



Gateford Park Primary School

19 January 2026

Dear Families,

Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Harley W, Adeline, Heavenly, Hunter, Phil, Heathley and George, who all received a special mention in last Friday's Good News assembly. 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	92.6%
Gnome	92.7%
Pixie	96.3%
Unicorn	95%
Phoenix	97.8%
Dragon	96.2%
Griffin	92.9%
Minotaur	92.9%

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 Williams and her Pixies 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:

Emily H, who is 10 on Tuesday!

Ola, who is 10 on Tuesday!

Jack, who is 11 on Tuesday!

Riley, who is 9 on Thursday!

Sophie, who is 8 on Sunday!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm Gateford Park welcome to Riley, who has become our newest member of Dragon Class. We hope that he will be very happy here 😊

School Events

Last Wednesday, we welcomed M & M Productions into school. They are a 'travelling pantomime' and performed Jack and the Beanstalk for the children. It was so much fun and the children all enjoyed every minute of the brilliant performance! Thank you to M & M Productions for bringing live pantomime back to Gateford Park for the first time since 2019 – it was worth the wait!



Elf Dash for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, you helped us to raise an impressive £1419.37 for this wonderful place. We really can't thank you enough. A representative from Bluebell Wood will be joining us for a cheque presentation before half term 😊

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

