

APRIL 2026

Gunthorpe C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you all had a fun and restful Easter break, plenty of chocolate and lighter nights! We are now in to the Summer Term, which always feels like a full calendar, lots of hard work and a sprinkling of great trips and activities.

Please join me in giving a warm Gunthorpe welcome to our new children, Florence (Pre-school), Pippi (Yr 1) and Elodie (Yr 4). They have all settled so well and it has been heart-warming to watch our children engage with them so well.

Thank you all for coming to our Easter Service, it was so well attended as always and brilliant to see so many fantastic decorated eggs and Easter bonnets. Our chocolate raffle is starting to become legendary!

We also had a lovely Friday celebrating all our Mums and Mother figures, the buzz in the hall was just what school communities should be about. A big thank you to the Dads who came and helped to serve tea and coffee and help to make our Mothers Day celebrations really special.

The children have come back with a great work ethic and are ready to show what they can achieve. May and June are assessment times in school and it is really important that our amazing attendance continues to support the children in achieving all that they can.

Hopefully I will be asking you to send sun cream and hats in soon, I live in hope!

Take care
Mrs Brown

Masterchef Update

We had a great first round, with all the Junior children making pizzas in lesson time. Mr Tyler, Mrs Owen and Mrs Stewart then had the challenge of tasting 48 pizzas! We also had an extraordinary number of entries for the Comic Relief Bake sale. As a result, 10 children have successfully progressed to the semi final. Well done to Isobel, Archie, Molly, Sebby W, Layla.M, Florence W, Lewis, Cole, Elodie BH, and Kitty. More details will follow in May but in the mean time start practising at home, you will be making a dish of your choice at school.

PE Days - Summer 1

Infants - Tuesday/Friday
Junior 1 - Wednesday/Thursday
Junior 2 - Wednesday/Thursday

Poetry Competition

Before Easter, we shared a lovely afternoon with all our Year Group finalists, who performed their poems for the whole school and their families.

Our esteemed judges (Governors and Aspire Members) had the very difficult decision of picking a winner from each class.

Congratulations go to Sebby F, Ella, Layla M and Elodie BH, who will go to Langar C of E next Friday (24th April) to perform their poem along with other winners from Aspire schools. We are so proud of you, well done.



FOGS Updates

As always, we are very lucky to have such an active parent group. Attached to the newsletter is information about how much events have raised and what the money has been spent on. In the Summer Term, the children will be benefitting from this with a residential, a trip to Sherwood Forest and The Yorkshire Wildlife Park all partly funded by FOGS. In addition, we have very exciting news that the children will all be going to the Panto at Newark theatre again this December.

FOGS have kindly donated towards this event to keep costs down.

We are also delighted to say we have made it to the voting stages in the Tesco Grants Programme and we have been put forward to a customer vote for a much wanted Time Line display in the school hall, thanks to Tesco stores. Voting will commence in the following stores from Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026. We'd like to ask you and your family and friends for your help please!!

2964 Nottingham Carlton Superstore NG4 1EB

4572 Radcliffe On Trent Express Express NG12 2FD

5151 Nottingham Carlton Hill Express Express NG4 1GP

6205 Nottingham Oakdale Express Express NG3 7EF

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within any of these stores of any value.

You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. Let's see if we can beat off the competition and win the grant!

The next FOGS meeting will be held in the school hall after drop off (8.45am) on Wednesday 6th May. Please do come along and share your views, ideas or offers of help. We love new faces!



Attendance

I am very proud of the ongoing support that our families show towards regular attendance. We continue to have strong attendance and currently the school sits at 96.9%, which is even better than this time last year. An amazing effort from everyone, lets keep that going into the Summer term.



Break The Rules Day

FOGS have generated some great rules for the children to break on Fri 22nd of May, the last day of term. You can pay £1 for your child to break one rule or £3 to break as many as they want! There is a tab on Arbor to make the payment. Here are the rules:

- Wear any coloured nail varnish
- Add squash into your water bottle
- Bring a bar of chocolate/bag of crisps to enjoy at break time
- Wear your favourite trainers
- Wacky hairstyles allowed
- Fake tattoos/glitter welcome
- Come in your favourite sports/football top
- Wear non-uniform



Mental Health Support Team

The MHST are putting on some workshops for parents during the Summer term.

On the 16th June there is a session on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing. This is a webinar from 1pm-2.30pm. More details are attached.



Diary Dates

Summer Term

Fri 24th April – Poetry Winners event at Langar C of E @ 1.30pm
Tues 28th April – After school football match (Yr 5/6) @ Orston
Wed 29th April – After school Outdoor Adventurous Activity – Yr 4 @ Rushcliffe Country Park
Fri 1st May – Friday Fundraiser after school on playground
Tues 5th May – Toot Hill Meeting for Year 5 parents (after school)
Wed 6th May – FOGS Meeting in school hall after drop off
Thurs 7th May – Junior 1 Trip to Sherwood Forest
Mon 11th May – Thurs 14th May – Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 15th May – Newark Palace Theatre visit – Yr 5-6
Mon 18th May – Rock UK Parents Meeting after school in J2
Wed 20th May – Rec/Yr 1/Yr2 – Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wed 20th May – MHST Workshop on Body Image (Yr 5-6)
Thurs 21st May – Heights and Weights check Yr R/Yr 6
Fri 22nd May – Break the Rules Day (Last day of term)
Mon 1st June – Children return to school
Tues 2nd June – Road safety Workshops
Tues 9th June – MHST Workshops for Infants and Yr 3/4
Tues 16th June – Sports Day
Mon 22nd June – School photos
Tues 23rd June – Values Day
Wed 24th June – Fri 26th June Year 5-6 Residential
Wed 1st July – MHST Workshop for Year 6 Transition to Secondary
Fri 3rd July – INSET Day
Mon 6th July – Yr 6 Transition to Toot Hill (all day)
Thurs 9th July – Whole school Football World Cup Tournament
Wed 15th July – KS2 Production
Thurs 16th July – Yr 6 @ Southwell Minster
Mon 20th July – Milly Lawson (Creative Arts Officer Newark & Sherwood District Council) in with J1 all day
Thurs 23rd July – Leavers Service
Fri 24th July – Last day of term

Next Year

Tues 1st Sept 2026– Inset Day
Wed 2nd Sept 2026– Children back in school
Fri 16th Oct 2026– Inset Day
Mon 26th July 2027 Inset Day
Tues 27th July 2027 Inset Day
Wed 28th July 2027 Inset Day