



Gateford Park Primary School

1 December 2025

Dear Families,

Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Ovie, River-Bleu, Robson, Bobby, Olivia and Harvey 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	94.87%
Gnome	88.73%
Pixie	97.42%
Unicorn	92.88%
Phoenix	97.79%
Dragon	97.64%
Griffin	89.13%
Minotaur	93.21%

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:

Olivia, who is 10 on Friday!

Molly, who is 6 on Saturday!

Evelyn, who is 7 on Sunday!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

Also a wonderful, happy big birthday to our lovely Mrs Spencer!! We hope that you have a day as special as you are.

Welcome!

We are welcoming a new pupil, Hunter, to Year 4 today. Welcome Hunter, we hope that you will love being part of Gateford Park Primary School.

Elf Dash

On Friday 5th December 2025, we will be taking part in a sponsored 'Elf Dash' on our school playground to raise funds for the amazing charity, 'Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice'. This charity is dear to our hearts as it is a big support to Mrs Doyle's beautiful granddaughter Theodora. Some of you may be aware that Theodora (Dora) was born with a number of life limiting conditions and the wonderful resources and care that she is able to access at Bluebell Woods is invaluable to her and her mummy and daddy, as well as lots of other families who benefit from the wonderful work they do.

The Hospice have delivered Elf hats and plain white t-shirts for every child in school. Children will decorate their t-shirt at school using fabric pens.



They will then wear their design and their Elf hat on the day as they aim to complete as many laps of the playground as they can! Children should come into school in their school PE kit that day.

Children came home with a sponsorship form on Friday and Mrs Ellis has also set up a 'JustGiving' page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gatefordparkprimaryschool>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Scientific Guess

Children in Year 3 and 4 welcomed Dr Young into school, who taught them about chemical reactions, there were a few loud bangs but everyone enjoyed their afternoon!

Christmas is coming!

Huge thanks to 'NottsBid' for donating our school Christmas tree. Delivered by Santa and his Elf, children in Elf and Gnome classes managed to catch a glimpse of them. Thanks to after school club children and staff for decorating it, it looks beautiful.

Elf and Gnome Class Wheelathon

The sponsored wheelathon with Elf and Gnome classes, on Tuesday, was brilliant! The children had so much fun and have raised over £500, which will be spent directly on early years resources. Mrs Spencer and Miss Unwin have asked me to thank families for their generous sponsorship donations 😊

Coffee Stall

It was great to see so many happy, coffee-cup-clutching grown ups arriving at school on Friday morning!



Don't forget that Strictly Coffee will be back after school on Tuesday, with homemade cakes and hot chocolates aplenty, as well as all the usually coffees etc.

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

