

# GORFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## newsletter

NOVEMBER 2025

"November's sky is chill and  
drear, November's leaf  
is red and sear."  
— Sir Walter Scott

We are already well into the second half  
of the Autumn term and have much to  
look forward to in the run up to  
Christmas.

## New Theatre Trip

Last week, pupils from Year 5/6 enjoyed an inspiring trip to the New Theatre in Peterborough for a special Author Meet and Greet event. The visit offered students a unique opportunity to meet S.F Said whose books many of the children have enjoyed reading either in school or at home.

During the interactive session, the author spoke about their writing journey, where their ideas come from, and the process of turning stories into published books. Pupils were excited to ask thoughtful questions, gaining insights into character creation, world-building, and what it truly means to be an author.

After the talk, students all received their own copy of 'Tyger'.

It was a memorable experience that brought reading and writing to life outside the classroom.

A huge thank-you to the organisers, the theatre team, and of course S.F Said for making the morning so memorable. We look forward to more enriching literary adventures in the future!



# The Golden Table

## ✨Introducing The Golden Table - Celebrating Lunchtime Superstars! ✨

We are excited to share a new initiative at Gorefield Primary Academy designed to celebrate and encourage excellent lunchtime behaviour.

### *\*\* The Golden Table \*\**

Each week, lunchtime staff and teachers will be on the lookout for children who consistently follow our lunchtime behaviour expectations, including:

- Talking quietly with friends
- Using a knife and fork correctly
- Showing good manners to staff and peers
- Entering the dining hall sensibly
- Clearing away their plates and cutlery after their meal

Each week 3 children who demonstrate these positive behaviours will be invited to sit at The Golden Table with a friend of their choice— this is a special, celebratory table reserved for those who have gone above and beyond. Pupils will enjoy a little extra recognition, being served first, sitting at the 'golden table' and the pride of being role models for others as well as an additional little treat!

We hope this initiative will help reinforce our shared commitment to creating a calm, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all children during lunchtime. Thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging these important habits at home too.

We look forward to celebrating many of our lunchtime stars over the coming weeks!

# Children in Need

Thank you to all the children for their efforts in our Children in Need fundraising event on Friday 14th November. We had a sea of spots, Pudsey ears and yellow making their way into school. Thank you too for the generous donations – we raised an impressive £140 for the charity. A great achievement for a small school!



## *A very generous donation*

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. Last week we received an incredibly generous donation of Christmas raffle prizes and a fantastic selection of new books for our school library. These thoughtful contributions will make a huge difference to our pupils. The raffle prizes will help us create a truly exciting and festive fundraising event, and the new books—ranging from picture books to exciting chapter stories—will enrich our library and inspire a love of reading across the school.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Anness Publishing Ltd** for their kindness and support. Their generosity will aid our Christmas fundraising event and will continue to benefit our readers for many years to come. Thank you once again for helping make our school community such a special place.

# Bake sale and Christmas gift sale



Reminder: School Bake Sale - Monday 24th

November at 3.15



A friendly reminder that our school bake sale will be held on Monday 24th November in the school hall at 3:15pm

We are kindly asking for donations of baked goods to help make the event a great success. Cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, brownies, or any other homemade or shop-bought treats are all very welcome. Donations can be brought to the school office on the morning of the sale. We will also be selling a variety of Christmas gifts.

All funds raised will go towards supporting school projects and enrichment activities for our pupils.

Thank you so much for your continued support—we look forward to seeing you there!

Please bring your big purse—cash only though please.

## Nativity tickets

★ Reminder: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance –  
Ticket Requests Now Open! ★

A reminder to all families in EYFS and KS1 that our much-loved Nativity performance is fast approaching! We are very excited to share this special event with you and are busy rehearsing to make it a memorable occasion.

To help us manage numbers safely, each family may request up to 3 tickets in total. If you have not yet sent in your ticket request form, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to welcome you to this year's performance and share the children's wonderful hard work and festive cheer!

# Panto tickets

Reminder: Panto Trip – Jack and the Beanstalk on Monday 15th December

A reminder to all families that our school trip to see \*\* Jack and the Beanstalk \*\* at the King's Lynn Corn Exchange will take place on Monday 15th December.

Panto tickets are bookable via Arbor, and we kindly ask that all bookings and consent are completed as soon as possible so we can confirm final numbers with the venue.

We are really looking forward to this festive visit, and the children are already excited for what promises to be a fun and magical performance!

# Christmas Movie night

We are delighted to announce our Christmas Movie Night, generously organised by the Friends of Gorefield Primary Academy.

This will be a child-only event, giving our learners a cosy and festive evening with their friends as we get ready for the Christmas season.

This will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and tickets can be purchased for £2 (including drinks and snacks) through Arbor.

# Christmas Lunch

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

ROAST TURKEY, PIGS IN BLANKETS,  
STUFFING & YORKSHIRE PUDDING  
OR

QUORN FILLET, STUFFING & YORKSHIRE  
PUDDING

OR

JACKET POTATO WITH CHOICE OF  
TOPPINGS

MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH ROAST  
POTATOES, GRAVY, CARROTS & PEAS

CHRISTMAS THEMED SHORTBREAD

OR

WHITE CHOCOLATE RICE KRISPY  
SNOWBALLS



# Diary dates



Date	Event
Monday 24th November	Friends Group - After school bake sale.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christingle at Gorefield Church.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	The Big Sing - years 3 & 4.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Group - Christmas Movie Night.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Group - Christmas Raffle.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Nativity dress rehearsals for parents/carers with young children.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime trip - years 1-6.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm	Rocksteady Concert.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch. 2.30pm parent/carer Christmas make & take.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 1.30pm	Nativity performances.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Classroom Christmas parties.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices trip - years 5/6.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Lucky Plate.