



Gaywood Primary School

Newsletter - January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been a busy and exciting start to the term with plenty of fantastic opportunities for our children. Our Year 6 classes enjoyed a trip to the Royal Opera House in London, gaining a wonderful insight into the world of theatre. Year 5 have started their swimming lessons, building confidence and important water safety skills. We were also delighted to see some of our children perform at the instrumental concert at Springwood High School, showcasing their musical talents. Meanwhile, Year 4 had a fantastic time watching Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, performed by Springwood students.

Looking ahead, we hope to see many of you at our homework celebration events at the end of the half term. It is a great chance to recognise and celebrate the children's efforts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr N.Mindham

Executive Headteacher

JANUARY

**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**

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Judaism Workshop

On Wednesday 22nd January, our Year 3 children took part in a wonderful Judaism workshop in the school hall. They had the opportunity to learn about Jewish customs, try some traditional Matzo bread, and discover what it means to keep Kosher.

The children found the session really interesting and enjoyed learning about different traditions. It was a fantastic experience, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and curiosity!



Attendance Incentive Programme

We are excited to introduce rewards to celebrate attendance and improvement:

Perfect Attendance: Children with **100%** attendance—no absences or lateness—will receive a certificate and a special reward at the end of each term.

Improvement Recognition: Children who significantly improve their attendance will also be celebrated.

Class Competition: Each week, the class with the highest attendance percentage will win perks like: Extra playtimes and class-only non-uniform days.

Weekly results will be shared on Dojo to keep the excitement alive.

Year 4 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

On Tuesday 28th January, our Year 4 children had a fantastic opportunity to visit Springwood High School to watch their students' wonderful production of *Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

The performance was full of energy, music and vibrant costumes, and our children were truly captivated by the talent on stage. It was a great experience for them to see a live production and be inspired by the hard work and creativity of older students.

A big thank you to Springwood High School for inviting the children.



Breakfast, Wraparound & Lunch Bookings

Please ensure you are booking Breakfast and wraparound clubs in advance of attending. This allows us track the number of students attending and accurately staff the clubs. These can be booked via MCAS by midnight of the day before.

All lunches must be booked by Sunday evening via MCAS for the following week. If no lunch is booked you will need to provide a home packed lunch.

Year 6 - Royal Opera House

On 9th January 2025, our Year 6 children had an unforgettable trip to the Royal Opera House in London, where they watched a spectacular performance of *Hansel and Gretel* alongside 2,000 other school children!

During the journey, they also had the chance to see some of London's most famous landmarks, including Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square which for many, it was their first time seeing.

It was a fantastic experience, and the children had a brilliant time.



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 7th February

Maths Number Day - Non-Uniform

Friday 14th February

Last Day of Term

Monday 24th February

First Day of Term

Wednesday 26th February

Yr 3 - River of Hope Trip