### GATEWAY GOSSIP Friday 16th October 2025 NEWSLETTER





#### **Dates**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October
Halloween Dress Up
Parents Crafts 9.15-10.45am
Break up for two weeks.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October
Inset Day

<u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</u> School Opens at 8.45am.

<u>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November</u> Year 3 Dance Festival at Winter Gardens

<u>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</u> Children In Need – wear something yellow or spotty

<u>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</u> Non-Uniform day for chocolate



#### Message from Miss Makinson

Hi Everyone,

As my first half term as headteacher comes to a close, I want to extend my sincere thanks for the incredible support you've shown me and the school community. It's been a truly wonderful start, and I've felt so welcomed by everyone.

We finished the half term on a high note! It was fantastic to see the creativity and confidence of our students in their class assemblies this week. They were a true testament to all the hard work they've been doing.

The highlight has certainly been seeing the children embrace our festive activities. We had so much fun with our Halloween crafts, and the energy and creativity in the Halloween parties were fantastic!

Thank you to all our families for joining in the fun. The smiles on the children's faces were the perfect way to finish this busy period.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe half term break and remember that school opens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>
November at 8.45am.

See you soon! Miss Makinson

# Spotlight A message from Year 2 What a great half term in Year 2. In Maths, we've laid a vital foundation by deepworld of place value. The children have been

In Maths, we've laid a vital foundation by deep-diving into the world of place value. The children have been busy using a variety of hands-on resources—like counters and base-ten blocks—to visualize and extend their understanding of numbers. This kinesthetic approach is essential for building a strong, long-lasting grasp of core mathematical concepts.

In P.E we have been perfecting our jumps and rolls and challenged ourselves to put these together to create a sequence.

Our explorations in History have been truly fascinating. We've been transported back in time to 1666 to study the Great Fire of London. The children have been gripped by the details, learning all about the conditions that caused the fire to spread so quickly. In Science we have been learning about animals including humans. We have been looking at adults and their offspring and which animals have similarities and differences to their adult. We have also been looking at a variety of life cycles!

We are so proud of everything the Year 2 students have achieved so far. They've shown great curiosity and a wonderful capacity for hard work.









#### Class Assemblies

Year 3

Dance Festival at the
Winter Gardens.
Thursday 13th
November - Evening

Early Years
Nativity
Tuesday 9th December
9.15am-10am or
2.30-3.15pm

Year 4
Christingle/Carol
Service
Thursday 11th December
9.15am-10am

### Have a lovely half term



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#### Reminders

School closes today for our two week break. We hope you all have a lovely, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3rd November.

A reminder that earrings need to be taken out for PE and should only be stud earrings.

Friends of Gateway
Our next meeting is on
Wednesday 3rd December
1pm-3pm. All are welcome to
join.











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