



Newsletter 3

[A note from Mrs Case](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the midpoint of the term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support. Your positivity, involvement, and encouragement make a tremendous difference to the life of our school, and we are truly grateful.

It has been wonderful to see the children return from their half-term break so refreshed and enthusiastic. Hearing about their adventures, big and small, has been a real joy for staff across the school.

This term, the children have also been focusing on the 5 R's of GipseY Bridge Academy, and it has been fantastic to see them putting these values into practice across both their learning and their enrichment opportunities. Their commitment to *living, learning and growing together* continues to shine through in everything they do.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic PTFA for organising such successful events such as the Halloween Disco, Wreath making and the amazing Christmas Fair. The events have created a real sense of community. We are also extremely appreciative of all the hard work that goes into the events. These events simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication and generosity of our parent volunteers.

Thank you once again for everything you do. We look forward to a joyful and busy run-up to the festive season.

Warm regards,

Mrs Case

Term 2 so far...



Welcoming New Families

We were delighted to welcome families visiting the school in preparation for the EYFS 2026–2027 intake. Our children represented Gipsey Bridge Academy with pride, showcasing our shared ethos of *living, learning and growing together*. We can't wait to have them as part of our school community.

PTFA Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent PTFA meeting. Your support and enthusiasm plays a huge role in the success of our events and enrichment activities.

Anti-Bullying Week

We launched the week with a bright and joyful *Odd Socks Day*, celebrating individuality and kindness. Throughout the week, children took part in discussions and activities reinforcing the importance of respect and inclusion.

Remembrance Services

The children showed tremendous maturity during the Remembrance services both in the village and in school. Class 3 represented the school impeccably, demonstrating thoughtful reflection and pride at the village service.

Michael Rosen Day

A real highlight of the term! It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school to share stories, make bookmarks, and immerse themselves in the joy of reading. Thank you for helping make the day so memorable for the children.

Children in Need

Well done to everyone who took part—we raised over **£70** for this worthy cause. The children's Pudsey and spotty outfits brought lots of colour and fun to the day, all while supporting an important charity.

CEO Visit & Sensory Shed Opening

We were pleased to welcome Gavin Booth (CEO), who spent time with children and staff and officially opened **The Sensory Shed**. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Wright, whose hard work and creativity have shaped this calming, interactive space for our pupils.

Non-Uniform Day – Tombola Donations

Thank you for your generous contributions on our Non-Uniform Day. These donations will help ensure our upcoming Christmas Fair is a fantastic event for the whole community.

PTFA Wreath-Making Event A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising a fantastic wreath-making afternoon. It was a wonderful social occasion, giving members of our school community the chance to meet others, enjoy some festive creativity, and take home beautiful handmade wreaths. A brilliant way to start the festive season!

Class 2 Trip to Flag Fen

Class 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Flag Fen this week, where they took part in a truly hands-on historical adventure. The children were captivated by the chance to explore artefacts, step back into the Bronze Age, and bring their classroom learning to life. Staff were incredibly proud of the way the children represented the school—their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and impressive knowledge really shone throughout the day. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved.

PTFA Christmas Fair – A Wonderful Community Success

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for organising such a brilliant Christmas Fair. Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our school community, the event raised over **£1,400** for the school—an outstanding achievement that will directly benefit all our children.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a part:

- those who designed posters, prepared resources and helped with planning
- families and local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes
- stall holders and volunteers who gave their time
- the helpers who set up, packed away, carried tables and even held down gazebos in stormy weather
- and of course, everyone who came along, joined in the festive fun and supported the fair

Your enthusiasm and commitment made the event both joyful and successful. We are incredibly grateful. Thank you!

Upcoming Festive Events



We have an exciting two weeks ahead as we head into the festive season! Please take note of the key dates below — we can't wait to celebrate with you.

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Our youngest pupils are busy rehearsing for their magical Christmas performance.

Ticket information has been shared via ParentHub.

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Get those festive jumpers ready! A reminder that the **deadline for ordering Christmas Dinner is Tuesday 2nd December.**

Friday 12th December – Whole School Trip to The Kinema in the Woods

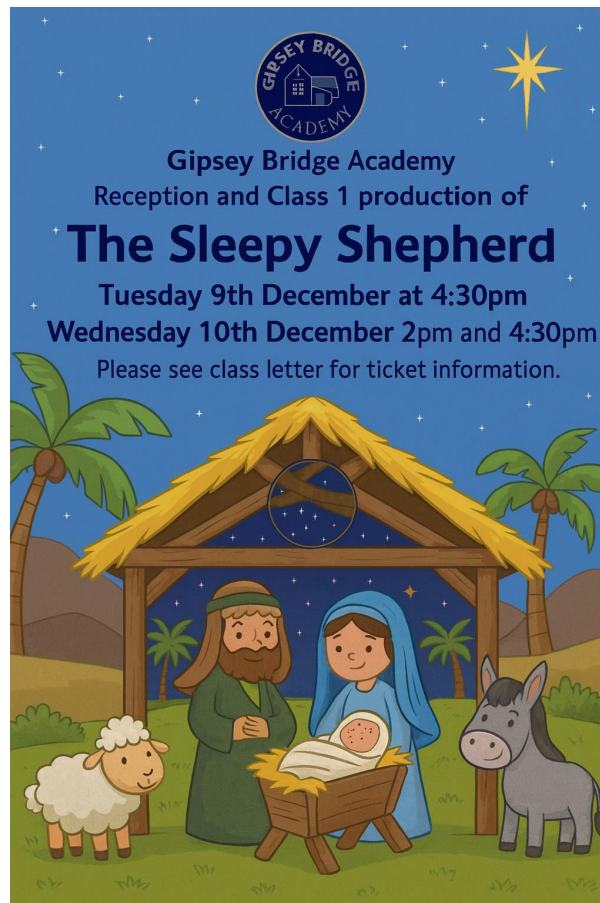
A special festive treat for all our children — always a highlight of the term!

 **Wednesday 17th December – Gipsey Bridge Village Live Nativity (3:30pm)**

A heart-warming community event bringing the Christmas story to life. We hope to see many families there.

 **Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term**

We look forward to ending the term with festive cheer before the Christmas break.



CHRISTMAS DINNER
THURSDAY
11TH DECEMBER

(ORDER BY TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER)

ROAST TURKEY
CHIPOLATA
STUFFING BALL
MASHED POTATO
VEGETABLE MEDLEY
&
GRAVY

QUORN FILLET,
VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE,
STUFFING BALL,
MASHED POTATO,
VEGETABLE MEDLEY
&
GRAVY

HOMEMADE
CHRISTMAS SPONGE
WITH BUTTER ICING
AND A CHRISTMAS
TOPPER

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* ALL CHILDREN
WILL BE GOING
TO

**KINEMA IN
THE WOODS**

FOR A 'SECRET FILM'

* FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



GIPSEY BRIDGE VILLAGE
LIVE NATIVITY



Wednesday 17th December at 3:30

A walk around the village to tell
the Christmas story.

Meeting back at GipseY Bridge Academy by
4pm for Hot drinks and Cake by the PTFA.

COME AND JOIN US



GBA Roles and Responsibilities



We are delighted to introduce our newly appointed **GBA Champions, Wellbeing Champions, Junior Online Safety Officers (JOSO), Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO), and Play Leaders.**

This year, a large number of children showed fantastic initiative and enthusiasm by applying for these positions. The quality of applications was extremely high, and we are incredibly proud of all those who put themselves forward.

After careful consideration, the following children have been successful in securing these important leadership roles:

GBA Champions

Ryan, Riley, Ollie, Angel, Rosie, Tilly, Ella, Lily, Holly, Pip

Wellbeing Champions

Stella, Georgia, Louisa, Amber, Ollie, Luna, Regan, Julian

Junior Online Safety Officers

Stella, Luna, Georgia, Louisa

Junior Road Safety Officers

Dexter, Billy, Will

Play Leaders

Will be announced in the Friday 19th December Assembly (Watch this space!)

The children will play a vital part in supporting our school community, promoting safety, wellbeing, and positive play across Gipsey Bridge Academy. We look forward to seeing them shine in their new roles!

Reminders



As we move through the term, please could we kindly remind families of the following:

Coats

The weather is becoming colder and more unpredictable, and we spend time outside every day. Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat so they can enjoy playtimes and outdoor learning comfortably.

Water Bottles

Staying hydrated is important for concentration and wellbeing. Please send your child to school each day with a named water bottle filled with water. This helps them stay refreshed throughout their lessons.

Fruit Snack for Breaktime

A healthy snack keeps energy levels steady and supports focus during the morning. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or a healthy alternative for their breaktime snack.

Thank you for your continued support in helping the children stay comfortable, healthy, and ready to learn each day!

Mud!



Thank you to all the families who have provided wellies and puddle suits or waterproof trousers for the children. We appreciate your support—especially as it helps us make the most of outdoor learning and play, even if it sometimes results in a bit of extra mud!

To help protect and encourage good grass growth for the summer months, we will be giving the school field a short break from use during playtimes and lunchtimes over the next few weeks. However, please continue to send an additional pair of shoes on PE days, as the field may still be needed for sports activities when appropriate.

To ensure all children can safely access outdoor space during this period, we will introduce a staggered lunchtime. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep our outdoor areas safe, enjoyable, and ready for the children to use throughout the year.

Celebration Assembly



There will be **no Celebration Assembly on Friday 12th December** due to the whole-school trip to *The Kinema in the Woods*. Instead, we will hold a double Celebration Assembly on Friday 19th December to mark the end of the school term.

Please remember that we love to share and celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. Each week, photographs of pupils' accomplishments are displayed in the library area and then added to our Personal Development Floorbook, showcasing the wide range of experiences and successes across our school community.

Attendance

By the end of term, each child will receive a letter providing an update on their attendance.

As outlined in the school's Attendance Policy, attendance is categorised as **Red, Amber or Green**.

Please see the information below for an overview of the actions associated with each attendance category:

Please see the information below outlining action taken for each group of attendance category:




95% - 100%	Excellent – no action taken
90% - 94%	Close monitoring and invitation to a meeting. Medical evidence may also be required to authorise future absences – any absence not relating to illness will automatically be unauthorised
Below 90% Persistent Absence (PA)	PN (penalty notice) warning (notice to improve) PN request to be submitted to ICC for prosecution

Lates are monitored closely, and should your child attend late on a regular basis, you will be invited to attend a meeting

This process links directly to the Department for Education’s national commitment to *‘improve school attendance’*, which encourages schools and families to work together to ensure children are attending consistently. Our Attendance Policy follows this national guidance, and we are committed to supporting every child to be in school as much as possible so they can thrive and achieve their best.

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

