

12th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Firstly, a huge welcome to our new families who have joined the Gawthorpe Community Academy family.

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week and I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Easter period. I also want to wish our children, families and staff the most wonderful Eid – celebrating this time together with your loved ones. It has been wonderful to hear the reflections and journey that Mr Patel and his family have enjoyed throughout Ramadan and I thank him for sharing this with our children.

This week, we received an external phonics audit from Read.Write.Inc and I am pleased to say this provided some incredible feedback for our team in reception and year 1 and the practice our wonderful staff are providing the children of Gawthorpe.

We have also welcomed the Gawthorpe Brass Band into school for a special assembly, where we have said thank you and happy retirement to our CEO, Mrs Vickerman. Many of you will remember Mrs Vickerman personally, who was the previous headteacher here at Gawthorpe before taking up the position of CEO.

I am very excited for what is a very busy half term ahead with community events, visitors into school and end of key stage SATs. We will be sharing all the key information for this with you all during our consultations coming up this month.

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to Year 2 who have achieved the best overall attendance this week. As a school, we strive to ensure our weekly attendance is at least 97%. Your support in this is vital.

Year Group	This week's school attendance %
Reception	83.07%
Year 1	88.89%
Year 2	98.41%
Year 3	87.04%
Year 4	92.22%
Year 5	97.04%
Year 6	87.04%
Whole School	89.66%

Nursery Open Day

Please let any friends and family with 2 year olds know about our open day on Saturday 13th April. This is an opportunity to look around the setting and meet staff who can answer any questions they may have. There is no catchment area for Nursery.

Maypole Festival

Nursery children can be taken out of nursery by parents/carers to go to this event.

PTFA Meeting

PTFA will be meeting on Monday 15th April at 6pm in Nursery if anyone would like to come along.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
22.04.24	Parent and Carer Consultations	Reception – Year 5
24.04.24	Inspire Morning	Year 1
01.05.24	Grandparents Stay and Play 10.15am-11.30am	Nursery
02.05.24	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School including Nursery
03.05.24	Sports Day – am	Reception – Year 6
03.05.24	Maypole Festival - pm	Reception – Year 6
04.05.24	Maypole Day	Village Community Event
06.05.24	Bank Holiday – School Closed	Whole School including Nursery
W.C. 07.05.24	KS1 SATs	Year 2
W.C 13.05.24	KS2 SATs	Year 6
24.05.24	Break up for Spring Bank	Whole School including Nursery
10.06.24	Return to School	Whole School including Nursery



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<https://parentportal.wakefield.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

Or by scanning this QR Code



If you are eligible a 12 digit code will be generated.
Take this code to your childcare provider to access
the free hours.

