



Gateford Park Primary School

3 November 2025

Dear Families,

Practically Perfect in Every Way

Congratulations to Molly, Hettie, Charlotte, Angel, Drew, Reanna, Ellie, Samuel and Gracie who earned themselves a golden ticket in the last Friday's Good News assembly before half term. 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 the week before half term is as follows:

Elf	96.27%
Gnome	92.92%
Pixie	98.67%
Unicorn	95.16%
Phoenix	96.67%
Dragon	95.36%
Griffin	91.33%
Minotaur	92.26%

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

Neat and Tidy Classroom Award

Mr Crich chose Mr Boulton and his Unicorns to receive his 'Neat and Tidy Classroom' award the last week before half term. Well done for being super neat and tidy!

Happy Birthday to You!

Birthday wishes for this week go to:

Dolly, who is 5 today!

Charlotte, who is 6 tomorrow!

Lyla, who is 6 on Wednesday!

Lily-Mae, who is 11 on Friday!

Wilby, who is 6 on Saturday!

Nevaeh, who is 5 on Sunday!

We hope that you all have a wonderful birthday 😊

Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm Gateford welcome to John and his family who join us today. John starts his Gateford Park journey in Dragon class!

School Events

Harvest Festival Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival celebrations and for your generous donations. Our amazing Mr Crich delivered the donations to the Food Bank. We were blown away by your generosity.



25th Anniversary Celebrations

This week sees the 25th anniversary of the opening of our little school. On Friday, a special guest will be joining us to open our new library, whilst staff and children will be celebrating with music, games, fun, balloons and a special anniversary school dinner. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day. We can't wait!

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,

Paula Doyle .

Paula Doyle
Headteacher

