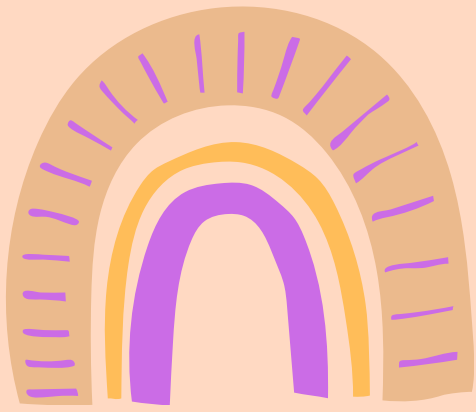




June 2026

Newsletter



Gunthorpe C of E Primary School



DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

I can hardly believe that we are already in the final half term of the school year. This term is always action packed as there are days out, visitors into school, shows to rehearse and perform, Sports day and sporting opportunities and also the remaining curriculum to teach and assess!

We welcome 2 new pre-schoolers into Infant 1, Bobby and Ezra. They have both settled well and the other children have been fantastic at welcoming them into the class.

With all this great weather we have been having, could I remind you all to send in a hat that can stay in the children's bag, it is really helpful. In addition, on warmer days, please apply sunscreen to the children before school. If you feel they will require more throughout the day, staff can supervise this but children will apply it themselves.

Take Care, Mrs Brown

PACKED LUNCH GUIDELINES

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits, we kindly ask parents to provide a balanced packed lunch for their child. A healthy lunch should include items such as fruit or vegetables, a sandwich, wrap, crackers or pasta, and a drink of water. Please avoid including sweets, chocolate bars and sugary snacks. Also be conscious of high salt/fat items such as larger bags of crisps or pre-packed savoury snacks. We have noticed an increase in these items and ask for your support with the matter.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

A message from the Governing Body: We are looking for an enthusiastic and objective person to join our local Governing body as a Trust-appointed Governor. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who cares about the strategic direction of local education and wants to make a difference to the lives of our pupils. You do not need specific skills or experience to become a governor, however you will be required to attend meeting after school during term time. What matters most is your commitment to supporting the school, being a critical friend and working as part of a team. If you feel you can support the school we would love to hear from you! For more information or an informal chat, please contact the Chair of Governors - Tara Cook or Head Teacher - Mel Brown via email: office@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk





FOGS UPDATE



Our Summer raffle tickets are now sale on the school playground, please see a member of the FOGS team. It would be great if you could sell as many tickets as possible to family and friends too. We will draw the raffle on the night of the Leavers BBQ (Thurs 16th July). There are some great prizes this year including, Boho Festival Tickets, T20 cricket tickets for Trent Bridge, 3 month membership for Bingham Leisure Centre, Langer Hall gift voucher and a family pass to the Gloworm Festival to name but a few.

In addition, FOGS want to remind you that the Tesco Grants Programme is still live, so please do keep voting for Gunthorpe. Each time you go in to:

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

if you make a purchase there are tokens at the self check out, you can take a handful and place them in the Gunthorpe slot!

Achievement and Awards Assembly

As many of you are now familiar with, we hold an assembly each term to celebrate achievements and awards that our children have earned, outside of school. Lots of pupils have hobbies and interests and we are always keen to champion and share their success stories. If the children have any certificates, medals, trophies etc please send them in by Tues 30th June in readiness for the assembly on Wed 1st July. This helps me understand how many children we have and how to organise the assembly. All parents/carers are welcome to join us for this from 9am on the 1st July in the school hall.

The achievements can be diverse and broad, a new badge from Brownies, a trophy from football, photos of a hike up a very big mountain, dance exam success or maybe a swimming certificate. We love to hear about them all!

Government Sports Funding

For many years all primary schools have received 'ring fenced' funding that must be spent on sports, health and wellbeing. At Gunthorpe, we take this very seriously and we are proud of the creative ways we have managed to stretch the funding to enable all children to benefit. To give some examples of the sort of thing we currently fund, this includes specialist coaches such as our dance teacher, Lauren, our Rugby and cricket coach, Robin, plus the use of coaches for PE, who have delivered basketball, tennis and gymnastics. In addition, we also fund after school sports clubs to ensure these are provided to families free of charge, the list of those clubs is endless! Our partnership work with the Rushcliffe School games (which school contributes financially) means that many after school events are also free. We also use this money to partially fund swimming (some comes out of the school budget too) and our learning mentor, who is in school once a week. News came from the Department for Education just before half term that this funding will cease from Dec 2026. Although there will be funding of some sort to support schools in delivering enrichment activities, it will not be managed by schools themselves and more importantly, the pot of money will be smaller! We shall wait and see what this means (as we have no further guidance yet) but I thought it was important to share with you.

Great Athletes Sponsored Event

We are excited to be welcoming Joe Roebuck to school on 18th June. Pupils will take part in a fun fitness circuit, hear about the athlete's inspiring sporting journey, and have the opportunity to ask questions during a Q&A session. Sponsorship forms have been sent home today, and funds raised will help us purchase new sports equipment and further enhance physical activity opportunities for our pupils. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

Tues 9th June – MHST Workshops for Infants and Yr 3/4
Thurs 11th June – Hardball cricket event (Yr 5/6)
Mon 15th June – Golf skills Festival (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
Mon 22nd June KS1 Summer Multi skills Festival (Yr1/2)
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
Thurs 2nd July – Scatterball Rounders event (Yr 5/6)
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
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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 4.30–7
Mon 20 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