



Easter Service

Our Easter Service is on Wednesday 27th March at 9.10am. If you can make it do come along to St Mary's Church, Gainford – the whole family are welcome and we'd love to see you there. The children have been learning their Easter songs and have been preparing class contributions for the service too.

Easter Competition.

We are holding our ever-popular egg decorating competition. If your child would like to take part they just need to take a boiled egg (they can use more than one if they like) and let their imagination run wild. In the past we have seen some amazing ideas and designs including famous people, different sports, animals, traditional Easter, superheroes and so many more.

There will be prizes for each class and we will also have an adult section - if parents/carers are feeling creative! All entries need to be brought into school on Thursday 28th March, our last day of term.

Sporting Fun for Class Tees

On Wednesday Class Tees travelled to Staindrop Academy to take part in a Multiskills Festival. There were 4 schools taking part and it was an opportunity for pupils to develop PE skills as well as become more Familiar with a secondary setting

Seb- *"I am actually not really a dancing person but the dancing was great and more fun than I expected. My favourite activity was dodgeball as it was action packed and fun. "*

Bethany, *I loved 'Just Dance' because of the moves we could do and jump on each other's backs. It made me want to dance more.*

Ryan A *"I really enjoyed Bench Ball and Dodge Ball. I enjoyed it because it was competitive and it was fun "*.

Oliver: *"I enjoyed the relay races. There were 4 teams competing against each other and the scores were very close! The 'Just Dance' was really good fun and the teacher was really good too."*

Gainford Baby and Toddler Group

What a wonderful Friday morning we had in school. Gainford Baby and Toddler group arrived in school and it was fabulous to see the youngest members of our community enjoying our school setting. Our preschool children were super role models and really enjoyed being the oldest children in the group – they felt extra special!

There were lots of Easter craft activities as well as time for outside play for those who could toddle! It was a great opportunity for parents and carers to have a chat, including mums dads, grandads and grandmas ! This is a fabulous group who usually meet in Gainford Village Hall on Fridays from 9.30am -11.30am and I know they are looking for support to help run the group so if you can give up a couple of hours on a Friday morning they would love to hear from you . Find them on Facebook.



School Meals

The new menu is available from 16th April, there are some old favourites and several new meal choices, the meals are cooked fresh every day by our wonderful Cook, attached is further copy of the menu for your information.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are trying to offer a wider range of after school clubs for our pupils to enjoy during the summer term. Mrs Linsley has sent out the list and next term this includes;

Junk Modelling Club, Computer Coding Cub, Multi skills, Mini Disciples, Gardening Club Singing Club (last session 18th April).

If you do want to sign your child up please respond via Operoo and make your payment via Parentpay

SATS Booster Sessions

The remaining SATS Booster sessions for Y6 are on Wednesday 27th March, 17th & 24th April. There will be a Parents Meeting on the 17th April from 4.30pm, we do hope you can attend.

Teacher Training Days for 2024-2025

Please note that 4th September 2024 and 6th January 2025 are teacher training days so children will return to school the day after these dates.

Upcoming Events & Diary Dates

Please see attached list of diary dates for the Summer Term

I do hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break. As it is a Teacher Training Day on Monday 15 April pupils **return to school on Tuesday 16TH April**

Regards

C Riley

Quick Reminder

Appeal -We need your help

We need junk modelling materials- egg boxes, cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, etc for some junk modelling sessions Miss Ross will be holding after Easter

No nut products please!



'Together we love, learn and flourish'

We do have a pupil in school with a nut allergy. Please ensure packed lunches are nut free and please do not send your child to school with nuts/nut products for a snack. Please check any birthday cakes to ensure that they do not contain nuts too!

Attendance w/e 22.03.24

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

A special well done to Class Wear for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	93.75
Wear	98.57
Tees	87.70

Gold Headteacher Awards

Each week in our Celebration Worship assembly Gold Headteacher's awards are presented to some children who have excelled when working towards our theme of the week. The theme this week was for RE

Class Swale	Esme B Lachlan
Class Wear	Pippa Phoebe
Class Tees	Dexter Whole class for Diary of a Disciple workshop

Diary Dates

Please see our Diary dates for the remainder of the academic year at the end of this newsletter.

Extra-Curricular Clubs (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Junk Modelling - Monday 22nd & 29th April
Multisport – Tuesdays
Mini Disciples – Wednesdays
Gardening Club – Wednesdays
Singing Club – Thursday 17th April
(see attached letter for further details)

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)-Our Parents Action Group

Car Boot Sale

The car boot sale is planned for Saturday May 18th. It's a great opportunity to have a Spring Clean-or a sort out in your attic or garage and bring a boot full of items you no, longer need. We will also have refreshments including a cake stall too.! If you can't come along cakes and scones would make a wonderful donation.

We Need You!!

Do you think you could spare some of your time to help with our fundraising activities? We are a small team of parents/carers who work together to raise funds for school that benefit all of the pupils from pre-school to Year 6.

We really need more volunteers who could offer some time to support events in school. We really appreciate any help that can be offered. Can you help out at an event?

If you are keen to support our school and learn more about FoGS please contact school or drop FoGS an email gainfordfogs@gmail.com



HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and this week **Sycamore** have come out on top Well done! Who will win the house-point trophy at the end of the year? It's a close-run race at the moment!

OAK 254

WILLOW 270

SYCAMORE 285

Diary Dates – Whole School

Weekly

Mondays	Junk Modelling 3.30pm-4.30pm	Class Wear & Class Tees	2 Sessions – 22/04 & 29/04
Mondays	Coding Club 3.30pm -4.40pm	Class Wear & Class Tees	4 Sessions -
Tuesdays	Multi Sports 3.30pm-4.30pm	Y1 - 6	6 Sessions – Summer Term 1
Wednesdays	Mini Disciples 3.30pm-4.30pm	Class Wear & Class Tees	6 Sessions – Summer Term 1
Wednesdays	SATS Booster Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6	17/04 24/04
Wednesdays	Gardening Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Y1 - 6	6 Sessions – Summer Term 1
Thursdays	Singing Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Y1 - 6	Last Session 18/04/2024

Events

27/03/2024	Easter Service	St Marys Church All Welcome	9.10am
28/03/2024	Break up for Easter		
15/04/2024	School Closed	Staff Training (CPD)	
16/04/2024	School Reopens		
27/04/2024	SATS Parents Evening	Y6 Parents	4.30pm-5.30pm
13/05/2024 to 16/05/2024 incl	SATS week	Y6	
18/05/2024	Car Boot Sale	School Grounds	10am –12 noon
22/05/2024	Raby Castle Cricket	Y3 &Y4	During School Hours
24/05/2024	School Closed & May Half Term Starts	Staff Training (CPD)	
03/06/2024	School Reopens		
03/06/2024	Multiplication Check Week	Y4	
10/06/2024	Phonics Screening Week	Y1	



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11/06/2024	School Photographs	Whole School	
12/06/2024	Leavers Service	Durham Cathedral Staff & Y6 Only	During School Hours
14/06/2024 to 16/06/2024 incl	Mini Disciples Launchpad Weekend	Mini Disciples	
26/06/2024 to 28/06/2024 incl	Hummersknott Transition	Y6	
28/06/2024	South Shields Trip	Class Swale & Wear	
10/07/2024 to 11/07/2024 incl	Staindrop Transition	Y6	
11/07/2024 to 12/07/2024 incl	Teesdale School Transition	Y6	
19/07/2024	Colour Run	Whole School	AM TBC
23/07/2024	Break up for Summer		

School holidays for the 2023/24 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Thursday 23 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024

School holidays for the 2024/25 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024
Autumn half-term 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Monday 4 November 2024



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Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Spring half-term 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2 May 2025	Tuesday 6 May 2025
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 2 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	TBC

CPD Days (School Closed)

April 15th 2024

May 23rd 2024

September 4th 2024

January 6th 2025