



Gaywood Primary School

Newsletter - May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on the mature and positive way they approached their Key Stage 2 SATs this month. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and calm attitude they demonstrated throughout the week.

I would also like to thank our families for the encouragement and reassurance given at home. The partnership between school and home plays such an important role in helping children feel confident and successful.

Beyond SATs, it has been wonderful to see children across the school continuing to enjoy a wide range of learning opportunities, sporting activities and enrichment experiences throughout May. The enthusiasm and positivity shown by our pupils each day continues to make us immensely proud.

As we move towards the final half-term of the academic year, we look forward to many exciting events and celebrations still to come.

Kind Regards, Mr N.Mindham (Executive Headteacher)

**LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!**

3
days lost
5 minutes late

6.5
days lost
10 minutes late

10
days lost
15 minutes late

13
days lost
20 minutes late

19
days lost
30 minutes late

Football Success

Congratulations to Nancy Mayes from Year 6 Miss Abbott's class, who plays midfield on the wing for Clenchwarton Under 11 Girls Football Team.

Nancy was recently awarded the Players' Player of the Season award at her football presentation — a fantastic achievement!

Nancy's said she was "very speechless and emotional" and incredibly proud of her award especially as this was voted for by her team.



Monday 1st June

Lilac Moon—Class Group Photos

Monday 8th June

Raising Resilient Kids Workshop

1.05pm—3.05pm

Wednesday 10th June

Y1/2 Trip to Banham Zoo

Thursday 11th June

EYFS Trip to Johnsons of Old Hurst

Wednesday 17th June

Y5 Gressenhall Trip

Wednesday 24th June

Y4 Space Centre Trip

Thursday 25th June

Y3 Bressingham Trip



Young Writers

Children across KS2 recently took part in the Rotary Young Writer Competition, which this year explored the theme *Happiness in Nature*. All children who participated were presented with certificates in recognition of their creativity and commitment. We were delighted to have two successful entries from our school in the Hunstanton District competition. Darcy (Y5) achieved an impressive second place, while Sophija (Y5) was awarded first place. Both children received book vouchers in recognition of their fantastic achievements.

Following her success, Sophija's writing was entered into the district final, where it competed against entries from children across Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and beyond. We are incredibly proud to share that Sophija was once again awarded first place for her outstanding piece of writing.

Sophija's entry will now progress to the national final competition, and we wish her the very best of luck. Well done to all of the children who took part and demonstrated such creativity, ambition and enthusiasm through their writing.



Art Enrichment Morning

The whole school recently took part in a wonderful art enrichment morning celebrating our local area. This was part of a local competition organised with Barratt & Wilson Homes.

Each year group explored a different aspect of King's Lynn through a variety of artistic styles and techniques. The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm throughout the morning, producing some truly impressive pieces of artwork.

The themes for each year group were:

- **EYFS** – Markets in King's Lynn, using collage techniques
- **Y1/2** – Fishing and the quayside, creating junk models using recycled materials
- **Y3** – The Great River Ouse, using watercolours
- **Y4** – Night-time at the Mart, using chalk on black paper
- **Y5** – Local landmark sketches, using pencil and charcoal
- **Y6** – Historical King's Lynn, combining collage and sketching onto old maps

We are incredibly proud of the creativity and teamwork shown by all of the children and look forward to sharing the finished artwork with the community.

