



# GAINFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

MAY / JUNE 2025

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## Together we love, learn & flourish

### FOGS CAR BOOT SALE

A huge thank you to FOGS for organising the car boot sale on Saturday. The event was a great success and raised over £500 for school funds - fantastic news!

Just a quick reminder that FOGS have organised a big Summer raffle. There are lots of fabulous prizes including an overnight stay at Headlam Hall, a Nintendo Switch, meals for two and so much more!

Please can you return any sold ticket stubs and money to the school office. If you need more please contact the office or if you can't sell the tickets please return them to school.

Your support is much appreciated - thank you!



### FOGS SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

- **Children's Games Night / Summer Fayre** – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025**
- **Colour Run** – **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Further details regarding these events will be sent in June.**



### SPORTING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (9.30am-11.30am)</b>	Y3/Y4 Cricket Competition @ Raby Castle
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (9.30am – 11.30am)</b>	Year 1 / 2 Multi-skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (pm)</b>	Whole School Sports Day
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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.



### **YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK**

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE - FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>



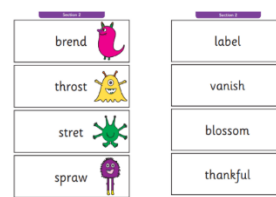
### **YEAR 1 PHONIC SCREENING CHECK**

**WEEK COMMENCING 9<sup>TH</sup> 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 during the week commencing **9<sup>th</sup> 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)**



### **RSHE (RELATIONSHIP, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION) POLICY**

Just to remind parents our RSHE Policy is available on our school website:

[https://www.gainfordcofeprimary.co.uk/web/school\\_policies/](https://www.gainfordcofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_policies/)

After half term, our PSHE Jigsaw unit will be **Changing Me**. Parents will be sent further information personalised to classes as to 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.



### **Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE – DURHAM CATHEDRAL (PUPILS ONLY)**

Y6 pupils have been invited to go to Durham Cathedral on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.30am 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 Miss Smith will accompany our pupils.

A further Leavers' Service will take place in St Mary's Church at the end of the academic year on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am**, which all parents are welcome to attend.



### **ROBINWOOD PARENTS' MEETING**

Miss Smith, Mrs Maude and I will be holding an information meeting for parents and pupils on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 3.30pm**. The meeting will be held in Miss Smith's classroom. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We'd love to see you there!

<https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity-centres/barhaugh-hall/>



### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Tempest will be coming into school on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** 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 8.45am, and if you could let the school office know, thank you.



### ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the law states that a Head Teacher is unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

We ask that parents complete a leave of absence form which is available on our school website or at the school office.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences on your child's attendance records could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the local authority.

**5 days / 10 sessions unauthorised absence in a 10 week rolling period must now be referred for enforcement action.** Parents who continually opt to pay the fine may face legal action.

Further information, including our school holiday dates, can be found on our website:

[https://www.gainfordcofeprimary.co.uk/web/school\\_holiday\\_days/](https://www.gainfordcofeprimary.co.uk/web/school_holiday_days/)

### ATTENDANCE

Our Minimum Target is **96%**

Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

Fantastic effort! 😊

<u>Swale</u>	<u>Wear</u>	<u>Tees</u>
<b>96%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Current Whole School Attendance is 97.45%**

**Amazing Work - Well done everyone!**



### HEADTEACHER GOLD AWARDS FOR SUPER WORK IN ....

#### **Week 21 – Organisational Skills**

*Florence S, Toby, Librarians & Louise*

#### **Week 22– Speaking & Listening Skills**

*Frankie, Sophie & Phoebe*

#### **Week 23 – Excellent Effort**

*Harvey, Lewis & Bethany*

#### **Week 24 – Outstanding Behaviour**

*Milo, Camilla & Lucy*

#### **Week 25 – Excellent Teamwork**

*Harrison, Joey & Tees Class*

#### **Week 26 – Being Respectful**

*Finn, Angus & Bethany*

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#### **Week 27 – Being Helpful**

*Harriet, Charlotte & Louise*

**Keep Up the Good Work!**

### SPORTS DAY

We would like to invite you all to come along to Sports Day on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** to watch the children take part in a variety of races. We will hopefully start around **1:15pm**.

We look forward to seeing you there. 😊



### 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.



## **HOUSE POINTS/DOJO POINTS**

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school! The Dojo points have been totalled up and  
These are the results so far ....

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Oak</u></b>	<b><u>Sycamore</u></b>	<b><u>Willow</u></b>
14/03/2025	513	469	561
21/03/2025	278	227	285
28/03/2025	428	331	319
04/04/2025	1222	1398	1266
11/04/2025	1386	1357	1426
02/05/2025	347	326	312
09/05/2025	720	958	691

## **TERM DATES 2024-2025**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Date re-opens</b>
<b>Summer half-term 2025</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
<b>Summer 2025</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025

## **TERM DATES 2025-2026**

<b><u>Holiday</u></b>	<b><u>Closing date</u></b>	<b><u>Date re-opens</u></b>
<b>Summer 2025</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
<b>Autumn half-term 2025</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
<b>Christmas 2025</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>Spring half-term 2026</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026
<b>Easter 2026</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>May Day 2026</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>Summer half-term 2026</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
<b>Summer 2026</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	TBC

## **Teacher Training Days 2025-2026**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026



## Dates For Your Diary (May / June / July)

### May

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5 &amp; Y6 Orienteering @ Staindrop Academy (am)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3 &amp; Y4 Cricket Competition @ Raby Castle</li> </ul>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 2 Trip to Hardwick Park</li> <li>Y1 &amp; Y2 Multi Skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy (am)</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of term</li> </ul>

### June

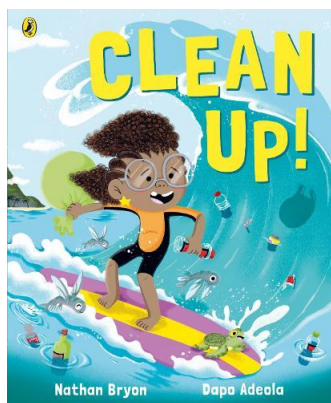
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Summer Term 2</li> </ul>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025- Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Check</li> </ul>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Phonic Screening Check</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tempest School Photos</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6 Leavers' Service @ Durham Cathedral (pupils only)</li> <li>Parents Meeting (Robinwood Residential) @ 3.30pm</li> </ul>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GAINFEST</li> </ul>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Trip to The Hancock Museum</li> </ul>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swale Class Trip to Raby Castle</li> </ul>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOGS Summer Fayre / Games Night</li> </ul>

### July

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Curriculum Taster Day @ Staindrop Academy</li> </ul>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Day (pm)</li> </ul>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3/Y4 Multi skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy</li> </ul>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving up morning</li> <li>KS1 &amp; KS2 Online Safety Workshops (pm)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y1/Y2 Orienteering Festival @ Staindrop Academy</li> <li>Key Stage 2 End of Year Performance @ 9.30am</li> <li>Key Stage 2 End of Year Performance @ 4.00pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 transition days @ Staindrop Academy / Teesdale School</li> </ul>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4-Y6 Residential to Robinwood</li> </ul>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOGS Colour Run (pm)</li> </ul>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6 Leavers Service @ 9.15am</li> <li>Last day of term</li> </ul>



## RECOMMENDED READS



### **Clean Up / Dapo Adeola (illustrator), Nathan Bryon (author)**

Join Rocket as she sets sail on a brand new mission - to save a Caribbean island from plastic pollution!

When Rocket goes on holiday to visit her grandparents, she's shocked by the pollution that's spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk.

Can she think of a way to save the day?



### **Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Author: [Sarah Roberts](#) Illustrator: [Hannah Peck](#)**

Everybody has a taste for Stanley – and the other ocean creatures just keep mistaking him for a delicious treat – but this is no ordinary jellyfish.

Most jellyfish have dangly-gangly tentacles, but Stanley has two handles...

Other jellyfish have a magical glow, but Stanley has stripes...

Because Stanley (spoiler alert) is a plastic bag!

A beautifully illustrated picture book with a powerful message about plastic pollution from environmental expert Sarah Roberts.

The perfect gift to introduce children to the issues of plastic in our oceans.



### **The Lost Whale**

**The Author:** [Hannah Gold](#) **Illustrator:** [Levi Pinfold](#)

What if you could communicate with a whale?

Rio has been sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California, while his mum is in hospital back home. Alone and adrift, the only thing that makes him smile is joining his new friend Marina on her dad's whale watching trips. That is until an incredible encounter with White Beak, a gentle giant of the sea changes everything. But when White Beak goes missing, Rio must set out on a desperate quest to find his whale and somehow save his mum.

Dive into this incredible story about the connection between a boy and a whale and the bond that sets them both free.