



Gateford Park Primary School

17 November 2025

Dear Families,

Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Julian, Katie, Dave, Harry, and Ray 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	99.38%
Gnome	98.23%
Pixie	94.33%
Unicorn	91.29%
Phoenix	95.67%
Dragon	93.79%
Griffin	96.67%
Minotaur	97.42%

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:

Carson, who is 7 today!

Ellie, who is 8 today!

Gracie, who is 11 tomorrow!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, we took part in Anti-Bullying week. We focused on the theme of Power for Good and on how we could use our voice to speak up when we see unkind behaviour. The children made really thoughtful and mature contributions and this ties in really well with our value of kindness and our slogan for kindness – 'we choose kindness, we lift each other up'.

Cycle Training

Children in Year 5 took part in Bikeability training last week. The inspectors were so impressed with how sensible and responsible the children were – well done Griffin Class! Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for information regarding the cancelled session.

Social Media

We have recently been made aware of posts on social media referring to the school, children and staff. I must remind you that such public comments can be distressing to all involved. We ask that you contact us directly if you have any concerns regarding the school.



Parent Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent/carer meetings on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons. Teachers will talk to you about how your child has settled into their new class, how they are doing generally and give you the chance to share any concerns.

Applying for a reception school place

We have been asked to share the following information:-

Children who are 5 years old between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027 and require a school place for September 2026, will be able to apply until the **national closing date of Thursday 15 January 2026**.

Parents of all known Nottinghamshire children eligible to apply will be sent information to their home address from **3 November 2025**. Remember, children who live outside of Nottinghamshire must contact their home local authority for information about applying.

We recommend that parents apply online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions, they will then be able to view the outcome of their application on National Offer Day **16 April 2026**. For those parents who do not apply online, and do not provide an email address, their outcome will be posted 2nd class on 16 April 2026 and no outcomes can be given over the telephone.

Parents are encouraged to read the oversubscription criteria carefully for their preferred schools and to use all **4** preferences.

Please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions where you can find a wide range of useful information regarding the admissions process in the Admissions to schools: Guide for parents 2026-2027 and the Admissions to schools: School information 2026-2027. Thank you.



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

