit, Olivia and Lyndsay from Be-U Hub visited Year 6 and ran 2 workshops; 'Exam Stress' which focused on how this might affect them and strategies to support them in the run up and on the day of exams and also 'Transition' – which gave children the chance to share and discuss any worries around this and also focused on strategies for them to use.



Pre-loved Uniform Sale

The pre-loved uniform sale, organised by Mrs Spencer and her Y6 helpers (thank you Faith and Gracie), raised £50, which was donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind to thank them for visiting our school.

A Very Special Mention

On Friday of last week, we gave River-Bleu a very special award from Bassetlaw District Council. Back in September we nominated River for an achievers award because in September 2025 River became very ill, very quickly and was admitted to hospital. She came out with a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes. River is just 6 years old. This diagnosis has completely changed both her and her family's lives. Despite her diagnosis, River only had a few days off school and she has shown great resilience and determination. Her treatment has now moved on and she is now on an insulin pump, she has even learned how to take her own blood glucose readings and is showing great independence with her medical condition. We are so very proud of her and her family.

Parking update

I heard back from Jo White MP, she has contacted Notts County Council and they have responded to say they will be taking action soon.

Happy Birthday to you!

Happy Birthday to;

George, who turns 4 tomorrow!

William, who turns 8 tomorrow!

Charlotte, who turns 4 on Thursday!

Jake, who turns 11 on Monday!

Isla, who turns 6 on Monday!

We hope you all have lovely birthdays!



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

