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## Newsletter- Term 1 2025-2026

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and I'm delighted to say that all the children have settled in well. They are looking smart, enthusiastic, and ready to learn.

Thank you all for the incredibly warm welcome to the Gipsey Bridge Academy community. It has been a pleasure to meet so many families at the school gate and to be greeted so warmly around the school.

I feel truly privileged to lead such an amazing group of staff and children. One of the comments from our recent Ofsted inspection has particularly resonated with me — that *"children are loved, feel loved, and love back."* This perfectly captures the caring, nurturing environment that makes this school so special.

I'm really looking forward to the year ahead — getting to know the children even better and ensuring they are **happy, enabled, and ready to flourish.**

Warm regards,

Mrs Georgie Case



## Vision and Values

At GipseY Bridge Academy, our vision is at the heart of everything we do:

### **Our Vision**

**GipseY Bridge Academy — a place where children are supported, developed and inspired to break down barriers, embrace challenge, and reach their true potential as we live, learn and grow together.**

Over the past few days, both staff and children have been revisiting this vision alongside the values that guide our school community.

The children have been exploring the **Infinity Trust Values** of:

**Love, Hope, Curiosity, Unity, and Integrity** — values that help shape how we treat one another and approach our learning.

They have also reflected on the **5 Rs of GipseY Bridge**, which we recognise as our core **learning behaviours**:

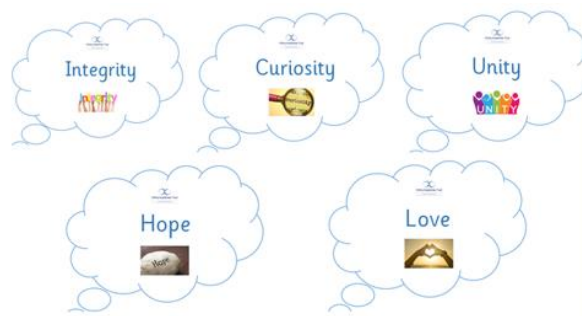
- **We are Resilient**
- **We are building Relationships**
- **We are Resourceful**
- **We are Reflecting**
- **We are Risk-takers**

These behaviours will be a key part of our daily language and culture, referred to throughout lessons, activities, and interactions across school life.

To celebrate these behaviours, children will earn **DOJO points** when they are seen demonstrating the 5 Rs both in and outside of the classroom.



1 - How we learn at Gipse Bridge.



2 - Infinity Academy Trust Values

## Our first few days of 2025-2026

It has been wonderful to welcome the new EYFS children and their families into school. Here are a few things they have been up to...







## Building Work

There have been some significant updates across the school over the summer holidays. All internal doors have been replaced, the emergency lighting has been upgraded, and a new fire alarm system has been installed throughout the building. As you can imagine, this work created a fair bit of dust, but thanks to John, our cleaner, the school was spotless and ready to welcome the children back. A huge thank you to John for his sterling work!

The classrooms are looking fantastic — vibrant, engaging, and ready for learning. Thank you to our amazing teaching and support staff for their hard work in preparing these wonderful spaces.



## Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the Pre-Loved Uniform Sale over the summer holidays. It was a great opportunity for families to pick up good-quality items at an affordable price.

If you missed out, don't worry — there will be another chance to purchase additional items at the end of the term. Keep an eye out for more details closer to the time!

We have many exciting events planned throughout the year to help raise vital funds for the children of our school. These events not only support enriching activities and resources but also bring our school community together.

The confirmed dates so far are as follows:

- 18.09.2025 PTFA AGM
- 23.10.2025 Halloween Disco
- 28.11.2025 Christmas Fair
- 27.03.2026 Easter Bingo- Frithville Village Hall
- 20.06.2026 Summer Fair

The PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Thursday 18th September**. It would be fantastic to see as many parents and carers there as possible!

As the saying goes, *many hands make light work* — so please come along, get involved, and support the team in their ongoing efforts to raise valuable funds for our school. Every bit of help makes a big difference!

## Name Everything!

It has been lovely to see the children return to school looking so smart in their uniforms.

Just a gentle reminder to please **label all clothing and personal items** — this makes it much easier for any lost property to be quickly returned to its rightful owner. Thank you for your support!

## Wellies School

We are proud to be a *Wellies School*, where children are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors — whatever the weather!

Please ensure your child has a **named pair of wellies** in school each day so they can make the most of our outdoor learning opportunities. Thank you!

## School Clubs

We'll be in touch over the next few days with more information about our **enrichment clubs** for this term.

We're pleased to share that **Chess Club** has already started and is running during Friday lunchtimes. Details about **Choir, Football, Mindfulness, and JB Sports Clubs** will be shared shortly.

Please keep an eye on **Parent Hub** for updates and sign-up information.

## Dates for your diary...

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| Friday 12th September   | Year 6 11+ Test  |
| Thursday 18th September | Wrates Photography- individual photographs<br>PTFA AGM- Gipsey Bridge Academy at 7pm |
| Friday 19th September   | Year 6 11+ Test  |
| Monday 13th October     | Flu Vaccinations   |
| Tuesday 21st October    | Rhubarb Theatre Company- Whole School Production<br>Parent Consultations 1-4pm       |
| Wednesday 22nd October  | Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm  |
| Thursday 23rd October   | Halloween Disco<br>End of Term 1   |
| Monday 3rd November     | Start of Term 2  |
| Friday 28th November    | PTFA Christmas Fair  |
| Tuesday 9th December    | EYFS and KS1 Nativity  |
| Wednesday 10th December | EYFS and KS1 Nativity  |
| Thursday 11th December  | Christmas Jumper Day   |
| Friday 19th December    | End of Term 2  |

## A 'See you Soon' to Mrs Hardstaff

Today we wish Mrs Hardstaff all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. This is not goodbye, just a "see you soon" – and we already look forward to welcoming her back when the time comes.

In the meantime, we're delighted to welcome Mr Clayton to the Year 5/6 team as he steps in to cover the maternity leave.

We can't wait to meet the newest member of the Hardstaff family, and we send our heartfelt best wishes to Mrs Hardstaff for the exciting journey ahead!

## Lincolnshire Music Services

We're delighted to be working with Lincolnshire Music Services again this year. As part of our curriculum offer, they will be providing whole class music tuition to children in Years 3 and 4 after Christmas.

In addition, they offer individual instrumental lessons, which can be booked and paid for directly through their website. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please follow the link to sign up.

[Learn An Instrument - Lincolnshire Music Service](#)

## Learn an instrument

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Lincolnshire Music  
Service provides music  
opportunities for children  
and young people

Learning to play an instrument  
or how to sing is not only fun  
but will build skills that will last  
a lifetime



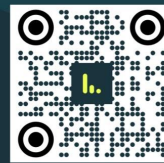
Lessons starting from £6.30 for  
a group 30-minute lesson

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plans available

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Our SpeedAdmin App, provides families with easy access to their music lesson timetable, attendance, studyplans as well as facilitating direct communication with their tutor.



## Breakfast Club and After School Club

Offering a warm, welcoming, and nurturing environment, the Gipsy Bridge Pre-School Breakfast and After School Club provides high-quality care and engaging activities for children beyond the classroom. Whether starting the day with a healthy breakfast or winding down after school with fun and learning, your child will be supported every step of the way by the fantastic team.

 Find out more on our noticeboard outside the school or visit their website for full details!

[Home - gipsybridgepreschool.co.uk](http://gipsybridgepreschool.co.uk)



I hope you like the new format of the newsletter! There will be a regular newsletter sent out each term. Additional information will be found on Parent Hub.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or feedback, I'd love to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.