



Gateford Park Primary School

12 January 2026

Dear Families,

Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Elliott, Rowan, Ruby, Reid, John, Max, Sam and Ellie, who all received the first special mentions of 2026, 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	93.3%
Gnome	99.1%
Pixie	96.7%
Unicorn	94.5%
Phoenix	96%
Dragon	93.1%
Griffin	92.6%
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 Hibbert and her Dragons 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:

Hazel, who is 4 on Saturday!

Freddie, who is 11 on Saturday!

Heavenly, who is 8 on Sunday!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

School Events

On Wednesday this week, we will be welcoming M & M Productions into school. They are a 'travelling pantomime' and will be putting on their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk for the children. There will be no Year 5 swimming this Wednesday, so that all of the children can enjoy the panto!

This Thursday sees the popular return of McGateford Day! Chef Lou and her team will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen – the children can look forward to a lunch of chunky chicken chunks, skinny fries and carrot sticks, followed by a delicious chocolate cookie 😊

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 .

Paula Doyle
Headteacher

