



Gaywood Primary School

Newsletter - January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of what has already been a very busy and exciting term. January has certainly hit the ground running, and I am incredibly proud of how our children and staff have risen to every opportunity and challenge.

Over the past few weeks, we have been pleased to take part in the **Diabetes Screening ELSA study**, supporting important national research while helping our children to learn more about health and wellbeing. Thank you to the families who supported this work.

We have also seen some of our **Key Stage 1 children** represent the school superbly at the **Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport**. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience, and were a real credit to the school. Most notably, we have just welcomed **Ofsted** into school this week. I would like to thank you all for the positive comments that you shared with the inspectors and for the support and care you showed during what was a rigorous inspection carried out by three inspectors. Your partnership and trust in the school were very much appreciated.

While inspections are always demanding, they also provide an important opportunity to reflect on our work and celebrate the many strengths of our school community. I hope to share the outcomes with you all once the report card has been published.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Mindham, Executive Headteacher

Classical Music Rocks!

On Friday 16th January, our KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic visit from Classical Music Rocks, a volunteer-led charity that brings live classical music to children across West Norfolk and beyond.

The children took part in an engaging Introduction to Classical Music session, learning about different instruments and listening to beautiful pieces by famous composers. We were delighted to welcome the talented performers Anthony and Siobhan, who shared their expertise and passion for music.

The children were fully engaged throughout and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We would like to thank Classical Music Rocks for such an inspiring and memorable visit.

**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**

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EYFS Royal Learning Journey

This term, the children have enjoyed learning all about Kings, Queens and countries. They have loved exploring London and creating famous landmarks such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and The Shard.

Children have also been fascinated by learning about the King and his different homes. Our provision has been full of exciting Kings, Queens and London-themed activities, including building a bus outdoors and pretending to go on a London bus tour.

We are looking forward to celebrating with our Kings and Queens Day and our special Banquet.

KS1 Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport

Fifteen KS1 children visited Lynnsport for an exciting Active Kids Festival, enjoying a fun-filled day of energetic activities and new challenges. They represented the school superbly, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. The event was a fantastic opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles and a love of physical activity.

It was great to see their confidence grow as the day went on. Well done to all who took part – you should be very proud of showing our core values of respect, resilience and ambition!



Football Fun at Lynnsport!

On 13th January, the Year 6 girls' football team represented the school superbly at Lynnsport, playing two competitive matches. Throughout both games, the girls clearly demonstrated our school values of respect, resilience and ambition supporting one another, showing determination in challenging moments, and playing with great sportsmanship. Their hard work and teamwork paid off with an excellent 5-0 victory in one of the matches. The team should be extremely proud of their effort, attitude and achievement and they were a credit to the school.



Friday 6th February - NSPCC Maths Number Day - Non-Uniform

Friday 13th February- Last Day of Term

Monday 23rd February - First Day of Term