

# GATEWAY GOSSIP NEWSLETTER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Dates

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Parent Forum**  
**9am-10am**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**January**  
**Gateway Extra Film**  
**Night**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Number Day**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Close for Half Term**  
**at 3.15pm**

### ***Message from Miss Makinson***

Hi Everyone,  
Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It has been an absolute joy to welcome our families back through the gates this week. Walking through the corridors, I have been struck by the wonderful sense of calm and focus across the school. It is clear that the children have returned from the Christmas break refreshed and ready to learn. Transitioning back into a routine after the festivities can sometimes be a challenge, but our students have settled in remarkably well.

To start the week, we held a special 'Reset Assembly.' This was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a whole school to reflect on our core values and expectations. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and eager to make this term their best one yet.

As we begin 2026, we are placing a strong emphasis on attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day is the single most important factor in your child's progress and social development.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead and I look forward to sharing more of our successes with you over the coming weeks.

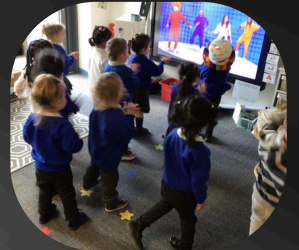
Thanks, Miss Makinson

## Spotlight A message from Nursery and Reception

Happy New Year. Our EYFS classrooms have been full of smiles, new friendships and a real buzz for learning! This week, the children have been working hard on retelling the story, 'The Three Little Pigs' using our story maps, which helps them build their confidence in speaking, sequencing events and using new vocabulary.

The children received a message to say that the Wolf had convinced Elsa to freeze 'The Three Little Pigs' and we had to help melt them. The children had lots of great ideas on how we could do this.

We are looking forward to the rest of our half term. Please keep reading at home with your children and learning our 'Words of the Week.'



### Class Assemblies

Whole School  
Art Exhibition  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
2-3pm

Musical Theatre  
WC 9<sup>th</sup> February -  
Schools Alive

Year 3  
Roald Dahl  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
March

### Reminders

#### Attendance

If your child is unfit for school, please inform us before 9am.

☎ Ring 01253 402936 - option 1 for our absence hotline or option 2 for a friendly office chat.

✉ Drop us a line at  
[admin@gateway.fcat.org.uk](mailto:admin@gateway.fcat.org.uk)

📱 Quick text to 0788684394.

👤 Pop by the office when you're dropping off siblings.

## Have a lovely weekend

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