



Gateford Park Primary School

8 December 2025

Dear Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

On Friday, we kicked our Christmas Festivities off with our Elf Dash, in aid of Bluebell Wood. Children and staff all had a great time, meeting 'Father Christmas' and running to raise funds for this special local charity, there was even time for a bit of dancing. Huge thank you to the big elves in Year 6 for all of their help running the event and helping the younger children. Thank you too to our families for your generosity! If you still wish to donate, please send any money in before the end of this week or use the link on Class Dojo.

This week, we are all looking forward to festive performances from KS2 on Tuesday and KS1 Nativity on Friday and 2 festive film nights.

Just a reminder of these dates:

Tuesday 9th December

9.15am and 2.30pm - KS2 Coffee and Carols
KS1 Film night (collection at 5pm from hall)

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
KS2 Film night (collection at 5.15pm from hall)

Friday 12th December

9.30am KS1 Nativity

No need for tickets for any of our performances but please be mindful that we are limited on space in the hall when considering numbers of family attending.



Achievements of Gateford Park Pupils

It was fantastic to hear about the excellent achievements of 2 of our Y5 pupils, Olivia and Grace last weekend, when they travelled to Blackpool to take part in the AAD awards, with their junior dance called Good Things Grow taking 1st place out of tens of other dances from around the country.

Huge well done to Hope in Y4 for the 1st place medals and trophy she earned in her gymnastics competition – she has only been doing the sport for a few months and has shown a natural enjoyment and talent!

A number of our pupils showed off their acting skills in Aladdin at Acorn theatre over the last week, bravo to you all!

Well done to all of you, we are so proud of you and how you represent our school values of aspiration and perseverance!

Safety outside school

We have heard from concerned parents about cars at drop off time. Please note that cars dropping off on the zig zag lines poses a danger to our pupils and this must never be used to pull in and let passengers out. Thank you for respecting this and helping to keep our community safe.

Gateford Hill Care Home penpals

Our Year 4 children have made a special connection with residents at Gateford Hill Care Home and this week exchanged home made cards with them, we are really proud of this community connection and hope that it is something that we can grow next year.



Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Freddie, Rena, Aston, Lottie, Thomas, Olivia, Hugo, Hannah and Christian who earned themselves a celebration certificate in Friday's Good News assembly. We are incredibly proud of all of you! 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	96.41%
Gnome	92.92%
Pixie	96%
Unicorn	93.87%
Phoenix	96.67%
Dragon	92.76%
Griffin	89%
Minotaur	93.55%

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

Happy Birthday to You!

Birthday wishes for this week go to:

Natalia, who is 10 on Wednesday!



Anna, who is 10 on Thursday!

Ellie, who is 10 on Friday!

Elliot, who is 6 on Sunday!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

Welcome!

We are welcoming a new pupil, Freddie, to Year 5 today. Welcome Freddie, we hope that you will love being part of Gateford Park Primary School.

Coffee Stall

Strictly Coffee will be back before school today, with coffees, hot chocolates or even a morning treat! We had some fabulous feedback and happy looking parents enjoying a coffee on the morning last time so have decided to make this a weekly feature!

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,

Joanna Green

Acting Headteacher

