



Gateford Park Primary School

2 February 2026

Dear Families,

Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Ava, Bella, Georgia, Tom, Freddie and Poppy A, who all received a special mention in last Friday's Good News assembly. A huge well done also goes to all of the children who received TT Rock Stars certificates - we are so proud of you all! Thank you to the grown-ups who joined us to celebrate the children's achievements 😊

Perfectly Punctual Every Day!

School attendance is so important and unless they are too poorly to attend, the children should be at school, on time every day! Our aim is for each class to achieve at least 95% attendance each week. Class attendance for last week is as follows:

Elf	94.2%
Gnome	67.1%
Pixie	84%
Unicorn	91%
Phoenix	95.3%
Dragon	93%
Griffin	96.8%
Minotaur	99.4%

Well done to all of the classes that exceeded our 95% attendance target last week! Weekly attendance is displayed on the noticeboard outside my office 😊

Neat and Tidy Classroom Award

Mr Crich chose Mrs Green and her Minotaurs to receive his 'Neat and Tidy Classroom' award last week. Well done for being super neat and tidy!

Happy Birthday to You!

Birthday wishes for this week go to:

Freddie, who is 5 on Tuesday!

Isabella, who is 8 on Wednesday!

Eleanor, who is 8 on Thursday!

Grace, who is 10 on Thursday!

Ellena, who is 7 on Friday!

Jude, who is 8 on Friday!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

School Events

Last Monday, Mrs Hibbert and her Dragons were visited by a dentist, as part of this half term's topic, 'You Are What You Eat'. They learned about the importance of dental hygiene and the effects of different foods/drinks on teeth. It was a very informative visit 😊

In Good News assembly on Friday, we were joined by Hannah Goulding from Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. She came into school for the official handover of the money raised in the Elf Dash that took place before Christmas. The final total raised and donated to the charity was just over £1500, which is absolutely amazing and will do so much good for the hospice and the families who rely on the wonderful work that they do. We also welcomed my daughter, Niamh and my granddaughter, Theodora (Dora) to the assembly. Dora has a



number of life-limiting conditions and she gains so much from her visits to Bluebell Wood – it was so lovely for the children to see a little girl who directly benefits from the many opportunities that Bluebell Wood offers. Once again, a huge thank you for your generosity – it means so much to so many 😊

Finally

As always, 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,

Paula Doyle.

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Headteacher

