GATEWAY GOSSIP NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2026

















Message from Miss Makinson

Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful start to the final half of our Autumn Term! The school has been buzzing with activity since our return, from Year 3 practising hard for their Dance Festival to Early Years beginning rehearsals for their Nativity. A huge thank you to all of our pupils for the immense respect they showed during our Remembrance Assembly, as well as their fantastic fundraising efforts today for Children in Need.

We are thrilled to share that we are currently leading the town in attendance! As we head deeper into cough and cold season, we want to keep this fantastic momentum going. If your child is feeling slightly under the weather, please do still send them in—if they are too unwell to manage the school day, we will of course contact you. Over the last two weeks, our attendance has dipped slightly from 96% to 95.5%. If we can keep our attendance at 95.3% or higher by the end of term in December, we will celebrate with a bouncy castle and special treats for all the children! Let's work together to make it happen!

Miss Makinson

Our Spotlight

Year 3







So far Year 3 have engaged in some amazing learning! We have been learning about animals including humans, understanding how our bodies work and the importance of a balanced diet. We have now moved onto Forces and Magnets and have been exploring magnetism and friction. We have also been working really hard on our Dance Festival performance of Michael Jackson's Beat It which the children have been amazing at! In Year 3 we were also lucky enough to be chosen by the National Literacy Trust to take part in a reading programme called 'Buzzing About Books'. We were given a whole new set of books and we have been reading these every day!





Dates

Tuesday 17th November

Year 3 Dance Festival at the Winter Gardens- buy tickets direct from the Winter Gardens for the nighttime performance

Friday 20th November

Parent Forum 9-10am-subject to be confirmed

Monday 23rd November

Year 5 trip to see author Kwame Alexander at the Grand Theatre

Tuesday 24th November

School Photo Day

Friday 27th November

Non uniform day -bring a chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair

Wednesday 3rd December

Friends of Gateway wrapping of school gifts to children

Friday 18th December

School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas holidays

Have a lovely weekend

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