



Newsletter 10

[A note from Mrs Case...](#)

What a fantastic start to Term 6 we have had! It has already been a busy and exciting few weeks, with so much to celebrate across our school community.

Our Year 4 pupils approached the Multiplication Tables Check with determination, while our Year 1 children impressed us during the Phonics Screening Check. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and positive attitudes they have shown throughout.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Booth, our CEO, to GipseY Bridge Academy. He was thrilled to see our wonderful learning environment, spend time with the children, and visit classrooms full of purposeful learning. It was a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our school with him and showcase everything that makes our community so special.

Transition has been a key focus this term. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed visits and transition opportunities with their secondary schools, while all of our pupils have been preparing for the next stage of their learning through a range of activities in school. It has also been a delight to meet the families who will be joining us in September. Through welcome meetings, our family picnic and additional visits, we have already begun building those important relationships. We are looking forward to welcoming our newest children into school this week as they begin to experience classroom routines and become part of the GipseY Bridge Academy family.

A huge thank you must go to our incredible PTFA and everyone who supported our fantastic Summer Fair. Following the success of our 'Break the Rules' Day, so many generous donations helped make the event possible. It was wonderful to see our community come together to raise funds for the school and create such a memorable day for our children and families.

We also enjoyed our annual whole-school photograph—a lovely opportunity to capture memories and celebrate the people who have played such an important part in our children's school journey.

Following recent national news stories, we were pleased to provide an additional Water Safety Workshop, led by Mr Gilbert from JB Sports. This invaluable session helped our children develop vital life-saving knowledge and reinforced the importance of staying safe around water. Promoting health, safety and physical activity continues through our Class 2 swimming programme, inter-school sporting events and our fantastic participation in the Wrangle Show.

There is still so much to look forward to before the end of the academic year. We have further transition opportunities for every class, Sports Day, Bikeability for our Year 5 pupils, inter-school cricket, the ever-popular Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match, Class 3's end-of-year performance and, of course, our emotional Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.

As we reflect on what has already been an incredible year, we are reminded of just how much our children have achieved. There is still plenty to enjoy, and we look forward to making even more special memories together. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to live, learn and grow together, ensuring every child is ready to flourish in the opportunities ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Case

The term ahead...

Tuesday 7th July	Transition pm
Wednesday 8th July	Transition am Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 9th July	Sports Day picnic at 12pm Sports Day 1pm
Friday 10th July	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 14th July	Class 3 Performances 2pm and 5:30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Class 3 Performance 5:30pm
Friday 17th July	Reports will be emailed to parents
Monday 20th July	New EYFS Transition afternoon 1:30-2:30
Wednesday 21st July	(Year 6 Parents only) Leavers Assembly 2pm

Attendance

There is always great excitement in school as we celebrate each class's attendance success every week. Our children take great pride in their achievements, and it is wonderful to see the sense of teamwork and shared responsibility this creates. Excellent attendance not only supports academic progress but also helps children feel secure, confident and fully engaged in school life.

We kindly ask all families to continue supporting good attendance. Every day in school matters. Learning is carefully sequenced, with each lesson building on prior knowledge, so even short periods of absence can make it more difficult for children to keep up both academically and socially.

As we begin planning for the next academic year, we would also like to remind families to consider the Lincolnshire County Council attendance policy before booking holidays. Leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised holidays may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued, and persistent absence may also lead to further intervention and fines in line with national attendance guidance and Lincolnshire County Council procedures. We therefore encourage all holidays to be taken during the school holiday periods wherever possible.

Equally important is arriving at school on time. Our gates open at **8:35am** and close promptly at **8:45am**. Being punctual allows children to settle calmly, participate in important morning routines and early learning activities, and begin the day alongside their peers. Arriving late can be unsettling for children and disruptive to learning, so we ask that all pupils are on site, ready to learn, by **8:45am**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child achieve the very best attendance possible. By working together, we can ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive, make the most of every learning experience and continue to **live, learn and grow together**.

Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued. This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.



First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.



Second Offence
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

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School Uniform and PE Arrangements for September 2026



As we look ahead to the new academic year, please take a moment to view our **School Uniform List for 2026/2027**, which can be accessed using the link below.

We are incredibly proud of our school community, and we continue to encourage all children to wear the correct school uniform every day. Our uniform helps to create a strong sense of belonging, promotes equality and school pride, and ensures that all children feel part of the GipseY Bridge Academy family.

For children in Years 1 to 6, PE will continue to take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days, as they have done this year. This arrangement maximises learning time, reduces the need for changing during the school day and supports the delivery of the statutory requirement of at least two hours of high-quality Physical Education each week.

Our **new EYFS children** should bring their PE kit into school in a clearly labelled bag rather than wearing it to school. As part of the Early Years curriculum, children are encouraged to develop their independence by learning to dress and undress themselves. These important self-care skills help build confidence, resilience and independence, supporting them both in school and in everyday life.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school each day dressed appropriately and ready to learn. Your partnership helps us maintain the high standards and strong sense of community that we value so highly at GipseY Bridge Academy.

School Uniform List 2026/2027: [GipseY Bridge Academy - Uniform](#)

Social Media



Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates, important information and photos of activities taking place in school.

If you do not wish for your child to appear in photographs shared on social media, please ensure your permissions are updated through the school office.

Facebook: GipseY Bridge Academy

Instagram: gipseYbridgeschool

PTFA

Please take a moment to view the latest updates from the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) on the noticeboard in the waiting area by the hall. Dates for upcoming meetings and events will be shared there, so please do keep an eye out and add them to your diaries.

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend meetings and contribute ideas or suggestions.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for the resources they continue to fund across the school. This is made possible through the generosity and support of our whole school community, and it is greatly appreciated.

Any enquiries please email the chair of the committee, Lisa Willey on gipseybridgeacademyPTFA@gmail.com



You can continue to support the PTFA through **easyfundraising**. Simply download the app to your phone and, whenever you shop online, you'll be given the option to donate to Gipse Bridge Academy at no extra cost to you.

Please scan the QR code to register—it's a quick and easy way to make a real difference while you shop.

Class Teachers 2026/2027

From September, we would like to wish Miss Drury all the very best as she begins her maternity leave.

During her absence, Mrs Case will take on the role of SENCO. Mrs Case has over 15 years' experience as a SENCO and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role. As a result, she will no longer be class-based, and we have therefore recruited additional teaching staff to support our classes.

Our teaching team from September will be:

- **EYFS:** Mr Kirkman (Monday and Friday), Mrs Fappiano (Tuesday to Thursday)
- **Class 1:** Mrs Naghen (Monday and Friday), Mr Kirkman (Tuesday to Thursday)
- **Class 2:** Miss Doran
- **Class 3:** Mrs Clark (Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Fletcher (Wednesday to Friday)

Mrs Case will continue in her role as Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) alongside her responsibilities as SENCO.

The recruitment process for our Teaching Assistants is still ongoing, and we will update you as soon as appointments have been confirmed. In the meantime, please be reassured that the level of support staff across the school has been carefully planned to ensure it meets the needs of all our children.

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