



Gateford Park Primary School

10 November 2025

Dear Families,

Friday's celebrations

On Friday, we had a busy day of celebrations, starting with our Good News Assembly. Congratulations to Chloe, Eddis, Vinnie, Spencer, Isla, Ariana, Jack, Bella, Charles, Jude, Georgia, Hallie, Charlie, Logan, Georgie, Robyn, Bobby, Ellie, Defne, Grace, Olivia, Zakir, Natalia, Callum, Nathan, Gracie, Fatma, Sam and Louise who earned themselves a celebration certificate. It was so lovely to celebrate how our values are demonstrated by children in every class of our school.

We are incredibly proud of all of you! Thank you to the grown-ups who joined us to celebrate the children's achievements 😊

The day was a happy one with dancing, party lunches and a range of activities across the school.

At the end of the day, we were joined by Max Davies, an ex-pupil who we asked to come and cut the ribbon and declare our renovated library open!

We have asked Max to be the first ambassador of our school as we believe he personifies our values of respect, kindness, perseverance and aspiration! His paralympic swimming career so far is an example of this and he will be coming in to spend time with the children over coming months. He's promised to bring his medals next time! Thank you to Max, his parents and members of our Governors and PTFA who were able to join us.



Mrs Hibbert's 'special Birthday'.

It isn't just our school celebrating a special Birthday in November! We would like to wish Mrs Hibbert a very special happy birthday today! Mrs Hibbert has been at Gateford for nearly 20 of those years and we hope that she has a wonderful day/week/month celebrating!

Handball festival.

Children from Year 3 and 4 went to 'Retford Oaks' to take part in a Handball Festival on Friday. They represented our school so well, demonstrating respect and perseverance in abundance, well done! Thank you to Mrs Foulkes for accompanying the children.

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	92.11%
Gnome	96.17%
Pixie	96.33%
Unicorn	96.34%
Phoenix	97%
Dragon	97.18%
Griffin	95%
Minotaur	95.27%

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:

Holly, who is 5 on Friday!

Hugo, who is 8 on Friday!

We hope that you both have a wonderful birthday 😊

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 from today 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 today, **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

