



Gateford Park Primary School

22nd June 2026

Dear Families,

Football coaching sessions

Last week, the whole school enjoyed their penalty training with the Mansfield Town football players! Thank you so much for all of your generous sponsorships so far! The official 'Penalty Shootout' will take place on the 29th June and we will have a whole school prize presentation on 13th July.

'Creepy Critters' in school

This week, the children in Elf, Gnome and Pixie classes enjoyed an exciting visit from Creepy Critters!

The children met a variety of fascinating animals and learned interesting facts about their habitats and how they survive in the wild. Many children showed great bravery by holding or stroking some of the animals.

We were very proud of the enthusiasm, excellent listening and thoughtful questions shown throughout the session. It was a fantastic experience and a wonderful opportunity to bring learning to life.

Gateford Girls Victory!

Congratulations to our Gateford Park Girls Football Team, who secured a fantastic 5–1 victory over St Luke's to reach the cup semi-finals!

The girls showed excellent teamwork, determination and confidence throughout the match, creating some fantastic goals and supporting each other from start to finish.



We are incredibly proud of how much progress the team has made this year. Many of the players were new to football at the start of the school year and are now competing with great confidence, pride and teamwork.

Well done to every player for their outstanding effort, attitude and commitment!

Congratulations Mr Boulton!

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Boulton as our new SEND Lead, taking over from Mrs Hibbert when she leaves us on 21st July.

Over the past year, Mr Boulton has been studying for his National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (NPQ for SENCOs) and brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment to this important role.

Mr Boulton is passionate about inclusion and is dedicated to ensuring that every child receives the support, opportunities and encouragement they need to thrive. He is committed to working closely with pupils, families and staff to create an environment where all children feel valued, supported and able to achieve their full potential.

We are excited to see Mr Boulton continue to develop our inclusive practice and further strengthen the provision we offer for children with additional needs.

Come along to Year 6 Market Day.

Our Year 6 children have been busy over the last few weeks learning all about money, budgeting and entrepreneurialism over the last few weeks. As part of the Virgin Money 'Make £5 Grow' scheme, each child has been loaned £5 to use to create a product to sell to make a profit. As is traditional, half of the money raised will pay for a special end of year celebration and the other half will go to next year's Year 6! The children will be selling their products on this Wednesday, the 24th June, at Worksop market, from 8.45 to 11.30 – if you are in town, please come along and say hello!



The children will also be running an in school market for the children next week (details to follow!)

Punctuality

Just a little thank you from me and Mrs Ellis as we have noticed that punctuality has really improved lately, leading to less office interruptions and children being ready to start their day with their classmates 😊

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th June - Dress down and donate a tombola prize day.

Friday 3rd July – School Sports day for FS2-Year 6

Friday 17th July - Gateford Hoe Down (our favourite PTFA event of the year, the Summer Fayre!) *Save the Date*

Further details and times will be shared nearer to each event.

Happy Birthday to you!

Happy birthday to Bethany, who turns 11 today!

Happy birthday to Poppy A, who turns 11 on Tuesday!

Happy birthday to Oliver, who turns 11 on Wednesday!

Happy birthday to Ryder and Jaxon, our Year 2 birthday twins, who turn 7 on Thursday!

Have a lovely week everyone,

With my very best wishes,

Joanna Green

Acting-Head teacher

