November 2026

'Being the best we can be together!'

Exciting News: New iPads Coming to School!

Thanks to the incredible support of local organisations, we have secured funding to invest in new iPads for our pupils. British Gypsum has generously donated £1,500, and the Parish Council has allocated just under £7,500 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund towards this project.

These contributions will enable us to enhance the technology available in school, providing children with even greater opportunities to develop their digital skills and support their learning across the curriculum. The new devices will be used to enrich lessons, encourage creativity, support research and collaboration, and help prepare pupils for an increasingly digital world.

We are currently organising the purchase and set-up of the new iPads and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on teaching and learning throughout the school.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to British Gypsum and the Parish Council for their generosity and commitment to supporting local children and education. Their investment will benefit pupils for many years to come.
We look forward to sharing further updates and photos once the new iPads are in use!

Janette Allen

Thank you FOGs!

Before half term, FOGs organised a fantastic Halloween Silent Disco. Thank you to everyone involved and all the helpers. We're all looking forward to the Christmas disco now!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 1st December
Family Craft Afternoon 2.15-3.15. Letters to follow.

Wednesday 2nd December
Family Craft Afternoon 2.15-3.15. Letters to follow.

Saturday 5th December
Gotham Christmas Market – children singing at around 5pm. More details to follow

Monday 7th December
Basketball Tournament South Wilford

Tuesday 8th December
Beech and Chestnut trip to Lakeside Arts

Wednesday 9th December
Oak Christmas Show 2.30pm

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December
Walk for children and staff FOGS disco

Tuesday 15th December
Beech and Chestnut Show 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th December
School Christmas dinner

Thursday 17th December
House Enrichment session – house t-shirts

Friday 18th December
Christmas Party Day
2.30pm school closes

Welcome back to Letter Village At Stage 2, children learn a writing style like this.

Handwriting

At stage 4 children practise writing the 'hill' and 'bridge' joins and build speed writing words and sentences.

Prior to Ofsted's visit last academic year, we had already been working hard to improve handwriting across the school. During their visit, Ofsted, like us, identified that there was still further work to do. Since June, we have developed our Handwriting Policy and refined our teaching approaches throughout the school.

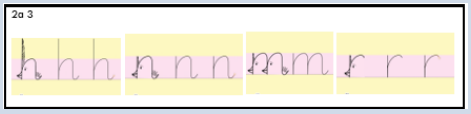
During Parents' Evening, some of the resources we use will be available to view, and staff will share handwriting targets for your child where appropriate. Our aim is for correct pencil grip, letter formation and letter joining to become automatic. This will enable children to focus on the many other aspects of writing, such as spelling, composition and grammar.

As you look through your child's English book, you will notice a bookmark attached. This bookmark shows the current handwriting target letters or joins for your child. To achieve their target, children need to form these letters or joins correctly during independent writing.

Through our monitoring activities in school, we have already seen significant progress in handwriting, particularly during dedicated handwriting lessons. Our next step is to ensure that children consistently apply these skills and knowledge independently across all writing activities, as well as during handwriting-focused lessons.

Here are some examples of the handwriting bookmarks.









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.