

MAY 2026

Gunthorpe C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been great over the last few weeks to see the children playing so happily on the school field.

Alongside all the usual games, we have cricket, bug watching, handstands (and other gymnastic skills), daisy chains and tag happening. With the warmer weather, comes the request for children to have hats and sun cream applied. Having these things means we can maximise the time we can be outside in the sunshine.

We also have a number of children who regularly come to school without a water bottle. Please could you send your child in with a fresh water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated.

A reminder that although children can bring in a snack for morning break, this should be healthy and does not include, chocolate, sweets or crisps. Chocolate covered cereal bars are also discouraged. We also have a child with a nut allergy in school, so avoid anything that contains nuts.

Junior 1 had a fantastic trip to Sherwood Forest yesterday, building dens and enjoying bug hunting. Mrs Owen was really impressed with the activities laid on for the children and said they all had a great time.

Take care
Mrs Brown

TT Rockstars Battles

The Summer Term always see us take part in various different Times Table Rockstar battles.

There will be

various 'battles' before half term.

J1 v J2 (Fri 1st May - Fri 8th May)

Boys v Girls (Fri 8th May - 15th May)

Children v Staff (Fri 15th May - Fri 22nd May)

Battle 2 and 3 involve Infant 2 children who already have a login. We will reveal the results in Fantastic Friday each week. Every year, this proves to be a brilliant way of improving fluency and confidence with regard to times tables. Let the battles commence!

PE Days - Summer 1

Infants - Tuesday/Friday

Junior 1 - Wednesday/Thursday

Junior 2 - Wednesday/Thursday

World Cup @ Gunthorpe

As I am sure many people aware, the men's football world cup will take place this Summer.

To celebrate the event, Mr Tyler will be organising a football tournament during the school day. All the children will be involved and we will split the school into 4 teams, based on teams still left in the tournament. The event will take place on Thurs 9th July. We will send out more details nearer the time, including what colour (if possible) your child should wear. We have undertaken events similar to these in the past and they always prove to be great fun.



FOGS Updates

Many thanks to Carla Skilbeck, an ex pupil who ran a fantastic after school Fundraiser last Friday. She managed to raise a whopping £357, all of which is profit and will be kindly donated to the FOGS fund. She undertook the project as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award, we are very thankful that she chose us!

You may remember that 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. You can now vote in the following stores until the end of July 2026. We'd like to ask you and your family and friends for 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! Recent updates from the main store in Carlton suggest that we might just be in the lead.

Please help to keep us there.

At FOGS meeting earlier this week, we discussed the need for prizes for our annual Year 6 BBQ raffle. If you know of local (or National!) businesses that would like to donate a prize, please see a FOGS parent or email on gunthorpefogs@yahoo.com

School's Summer term trips are all being subsidised by FOGS, including J2's Newark Theatre visit, Junior 1's trip to Sherwood Forest and the Infants outing to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Please also remember that we have a Break The Rules Day on the last day of term too.

Assessments

Our lovely Year 6 children will soon be taking their end of Primary school assessments (SATs). They should be very proud of their hard work and determination, we certainly are. The assessments will take place from Mon 11th May to Thurs 14th May. We would ask that the children will have an early night and a good breakfast before each assessment.

Children in other year groups will be completing their end of year assessments after half term. June is a busy time, which includes the national Multiplication checks for Year 4, Phonics for Year 1 and optional SATs for Year 2. In all other year groups, teachers will be undertaking internal assessments.



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



Diary Dates

Summer Term

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
Thurs 4th June – After school kwik cricket event @ Flintham (Juniors)
Tues 9th June – MHST Workshops for Infants and Yr 3/4
Thurs 11th June – Hardball cricket event (Yr 5/6)
Tues 16th June – Sports Day
Thurs 18th June – Toot Hill Staff in school to see Year 6
Mon 22nd June – School photos
Tues 23rd June – Values Day
Wed 24th June – Fri 26th June Year 5-6 Residential
Wed 1st July Achievement and Awards Assembly @ 9am in hall
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)
Mon 6th July – Transition morning for new classes, including new Reception 2026
Thurs 9th July – Whole school Football World Cup Tournament
Fri 10th July Transition morning for new classes
Tues 14th July – Infants visit to The Old Barn @ Field Farm
Wed 15th July – KS2 Production
Thurs 16th July – Yr 6 @ Southwell Minster
Thurs 16th July – Leavers BBQ – Time TBC
Mon 20th July – Milly Lawson (Creative Arts Officer Newark & Sherwood District Council) in with J1 all day
Thurs 23rd July – Leavers Service @ 2.15pm
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