



GAINFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 6 SATS

A huge well done to Pheobe in Year 6 for all your hard work and determination during SATs week in May. We are incredibly proud of you. You approached each test with maturity and gave your very best, which is all we could ask for. What a star! SATs results will be sent home in July as soon as we receive them.



Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE – DURHAM CATHEDRAL (PUPILS ONLY)

Y6 pupils have been invited to go to Durham Cathedral on **Wednesday 10th June** at 1.30pm to attend the Church's annual Leavers' Service. This is a special event for our children and an important part of their transition from primary to secondary education.

We will be sharing transport with Ingleton C of E Primary school and Mrs Carr will accompany our pupils.



YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK

MONDAY 1st JUNE - FRIDAY 12th JUNE

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. Schools must administer the MTC to all eligible Year 4 pupils between **Monday 1st June** and **Friday 12th June**. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>



YEAR 1 PHONIC SCREENING CHECK

WEEK COMMENCING 8th JUNE

The Year 1 phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. The phonics screening check will be given to all Year 1 children in England and any Year 2 pupils who need to re-sit the check during the week commencing **8th June 2025**.

Further information can be found at:

[Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents)



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The School Photography Company will be coming into school on **Friday 5th June (pm)** to take all children's photographs, sibling group photos, class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos. If you would like any photos of your pre-school children with their siblings, please arrive at the school at 2.30pm and if you could let the school office know, thank you.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Wednesday 17th June- Rec-Year 6 Beamish Trip
Monday 29th June – Wednesday 1st July –
KS2 (Y3-Y6) Residential to High Adventure Outdoor Centre

More information about each visit will be shared through the e-schools app and sent home with your child over the coming weeks.

SPORTING EVENTS

Monday 6th July (9.30am-11.30am)	Y3 & Y4 Multi-skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy @ 9.30am
Wednesday 8th July (9:30 – 11:30am)	Y1 & Y2 Orienteering Festival @ Staindrop Academy @ 9.30am
Tuesday 14th July (1:15 – 2:30pm)	School Sports Day & FOGS Colour Run

Just a gentle reminder that all children need to have the **correct school** PE kit – a white t-shirt, navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms, a hoody, trainers and a water bottle, please. If your child wears earrings and they are unable to take them out, then you will also need to provide plasters – thank you.



RSHE (RELATIONSHIP, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION) POLICY

Just to remind parents, this term our PSHE Jigsaw unit will be **Changing Me**. Parents have been sent further information, personalised to their child's class, about what your child will be covering.

Please be assured that parental permission will be sort for those lessons which parents are allowed to withdraw their child from beforehand.

Please do contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding this. Our RSHE Policy is also available on our school website:

<https://www.gainfordcofeprimary.co.uk/web/rshe/>



HEADTEACHER GOLD AWARDS

Great Work in Geography

Grace, Lewis & Isobel

Showing Kindness to Others

Aggie, Charlotte & Joey

Being Respectful

Esme, Bonnie & Thea

Keep Up the Good Work!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION & LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

The law states that Headteachers are not able to approve leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you need to request time off for your child during term time, **you must complete a Leave of Absence Request Form**. This form is available from the school office or on our school website. **Forms should be submitted at least two weeks before the planned leave.**

[Gainford C of E Primary School Holidays](#)

Please be aware that unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

If a child has **5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week rolling period**, the school must refer the case for enforcement.

Within a three-year period:

The first penalty notice is £160 per parent, per child. This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

The second penalty notice is £160 to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued, meaning the case may be referred for legal action. Legal action may result in a fine of up to £2,500, a parenting or community order, or prosecution.

Please remember that fines are issued per **parent, per child, not per family.**



ATTENDANCE

Our Minimum Target is **96%**
Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

Fantastic effort! 😊

Swale	Wear	Tees
97.51%	97.22%	95.55%

Current Whole School attendance is 96.6%

Amazing Work - Well done everyone!



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school office **before 9:00am on the first day** to let us know the reason and how long they may be off.

If we have not heard from you, the office will contact you on the first day of absence. The school follows up all absences to ensure children are safe and to record attendance correctly.

If your child is absent for **more than three consecutive days**, or for **more than 7 days (14 sessions) in one term**, we may ask parents to provide a signed letter explaining the absence. We do not usually ask for medical evidence when a child is ill. However, **if absences are frequent or there are concerns (for example, possible holidays during term time)**, we may contact you for further information or request supporting evidence.

If no reason for an absence is provided, it may be recorded as **unauthorised** and could be referred to the Local Authority.

SUN PROTECTION

Could we please ask that on sunny days you protect your child's skin by applying sun protection **before** school starts, sun hats and water bottles are also encouraged. Children can bring sun cream to school to re-apply at break and lunchtime. Please ensure your child's cream is labelled with their name – thank you.



SPORTS DAY / FOGS COLOUR RUN

We would like to invite you all to come along to Sports Day on **Tuesday 14th July** to watch the children take part in a variety of races. We will hopefully start around **1:15pm** on the Community Field. Following Sports Day FOGS will be hosting a fun **Colour Run** for the children.

We look forward to seeing you there. 😊



VEHICLES - DROP-OFF AND PICK-UPS

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to switch off your engine while waiting for your child at drop-off and collection times.

Doing so helps to reduce pollution, improve air quality around the school and create a healthier environment for our children, staff and local residents.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



FOGS SUMMER TERM ONLINE MEETING

Our next FOGS Summer Term meeting will take place online on **Wednesday 24th June** at **7pm**. A link to join the meeting will be sent out nearer the time.

We would be very grateful for your support and encourage you to join if you are able to.

The same small group of parents has run FOGS for many years and this is their final year.

TO KEEP FOGS RUNNING, WE URGENTLY NEED NEW PARENTS AND CARERS TO STEP IN.

EVEN A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!



TERM DATES 2025-2026

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Closing date</u>	<u>Date re-opens</u>
Summer half-term 2026	Thursday 21 st May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026	TBC

Teacher Training Days

2025-2026

- Monday 20th July 2026



Teacher Training Days

2026-2027

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 22nd February 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027

A full list of the whole school academic year can be found on our website. Just click on the link below:

[Gainford C of E Primary School Holidays](#)

Dates For Your Diary (June & July)

<u>June</u>	
Friday 5 th June	School Photographs (pm)
Wednesday 10 th June	Y6 Leavers Service @ Durham Cathedral (1.30pm)
Wednesday 17 th June	Whole School Beamish Trip (Rec-Year 6)
Wednesday 24 th June	FOGS Online Summer Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 29 th June - Wednesday 1 st July	KS2 Residential @ High Adventure
<u>July</u>	
Thursday 2 nd July	FOGS Game Night
Monday 6 th July	Y3/Y4 Multi skills @ Staindrop
Tuesday 7 th July	KS2 Performance @ 4:00pm
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Performance @ 9:30am
Wednesday 8 th July	Y1/Y2 Orienteering Festival @ Staindrop
Thursday 9 th - Friday 10 th July	Y6 Transition days @Staindrop
Tuesday 14 th July	Gainford Sports Day & FOGS Colour Run
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of the Academic Year