



End of Year Newsletter

Headteacher's End of Year Message

Wow – what a year it has been!

From our very first Celebration Assembly in September to our final one last week, and everything in between, it has been an absolute privilege to be part of the Gipsey Bridge Academy community.

As this was my first year as Headteacher, much of the year has been about getting to know the school, learning what makes Gipsey Bridge Academy so special, and building relationships with our wonderful children, families and staff. From the moment I arrived, I was made to feel incredibly welcome, and I would like to thank you all for your kindness,

support and encouragement. I can honestly say that I have loved every minute and am already looking forward to the year ahead.

This year has brought its share of challenges, as every school year does. Along the way, we have worked together to navigate unexpected situations, adapt to new systems and respond to changing circumstances, always keeping the safety, wellbeing and best interests of our children at the centre of every decision we make. I am grateful for the understanding and support shown by our families throughout the year, and for the valuable feedback provided through conversations, meetings and our parent survey, all of which help us to continue to grow and improve.

Alongside these challenges have been countless memorable moments and opportunities to celebrate. It has been wonderful to welcome families into school for events such as Michael Rosen Day, Science Week, our Christmas performances, and a range of learning celebrations throughout the year. We have enjoyed many much-loved Gipse Bridge traditions, including the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity, our whole-school trip to the Kinema, the fantastic Summer Fair, and, most recently, the brilliant Class 3 Leavers' Performance. These experiences create lasting memories for our children and remind us of the strength of our school community.

I would like to thank all of our staff, governors, families and, most importantly, our children for making this such a successful and enjoyable year. The enthusiasm, resilience and kindness shown by our pupils every day make Gipse Bridge Academy a truly special place to be.

To our Year 6 children and their families, we wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education. Thank you for everything you have contributed to our school community over the years. You will be greatly missed, but you will always remain an important part of the Gipse Bridge Academy family. We would love to hear how you get on, so please do keep in touch.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful and safe summer holiday. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and beginning another exciting chapter together.

Kind regards,

Mrs Case

End of Year Events

Wrangle Show

It was wonderful to see so many children from GipseY Bridge taking part in the Wrangle Show, especially Toni, who proudly showed one of her horses. She demonstrated incredible courage and represented the school brilliantly. We were also delighted to retain the Inter-School Sports Trophy for the third consecutive year. A huge well done to everyone who participated and supported the event.

Transition Time

Our official transition sessions took place last week, giving children the opportunity to spend time in their new classes ahead of September. They enjoyed a variety of activities and had the chance to meet their new teachers and classmates. We were also delighted to welcome our new EYFS children into school for their first Stay and Play session. It was lovely to see them settling in and enjoying their time with us.

Sports Day

Thank you for your understanding and support on Sports Day. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as the children did. There was plenty of excitement throughout the day, particularly for our Year 6 pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the ever-popular water race!

Class 3 Performance

Wow – what a show! A huge congratulations to Class 3 for their fantastic performance of *School Daze*. The children truly shone on stage, showcasing their confidence, talent and hard work. Thank you to the Class 3 team for supporting and facilitating such a wonderful production. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved.

End of Year Reports

We hope you have received your child's End of Year Report via email. It was a privilege to read each report and celebrate the many achievements, successes and milestones reached by our children this year. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact us via the enquiries email address or speak with your child's class teacher at drop-off or pick-up times.

Year 6 vs Teachers Rounders Match

The much-anticipated Year 6 vs Teachers Rounders Match certainly lived up to expectations! With tactics being discussed and plans made since the start of the year, there was plenty of

pressure on both teams. However, after an exciting and closely contested match, it was a draw! Well done to everyone who took part and made it such an enjoyable event. 🍷🍦

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly was a wonderfully emotional celebration, filled with laughter, treasured memories and a few tears as we reflected on their journey at Gipse Bridge Academy. The fun photo booth, followed by a whole-school guard of honour, provided the perfect send-off as we wished our pupils every success for the future. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and know they will always be part of the Gipse Bridge family.

[Teaching Team for 2026-2027](#)



As announced in our previous newsletter, we are pleased to confirm our teaching team for the next academic year:

- **EYFS:** Mr Kirkman (Monday and Friday), Mrs Fappiano (Tuesday to Thursday) and Mrs Wright

- **Class 1:** Mrs Naghen (Monday and Friday), Mr Kirkman (Tuesday to Thursday), Mrs Bedwell, Mrs Wilson and Miss Hardstaff
- **Class 2:** Miss Doran, Miss Daft (soon to be Mrs Williams!) and Mrs Czornookyj
- **Class 3:** Mrs Clark (Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Fletcher (Wednesday to Friday), Miss Haines, Mrs Roberts and Mr Clayton

Mrs Case will continue in her role as Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). In addition, while Miss Drury is on maternity leave, Mrs Case will also take on the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Having already worked closely alongside Miss Drury, Mrs Case looks forward to continuing to support our pupils and families, ensuring the provision for children with additional needs remains strong and effective throughout the year.

Celebrations, Farewells and Best Wishes

As we reach the end of the academic year, we also say goodbye to some valued members of our team.

We would like to thank Mark Holland, our caretaker, who will not be returning in September. Mark has been a valued member of our school community, and we wish him every success and happiness in his new role.

We also say farewell to Mrs Willey, thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication to both the school and the PTFA over the years. Her contribution to our school community has been greatly appreciated, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

There is also exciting news to celebrate!

Congratulations to Miss Daft, who is getting married over the summer holidays and will return to school in September as Mrs Williams. We wish her every happiness for her special day and the future ahead.

Finally, we would like to wish Miss Drury all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for her and can't wait to meet Baby Woods. We send our love and best wishes to the whole family as they enjoy this very special time together.

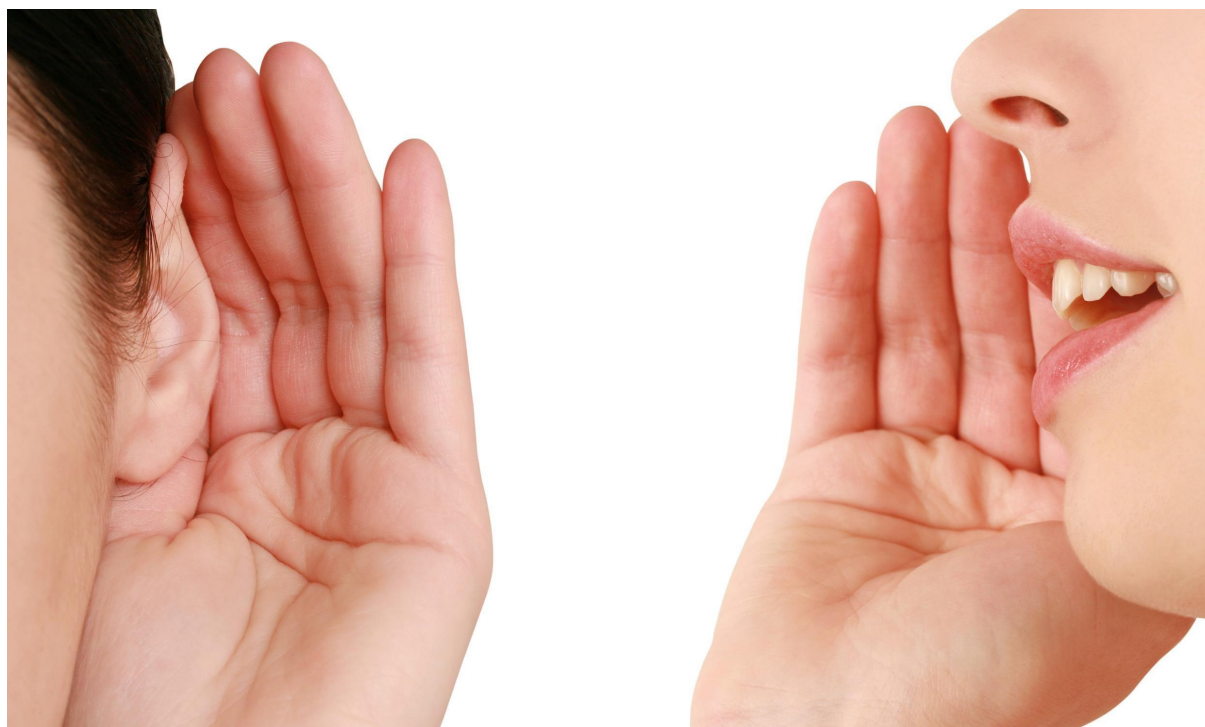
Dates for your diary 2026-2027



Please find provisional dates for your diaries for term 1. A full list will be added to the school calendar on our website. Please subscribe to the calendar for the most up to date dates. More information will be shared via the newsletter or Parent Hub closer to the time.

Thursday 3rd September	Term 1 begins
Friday 11th September	11+ Verbal Reasoning Paper (Year 5)
Thursday 17th September	Road Safety Day PTFA AGM 7pm
Friday 18th September	11+ Non Verbal Reasoning Paper (Year 5)
Wednesday 23rd September	Parent Information Morning- English 8:45-9:30
Tuesday 29th September	Parent Information Morning- Maths 8:45-9:30
Wednesday 7th October	Parent Information Morning- PSHE 8:45-9:30
Monday 12th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 13th October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 14th October	Parent Consultations
Monday 19th October	Individual Photographs
Wednesday 21st October	PTFA Halloween Disco
Friday 23rd October	Celebration Afternoon

Parent Survey Response



Following our recent parent survey, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and feedback. We value your views and have carefully considered the suggestions made. As a result, we are pleased to announce several developments that will be introduced from September.

Keeping You Informed About Learning

Some parents told us that they would like more information about what their child is learning in school.

Each term, curriculum maps for every class are published on our website. To make these easier to access, we will include direct links in our newsletters at the beginning and end of each term.

We will also be introducing Parent Information Mornings for the core curriculum areas of English, Maths and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). These sessions will provide an opportunity for subject leaders to explain how these subjects are taught at Gipse Bridge Academy, as well as share practical ideas for supporting learning at home. For those unable to attend, all information will also be made available on the school website.

Celebrating Success Together

Some parents shared that attending our weekly Celebration Assemblies can sometimes be difficult due to other commitments.

To help with this, we will continue to celebrate our children's achievements during our weekly assemblies in school. Rather than notifying families in advance of celebrations, we will share these special moments afterwards through ParentHub, including photographs of the children who have been recognised. This will allow all families to join in with celebrating our pupils' successes, without the pressure of attending weekly assemblies.

In addition, we are introducing a Celebration Afternoon at the end of each term. This will take place on the final afternoon before each holiday and will give parents, carers and extended family members the opportunity to visit school, see what children have been learning, look through their work and join us in celebrating their achievements together.

Enrichment Opportunities

Many families expressed a desire for even more enrichment opportunities for our children.

We hope you have noticed our commitment this year to ensuring that every child has experienced at least one class educational visit. This is something we will continue next year, as we firmly believe that children learn best through a rich variety of experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

We have also planned a wide range of visitors, workshops and special events throughout the year to enhance the curriculum and broaden children's experiences. We look forward to welcoming members of our wider school community to support this work and share their expertise with our pupils.

Our successful partnership with JB Sports will continue, with after-school clubs remaining in place. We are also excited to introduce an additional weekly enrichment session during the school day, delivered by JB Sports. Further details will be shared in September.

Children will continue to have opportunities to take on leadership roles across the school, including:

- Junior Road Safety Officers
- Junior Online Safety Officers
- Wellbeing Champions
- GBA Champions
- Sports Leaders

These roles will continue to be supported by external professionals and partners. We are also pleased to be expanding participation in inter-school competitions through our JB Sports Partnership, giving more children the chance to represent Gipse Bridge Academy throughout the year.

Introducing Our House System

Our GBA Champions reflected on ways to create more opportunities for children to work, learn and compete alongside pupils from different classes.

As a result, we will be introducing a new House System across the school. Initially, houses will be organised into four teams:

 **Red**

 **Blue**

 **Yellow**

 **Green**

Children and staff will be allocated to a house and will work together throughout the academic year in a variety of events, challenges and competitions. The GBA Champions will be involved in developing house identities and naming the teams in the future.

The year will culminate in our annual Sports Day, where houses will compete for the overall championship. We are excited to see the teamwork, school spirit and sense of belonging this new initiative will bring.

A Request for Support from Our Community

As many of our families are connected to the farming community, we would love for Gipse Bridge Academy to have a presence at the Lincolnshire Show next year. If you, your family or your business attend the show and would be interested in partnering with us, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Assessment Dates for 2026-2027



Key Assessment Dates for 2026-2027

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning Monday 14 June 2027
Year 2 Phonics Re-check	Week beginning Monday 14 June 2027
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)	2 Weeks beginning Monday 7 June 2027
Year 6 KS2 SATs Week	Monday 10 May – Thursday 13 May 2027
Punctuation & Spelling (Papers 1 & 2) (Arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning) (Reasoning)	Monday 10 May 2027 English Grammar,
	Tuesday 11 May 2027 English Reading
	Wednesday 12 May 2027 Mathematics Paper 1
	Thursday 13 May 2027 Mathematics Paper 3

Attendance Matters

One of the highlights of each week at Gipse Bridge Academy is celebrating our attendance successes. Children take great pride in earning attendance awards for their class, and it is wonderful to see the teamwork, commitment and sense of responsibility this promotes across the school.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to thank families for their continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Learning builds progressively over time, and every lesson contributes to the knowledge, skills and experiences that children need to succeed. Regular attendance also helps children to build friendships, develop confidence and feel fully connected to school life.

When planning family holidays and trips, we kindly ask parents and carers to take school term dates into consideration. In line with Lincolnshire County Council guidance, requests for leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately, during this academic year a number of families have been issued with Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences taken during term time. We appreciate that family time is important, but we strongly encourage all holidays to be booked during school holiday periods wherever possible to avoid disruption to children's learning and the potential for fines to be issued.

Punctuality is equally important. School gates open at **8:35am** and close promptly at **8:45am**. Arriving on time allows children to settle positively into the school day, take part in important morning routines and begin learning alongside their classmates. We ask that all pupils are in school and ready to learn by **8:45am** each day.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive, achieve and continue to live, learn and grow together. We are looking forward to another year of excellent attendance and celebrating the success that comes with being in school every day.

School Uniform 2026-2027



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 Gipse 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 Gipse Bridge Academy.

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

PTFA- We Need You!



Our PTFA plays an incredibly important role in school life, helping to organise events, raise valuable funds and create memorable experiences for all of our children. This year alone, the PTFA has raised an incredible amount for the school, providing additional resources, opportunities and experiences that directly benefit every child. We are enormously grateful for all of the hard work, time and enthusiasm that has made this possible.

A huge thank you must go to the dedicated parents and community members who have given up their time to organise, plan and run events throughout the year. Whether helping behind the scenes, setting up, serving refreshments, selling tickets or leading events, your commitment has been invaluable. The success of the PTFA is entirely down to the generosity and support of volunteers, and we are incredibly thankful for everything you have done.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we need your help to ensure the PTFA can continue to support our school community.

We would like to invite all parents, carers and members of our school community to attend the **PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**:

 **Thursday 17th September**

 7:00pm

 Gipsey Bridge Academy

During the meeting, we will:

- Elect the PTFA committee for the coming year
- Discuss the most appropriate times for future meetings
- Share plans for future fundraising and community events

We are seeking volunteers for the following key roles:

- **Chair**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

No previous experience is necessary—just a willingness to get involved and support our children.

We have already identified a number of exciting events and opportunities for the children in the year ahead. However, these events can only take place if we have a committed PTFA and volunteers willing to help organise and run them.

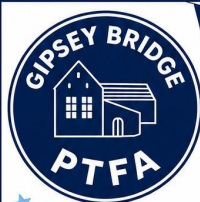
Without your support, these events simply cannot happen.

Even if you are unable to commit to a committee role, your help at events, sharing ideas or supporting fundraising activities can make a huge difference. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, helps us create wonderful experiences for our children.

We hope you will consider joining us on **17th September** and becoming part of a team that has such a positive impact on the lives of our pupils. Together, we can continue to make Gipsey Bridge Academy an incredible place for our children to learn, grow and thrive.



Please see below the proposed events and dates for the coming academic year. We would love your support in helping to make them a reality.



GIPSEY BRIDGE ACADEMY PTFA

★ SEPTEMBER 2025 – JULY 2026 ★

Together we raise, together we make a difference!

MONEY RAISED since September 2025	
 - Halloween Disco & Refreshments	£171.79
 - Wreath Making	£120.00
 - Christmas Fair & Raffle	£1323.79
 - Village Nativity Refreshments	£31.23
 - Valentines Cinema Night & Cake Stall	£194.00
 - Easter Bingo & Refreshments	£665.39
 - Summer Fair & Raffle	£2107.91
 - Sports Day Refreshments	£19.35
 - Yr 6 Swimathon	£300.00
 - EasyFunding Donation	£41.71
TOTAL RAISED £4975.17	

PURCHASES MADE for school since September 2025	
 - Leavers Hoodies	£330.04
 - Bus, Ice Creams and Gifts for Kinema Trip	£635.46
 - Christmas Selection Boxes	£101.04
 - Class Choices	£847.86
 - Tables	£293.99
 - Gazebos	£802.26
TOTAL PURCHASES MADE £3010.65	

THANK YOU!

Your support helps us create amazing opportunities and resources for all our children.

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS!

GIPSEY BRIDGE PTFA PTFA EVENTS 2026/2027	
 THURSDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER 2026 7PM	PTFA AGM
 WEDNESDAY 21 ST OCTOBER 2026	HALLOWEEN DISCO
 FRIDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER 2026	CHRISTMAS FAIR
 WEDNESDAY 10 TH FEBRUARY 2027	VALENTINE'S MOVIE NIGHT
 FRIDAY 12 TH MARCH 2027	NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM EVENT FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO PRIZE
 FRIDAY 19 TH MARCH 2027	CHOCOLATE BINGO
 FRIDAY 28 TH MAY 2027	COLOUR RUN AND RAFFLE LAUNCH
 FRIDAY 11 TH JUNE 2027	NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY FOR TOMBOLA PRIZE
 SATURDAY 19 TH JUNE 2027	SUMMER FAIR
 THURSDAY 8 TH JULY 2027	SPORTS DAY
TOGETHER WE RAISE MORE, DO MORE, FOR OUR SCHOOL!	