



Gipsey Bridge Academy

Newsletter 2

A note from Mrs Case

Dear Gipsey Bridge Academy Families,

As we come to the end of our first term together, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome I've received since joining the school. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all of the children, the staff, and of course, you, the families that make this community so special.

The enthusiasm and support that I've felt from both the children and you as parents has truly made this transition an enjoyable one, and I can already see how much care and dedication you all invest in making this school such a nurturing place for our young learners. It has been wonderful watching the children grow and engage with new ideas, and I'm so excited for what lies ahead!

Looking forward to the term ahead, I'm thrilled about the fun-filled days that await as we head into the festive season. There will be many exciting activities and learning opportunities, and I'm confident that together we'll make this next term just as memorable and rewarding as the first.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome and ongoing support. Wishing you all a restful and happy break, and I can't wait to see you all again soon for Term 2!

With warm regards,

Mrs Case

Term 1 Learning Opportunities

What a wonderful start we've had to the school year! Term 1 has been filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of memorable moments. Here's a look back at some of the exciting things that have taken place across our school community.

Welcoming New Families

We were delighted to welcome several new families to our school community this term. It's been wonderful seeing new faces settling in and becoming part of our vibrant school life. A special thank-you to our existing families and pupils for helping everyone feel so at home.

Music Lessons

It has been great to see more children signed up to music lessons through the Lincolnshire Music Service. If you would like to sign your child up, please follow the link [Learn An Instrument - Lincolnshire Music Service](#)

11+ Exams

A huge well done to all our pupils who sat the 11+ exams this term. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, focus, and determination shown in preparation for these important assessments. Regardless of outcomes, your commitment and effort deserve to be celebrated!

Individual Photographs

Smiles all around! Pupils looked their very best for their individual photographs, capturing special moments to treasure for years to come. These lovely pictures are a wonderful reminder of the start of another exciting school year.

Visit from PC McCalister

Earlier this term, we were delighted to welcome a local Policeman into school. The children were fascinated to learn about his role in keeping our community safe – and we hope the sirens didn't cause too much alarm!

Online Safety Workshops

Classes 2 and 3 took part in valuable online safety workshops this term, helping pupils understand how to stay safe and make smart choices when using the internet. These informative and interactive sessions enhanced our PSHE curriculum, with specialist facilitators providing the children with the most up-to-date knowledge to support their digital wellbeing.

Meeting Potential Families – EYFS 2026

We were pleased to open our doors to prospective families for EYFS 2026. It was fantastic to meet so many parents interested in joining our community, and to showcase the warmth, creativity, and care that define our school.

Mental Health Awareness Day 2025

Our school was bright and cheerful as pupils and staff wore yellow to support Mental Health Awareness Day. The day encouraged conversations about kindness, self-care, and looking out for one another — an important reminder that mental wellbeing matters for everyone.

Congratulations to Miss Hardstaff

We are delighted to share the wonderful news of Miss Hardstaff's new arrival — baby Lenny! We're so excited to welcome him into our school community and to see the pride and joy of his big brothers on the school run. Congratulations to the whole family!

Rhubarb Theatre Company – *Airport Alien*

We were treated to a fantastic performance by the Rhubarb Theatre Company, who brought their production *Airport Alien* to our school. The show was a wonderful mix of creativity, humour, and imagination — thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parent consultations this term. It was great to discuss progress, celebrate achievements, and work together to support every child's next steps.

PTFA Disco

We rounded off the term with a fabulous PTFA Disco! The hall was filled with music, dancing, and laughter — a fantastic way to celebrate the end of a busy and successful term. A big thank-you to our PTFA volunteers for organising such a fun event which raised £187.74 for the school.

Looking Ahead

As we move into Term 2, we're excited for even more opportunities to learn, grow, and celebrate together. Thank you to everyone — staff, parents, and pupils — for making Term 1 such a positive and joyful start to the school year.

[Reminders...](#)

A Few Reminders

As we move into the colder months, please can we remind families of the following to help ensure children are comfortable, safe, and ready to learn each day:

- **Wellies:** Please ensure wellies are in school every day. We will be using the field throughout the winter as part of our commitment to embracing outdoor learning.
- **Coats:** Children should have a warm, waterproof coat in school each day.
- **EYFS 'Puddle Suits':** For our youngest learners, please make sure a puddle suit is available in school so we can make the most of our mud Kitchen and outdoor area in all weathers.
- **Water Bottles:** Every child should have a named water bottle in school each day. We are encouraging the children to stay hydrated and to drink water regularly throughout the day.
- **Snacks:** Please provide a healthy snack such as fresh fruit, vegetables, or cheese for snack time. We ask families to be mindful of the sugar content in cereal bars so that children remain ready to learn rather than experiencing a sugar rush.
- **Packed Lunches:** Packed lunches should be healthy and balanced. Guidance and ideas can be found on the NHS website: [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#). Please remember we are a **nut-free school**, as we have several children with allergies. Many chocolate-based snacks can contain traces of nuts, so please check labels carefully.

Every decision made within school has the children's best interests at heart. We are committed to ensuring all pupils have the very best start in life, and through consistency, high expectations, and care, we strive to create a positive and nurturing experience for every child.

Term 2 Dates



Monday 3rd November

Start of Term 2

Selling RBL Poppy Appeal Merchandise

Tuesday 4th November
(time)

EYFS 2026-2027 Open Event (Please call to arrange a

Thursday 6th November

PTFA Meeting 7pm

Monday 10th November

Odd Socks Day 2025 (Launch of Anti Bullying Week)

Tuesday 11th November at Gipsey Bridge Village service)	Remembrance Service (Representatives from Class 3
Thursday 13th November	Michael Rosen Reading Event
Friday 14th November	Children In Need- Wear Spots and a donation
Friday 21st November sweets for the Christmas Fair	Non-Uniform Day - Please bring in a tombola prize or
Saturday 22nd November	PTFA Wreath Making Event
Monday 24th November time)	EYFS 2026-2027 Open Event (Please call to arrange a
Wednesday 26th November	Class 2 trip to Flag Fen
Friday 28th November	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9th December	EYFS/Class 1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS/Class 1 Christmas Play
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner (Please order from Willoughby Foods)
Friday 12th December	PTFA Christmas Treat Trip
Wednesday 17th December	Gipsey Bridge Live Nativity Community Event
Friday 19th December	Last day of Term

More information will be shared via Parent Hub in the lead-up to each event.

Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

The PTFA held their first meeting of the year, and we are excited to share that lots of events have been planned to raise essential funds in support of the school. We are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers whose energy, time, and creativity make these events possible. A huge thank you to our parent body for your continued support – your involvement truly makes a difference to every child at Gipsey Bridge. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 6th November at 7.00pm in Class 3 at GBA.**

Confirmed PTFA Dates:

- **Friday 21st November** – Non-Uniform Day (please bring a tombola prize)
- **Saturday 22nd November** – Wreath Making Event

- **Friday 28th November** – Christmas Fair
- **Friday 27th March** – Easter Event (Frithville Village Hall)
- **Saturday 20th June** – Summer Fair
- **Thursday 9th July** – Sports Day

Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for organising the Halloween Disco! Together we raised £187.74 for the school. The children (and staff!) absolutely loved the spooky decorations, music, and dancing. 🎃 👯 👯

Social Media



We are excited to announce that GipseY Bridge is now on **Facebook and Instagram!** These platforms give us the opportunity to share all the fabulous learning experiences and achievements happening across the school.

We will be posting photos of children enjoying their learning, **only for those who have given permission on their admission forms.** If you would like to **update or change your consent,** please contact the school office and Miss Preston will be happy to update this for you.

We hope our social media pages will provide a wonderful window into school life and celebrate the many positive moments happening every day at GipseY Bridge.

Royal British Legion

We are proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal once again this year. From **Monday 3rd November,** poppy merchandise will be available for the children to purchase in school.

Suggested donations are **50p for a poppy** and **£1 for larger items.** Please note that there is a **limited selection of items available,** so these will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you for helping us support this important cause.

Is your child starting school in September 2026?
Come and join us at one of our
EYFS Open Events

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO
SCHEDULE A VISIT ON ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING DATES:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

"Children at
GipseY Bridge
Academy are
loved, feel loved
and love back."
Ofsted Inspector
Mr Jan Brown
11/06/24

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

WITH HUGH FROM
THE MULTI RHS CHELSEA FLOWER MEDALIST
JOHN CULLEN GARDENS

Saturday 22nd November
2025

Two sessions - 10:30 & 13:30

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED

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GIPSEY BRIDGE ACADEMY



Join us!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

STALL HOLDERS WANTED

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28TH NOVEMBER @ 3PM

GIPSEY BRIDGE ACADEMY