



Gaywood Primary School

Newsletter - November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all who were able to attend our parent consultation sessions this month. We really value the chance to talk with you about your child's progress and well-being.

It was also lovely to see our children perform alongside the other trust schools in the Remembrance performance. They sang and performed beautifully and were a real credit to you and our school. We are now looking forward to our Christmas performances later this term, which the children are already busy rehearsing for.

We have also been hosting sessions for parents delivered by the Local Authority. Please do join our upcoming session on keeping children safe online – dates and details are available on Class Dojo.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mr Mindham, Executive Headteacher

Celebrating Diversity

One of our core school values is **diversity**, and this week we are proud to celebrate it. Poppy in Year 5 has created a fantastic poster in her own time, filled with facts and thoughtful messages about why diversity matters.

Her work reminds us that our differences make our school community stronger and more welcoming. Well done, Poppy, and thank you for helping us to share one of our most important values!



Remembrance Performance

This month, children from Year 4 took part in the Trust Remembrance Performance at Springwood. The children sang beautifully as they joined others across the Trust to honour and remember all those who have lost their lives through conflict—Bravo to all involved.



Children In Need



On Friday 4th November, EYFS and KS1 took part in a sponsored **danceathon**, and on Monday 17th November, KS2 completed a sponsored **run**. Both events were organised by the School Council in support of **Children in Need**. We are very proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and effort!

Special Visitor

The school recently welcomed PC James Smith, who led special assemblies for the children and spent time answering their questions. It was a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn more about keeping safe and the important work of our local police.



Christmas Performances

The Christmas Performances will be at 2:15pm on the following dates:

Friday 5th December - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2)

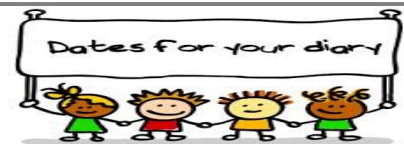
Monday 8th December - EYFS

Tuesday 9th December - Year 3

Wednesday 10th December - Year 4

Thursday 11th December - Year 5

Friday 12th December - Year 6



Monday 3rd December

EYFS Church Farm Trip

Y3 Ely Cathedral Trip

WNAT Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas Chapel 6pm-7pm (KS1 & KS2 choir)

Thursday 11th December

Y1/2 Flag Fen Trip

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

Monday 15th December

Christmas Fayre 3.15pm

Attendance Matters

Why Excellent Attendance Matters

At our school, we believe that every day in school counts. Good attendance is closely linked to pupils' wellbeing, progress and long-term success. Missing even a few days of learning can make it harder for children to keep up with their classmates and feel confident in school life.

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

Our Expectations

Pupils should attend school **every day** unless they are genuinely unwell.

Pupils should arrive **on time**, ready for learning.

Parents and carers must contact the school before **8:45am** if their child is absent.

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY

Support for Families

We understand that sometimes attendance can be affected by challenges at home. Please speak with us if you need support. Our pastoral and safeguarding team can help with:

- Morning routines
- Health concerns
- Anxiety about school
- Family circumstances
- Access to additional services

We are here to work with you.