September 2026

'Being the best we can be together!'

Fantastic Start!

Welcome back to the new academic year. Last week, it was lovely to have the children back in school and everyone got off to a really good start. The whole team are looking forward to the year ahead. This newsletter has a few updates and reminders to help us get back in the swing of things. Please get in touch or chat to me at the gate if you have any questions.

Janette Allen



We are really excited to welcome Mr Cogle, Mrs Patel, Mrs Lindsey and Miss Moody to our team. Mr Cogle will be teaching in Chestnut class and Mrs Patel in Oak class on Thursdays and Fridays until Mrs Shaw returns from her maternity leave. Mrs Lindsey is a new teaching assistant working mainly in Willow class each morning. Finally, Miss Moody is our new school chef. She had just begun her induction when our extractor fans broke. She will continue her induction at a school with a working oven until ours are available. Mrs Sharp will be serving our sandwich lunches until then.

School Dinner Price Increase Reminder



Please note the cost of a school meal has now increased to £3.40. Please make sure that your School Money account has been topped up. Children receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal until the end of year 2 so do not pay until year 3.



GOTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 16th September
Individual and Sibling Photos

Tuesday 22nd September
Reading Meeting for Oak parents

Monday 28th September
Year 1 Phonics Screening and reading meeting

Wednesday 30th September – Friday 2nd October
Year 6 Residential

Monday 5th October
Reading after Phonics meeting for years 2, 3 and 4

Friday 16th October
School breaks up at 3.30pm

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October
HALF TERM – 2 WEEKS

Monday 2nd November
INSET day – no children

Tuesday 1st November
School reopens for all

Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th November
Parents' Evenings
More details to follow

Christmas Performance dates to be confirmed soon





Changes to Free School Meal Entitlements

From September 2026, the Government has introduced substantial changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility. Under the new national criteria, all families in receipt of Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals, meaning that more students will become eligible.
Therefore, from September 2026, there will be two categories of benefit-related FSM.

1. Targeted Free School Meals:

This category continues to be based on the existing income threshold. Students will be eligible if their household;

- Is in receipt of Universal Credit, and
- Has an annual household income of £7,400 or less.

Only students eligible for Targeted FSM will;

- Qualify for Pupil Premium funding.
- Be eligible for extended rights for home to school transport, subject to the eligibility criteria for extended rights travel.

2. Expanded Free School Meals:

This category applies to school meals only and covers pupils who:

- Live in households receiving Universal Credit, and
- Do not meet the income threshold for Targeted FSM (i.e. the annual household income is above £7,400).

Pupils eligible for Expanded FSM will be eligible to free school meals only.

Please do not miss out on support that you may be entitled to for your child please seek further guidance at https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.



Useful Contacts

www.gothamprimary.co.uk
The school website has the calendar, policies, school uniform details and a range of useful information. There are also links to the booking pages for Rattle and Roll before and afterschool club as well as MLC, the providers of extra musical tuition.

ndelfino@gotham.notts.sch.uk Tuesday – Thursday only.
Miss Delfino is the best person to contact about absences, medical appointments, pick up arrangements and school dinners. Miss Delfino does not work on Mondays or Fridays so please email the office@ email on those days.

janetteallen1@gotham.notts.sch.uk
Miss Allen is a good person to contact with any concerns and academic questions. Please direct all concerns after 2.30pm on Monday and Friday to this email as the office is unmanned from 2.45pm.

office@gotham.notts.sch.uk
Mrs Hughes is a good person to contact for general enquiries on all days until 2.30pm. On Monday and Friday, please direct all concerns to Mrs Hughes until 2.30pm. Mrs Hughes leaves at 2.45pm.

If there is an emergency, please don't rely on email. If we haven't replied to your email, phone the office on 0115 9149751. If you don't manage to get through for some reason, please rest assured that we will keep your child safe in school if you are late to collect.