



Gaywood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank all our families for your continued support and partnership.

It has been a pleasure to watch our children learn, grow and achieve so much over the past year. They continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.

My sincere thanks also go to our dedicated staff, governors and volunteers, whose commitment helps make our school such a positive and nurturing place to learn.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you begin the next chapter of your education. We are proud of each and every one of you and know you will continue to shine.

I hope you all enjoy a safe, restful and happy summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

Kind Regards, Mr N.Mindham (Executive Headteacher)

Resilience in Action: Kody's Return to Racing

Congratulations to Year 6 pupil Kody, who has made an inspiring return to competitive kart racing after recovering from a serious knee injury.

Last year, Kody suffered a devastating accident following a race meeting, resulting in significant damage to his knee. After more than six months of recovery and rehabilitation, he has returned to racing with impressive determination and resilience.

Competing in the highly competitive IAME Waterswift Championship, Kody made an outstanding comeback by taking pole position and winning his opening heat race at PFI. He has continued to impress in recent championship rounds, producing a series of excellent performances despite some unfortunate setbacks, including a puncture and race penalties.

Kody's achievements are a wonderful example of our Gaywood Primary School values. His resilience in overcoming injury, ambition to compete at the highest level, respect for his sport, fellow competitors and coaches, and the way he represents our diverse and talented school community make us incredibly proud.

We wish Kody every success for the rest of the racing season.



Year 6 Colchester Zoo

Before they embark on their exciting journey to high school, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed one final trip together with a visit to **Colchester Zoo**. The children had a fantastic day exploring the zoo and seeing an incredible variety of animals, including majestic elephants, towering giraffes, playful penguins and impressive rhinos. There was plenty of excitement, laughter and learning throughout the day, but perhaps the most surprising discovery was a *very rare new species* spotted hatching from an egg..... Thankfully, this unusual creature seemed perfectly happy to join the rest of the group for the remainder of the visit!

The trip was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the children's primary school journey, creating lasting memories with friends before they take their next exciting step into high school. We wish all of our Year 6 pupils every success and happiness.



The Brilliant Club Children Graduate

We are incredibly proud of the children who graduated at Robinson College, Cambridge University, on 30th June. Their achievement is a testament to the dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm they have shown throughout their studies. They worked exceptionally hard, embraced every challenge, and made the most of this wonderful opportunity. Throughout the programme, they represented our school with confidence, kindness, and maturity, earning praise for their excellent attitude and behaviour. Their graduation is a well-deserved celebration of their commitment and success, and we congratulate each and every one of them on this memorable milestone. Well done!

