



Gateford Park Primary School

18th May 2026

Dear Families,

Farewell to Mrs Doyle

As you will have seen, Mrs Doyle shared the news with staff and parents yesterday that she will be retiring as of 31st May. After 21 years at our school, 12 of them as head teacher, she has been a huge part of our school and community and a much valued colleague and friend to us as a team. She will be missed by all and will be arranging a farewell celebration for her in school later this term.

Acting Headteacher

I will continue in my role as Acting Head Teacher until the permanent recruitment process for a Head Teacher has been completed.

I remain fully committed to providing stability, continuity, and the highest standards of education and care for all of our pupils during this period. I will continue to work closely with staff, governors, and the wider school community during this time. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Super Year 6

This time last week, Year 6 were completing their SATs assessments. They handled the situation with their usual positivity, resilience and perseverance and Mrs Dawes and I are so very proud of them for all of their hard work throughout the year and last week. Well done Year 6!!

School start times



Recently we have had an increasing number of children arriving late and entering school through the office. Just a timely reminder that our school start time is 8.50am, with classroom doors opening at 8.40am to offer some flexibility. While we know sometimes being late happens, we ask that children arrive on time and enter school through their classroom doors.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 4th June – Summer Disco

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

Friday 17th July - Gateford Ho 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 Erin, who turns 8 on Tuesday!

Happy birthday to Hettie, who turns 6 on Wednesday!

Happy birthday to twins Jaxon and Aliza, who turn 5 next Monday!

Happy birthday to Harley, who turns 6 next Tuesday!

Happy birthday to Charlotte, who turns 7 next Sunday!

And finally, Happy birthday to Arthur, who turns 10 next Sunday!

Have a lovely half term break everyone,

With my very best wishes,

Joanna Green

Acting-Headteacher

