



## Parish Press Newsletter 8.11.24

Dear all,

We have sent out a newsletter today as there are so many things exciting things to update you with for next week. Please do have a good read, Gainsborough Parish is definitely the place to be!

Events next week include Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November - We would be SO grateful if families could collect plastic bottles for our poppy wave that we are attempting for Remembrance day - we need as many plastic bottles as we can. On this day pupils will be learning about British Values. On Tuesday we are then celebrating Michael Rosen Day on Tuesday with a Poetry Picnic weather permitting! On Thursday please wear odd socks, as we think about Anti-Bullying week, and how everyone is different. Friday is Children in Need, do look our on ParentPay and donate to this great cause. In return, children can to wear something spotty, or just be cosy in your PJs all day!

We hope you have a fabulous week!

Charlotte Hickerton and the Staff Team at Gainsborough Parish

## JRSO Collective Worship



This week, our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) took the lead during collective worship, sharing important tips on how to stay safe when walking to school. They emphasised the significance of being aware of our surroundings and following road safety rules.

They shared this brilliant video to remind the children of the key messages about how to stay safe: Child Road Safety - King of the road<sup>1</sup>

To engage our students, the JRSOs have launched two exciting competitions!

**For Key Stage One:** We invite our younger students to participate in a colouring competition, where they can showcase their creativity while learning about road safety.

**For Key Stage Two:** Students are challenged to design a poster that illustrates safe crossing practices.

All entries are due by **Friday, 15th November 2024**. We can't wait to see the fantastic designs and artworks our students will create!

Let's work together to keep our community safe!

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAgxZ-l5pY8>

## Change of Meal Provider



We will be changing our meals provider from Zena's Top Nosh to Ideal School Meals.

The last hot meal Zena will provide will be on Friday, 29th November. Ideal School Meals will then provide us from Monday, 2nd December.

Parents, you need to register for an account for each of your children as soon as possible and you must login and organise your child's meals no later than 9.00 am on the Tuesday beforehand otherwise you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child.

You should have already received information via email.

## Reading Recommendations!



### Miss White's Book Recommendations

 **NON-FICTION NOVEMBER**  
*KS1 (Years 1 and 2)*



**The Street Beneath My Feet**  
by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer  
Explore what's beneath our feet! This illustrated book reveals layers of earth with worms, roots, and hidden treasures. It's a fun adventure for curious explorers!





**The Big Book of the UK**  
by Imogen Russell Williams and Louise Lockhart  
This book is a fun adventure around the UK! It's filled with cool facts about British history, amazing animals, and funny stories from different places. Perfect for discovering what makes each part of the UK special!



**"The Earth Book"** by Jonathan Litton and Thomas Hedgley  
This colorful book explores the wonders of our planet! Discover beautiful landscapes, amazing animals, and why it's important to take care of the Earth. It's a fun way for kids to learn about the world around them!



**NON-FICTION NOVEMBER**  
LKS2 (Years 3 and 4)

**The Romans: Gods, Emperors, and Dornice**  
by Marcia Williams

This book uses fun comic-style drawings to tell stories about Roman gods, powerful emperors, and everyday people. It mixes humor with history, making it an exciting and easy way to learn all about life in ancient Rome!


**"Explore! Romans: Dress, Eat, Write, and Play Just Like the Romans"**  
by Jane Bingham

Experience aspects of Roman life by trying out Roman games, writing with a stylus, and even preparing Roman-style food

**So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome**  
by Chae Strathie

This book compares kids' lives today with those of the Roman from school and chores to Roman food and games—with hilarious illustrations and fun facts.





**NON-FICTION NOVEMBER**  
UKS2 (Years 5 and 6)

**Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs**  
by Marcia Williams

Through comic style illustrations and storytelling, this book brings Ancient Egyptian myths, gods, and daily life to life.

**Egyptology: Search for the Tomb of Osiris**  
by Emily Sands

This book looks like a real explorer's journal, packed with cool maps, old letters, and exciting historical facts that make you feel like a real-life adventurer discovering Ancient Egypt!

**You Wouldn't Want to Be an Egyptian Mummy!**  
by David Stewart

Learn all about the messy, sometimes gross process of mummification, with funny illustrations and tons of amazing details about life and death in Ancient Egypt.







Anti-Bullying Week 11-15th November



We are excited to announce that **Anti-Bullying Week** will be taking place from **11th to 15th November**! This is an important opportunity for our school community to come together and learn how we can all play a part in making our school a safe, inclusive, and respectful place for everyone.

As part of the week's activities, we are inviting all students to take part in a special event on **Thursday, 14th November**. On this day, we ask all students to wear **Odd Socks** to school. This fun and colourful activity is a simple yet powerful way to celebrate individuality and show that it's okay to be different. It's also a chance to stand together and show our commitment to standing up against bullying and discrimination in all its forms.

Throughout the week, each class will be exploring the theme of **"Choose Respect"**. Students will engage in learning that encourage empathy, understanding, and kindness. The activities are designed to help children think about how they can make positive choices in their interactions with others and how they can contribute to a respectful and supportive school environment.

We hope that this week will inspire our students to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion. Let's all work together to create a school community where everyone feels valued and supported.



## TT Rockstars Awards!



**Richest Rocker  
(this week)**

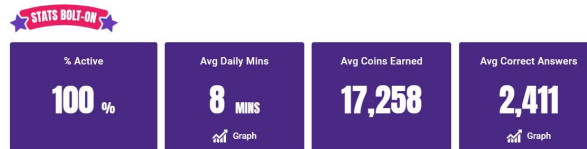
Class	Highest Earner
Miss Hensby's Class	Jacob
Miss Green's Class	Daisy C
Miss Brown's Class	Harvey
Miss White's Class	Christabel
Mr Anderson's Class	Olivia B
Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Marshall's Class	Amelia

1 - Huge well done to our Richest Rockers this week! I wonder who we will be celebrating next week! 🎉📊

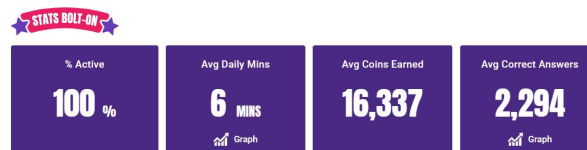
In the Y3/4 Battle of the Bands for the half term Miss Hensby's class came out on top, huge well done to them!

In the Y5/6 Battle of the Bands for the first term Miss White's class just came out on top, well done to them!

We have signed up to England Rocks, a TTRS national competition that we pit us against every other school in the country. Keep practising for the next two weeks before the event starts in earnest. Further details the Friday before we can start logging all our coins!



2 - Huge well done to all of the children in Miss Hensby's, Miss Brown's class for their effort and this week! 100% participation on TT Rockstars! 🎉📊



**Reminder: Children will be able to come to school dressed up as a rockstar for our TT Rockstars day on Friday 22nd November!**

We will be taking part in extra times table learning activities throughout the day. Costumes can be created using items at home, please don't feel like you need to buy costumes for this. If you search 'TT rockstars costumes', there are lots of ideas and inspiration online!

We can't wait to see everyone dressed up! This will be such a fun day and a great way to boost our children's engagement with TT Rockstars and further support them with their counting learning and times table recall.

## School Sport



After a brilliant weekend for our local team Gainsborough Trinity it was time for us to perform in a sporting arena. What a wonderful afternoon we had on Wednesday! Our school cross country team went to Lea Park to take part in the annual Gainsborough and District Primary Schools' Sports Association event. Our 8 boys and 8 girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience of running across the field and through the woods. Competing against other local schools they gave everything to run the fastest they could and do there very best for our school. Giving their time to train on a Monday and

Friday lunchtime had certainly paid off and they can be very proud of their performances. When the results were announced we had two girls in the top 10 and lots of other great positions. When the team results were announced we were winners of the Large School event and we came 3rd overall, which is absolutely fantastic! A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped support us at the event, it was very much appreciated. The whole event was a great success, which is all the more pleasing as our school organised this for the benefit of our Community, one of our Core Four values. The children will now begin their winter training before competing against Lincoln schools in March.







Christmas is coming!

West Lindsey DISTRICT COUNCIL Gainsborough TOWN COUNCIL

# Christmas Lights Festival

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 4PM - 8PM  
SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 10AM - 7PM  
GAINSBOROUGH: MARKET PLACE AND MARKET STREET

LIVE CENTRE STAGE  
LIVE BAND  
LASER LIGHT SHOW  
LOCAL TALENT  
MEET THE PANTO CAST  
GIANT SNOW GLOBE  
BALLOON MODELLER  
HIGH STRIKER  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
DJ  
TRADITIONAL CAROUSEL  
SWING BOATS  
FOOD AND GIFT MARKET

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OTHER FESTIVITIES AT:  
Marshall's Yard  
Gainsborough  
@MARSHALLSYARD  
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WARNING: THIS EVENT USES LASER AND OTHER LIGHTING EFFECTS THAT MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR SOME VISITORS

It is the moment you have all been waiting for. Other schools have had their chance and now it is our turn! With the greatest school choir this side of the North Pole, we have been invited by West Lindsey District Council to sing at Marshall's Yard on Friday 15th November. Accompanied by our very talented conductor and musical director Miss Hickerton, along with sensational singer and choral director Miss Louth we shall be on stage at 5pm! We would love to have a full audience of Parish children and parents to see us perform, so please make the stage your first stop before you enjoy the rest of the festivities. The children and adults have been working so hard to get ready for this event that your support on the day would be greatly appreciated. Nothing says Christmas like the Parish Church Primary School choir singing carols in their angel voices. Furthermore, this will help us to prepare for the beginning of Advent on the 1st December and the true meaning of Christmas.

For further information and the full timetable please follow this link;

# Christmas Lights Festival - Discover Gainsborough<sup>2</sup>

## Online Advice



**10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT**

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential<sup>1</sup> - especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging consistent behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

- 1. LEAD BY EXAMPLE**  
As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children. They observe and learn from our actions every day. The more we consistently demonstrate respect in our own lives, the more likely children are to emulate it. When we disagree with someone, we can show children how to handle it respectfully, even if you disagree with those demonstrating the behaviour with children. Showing respect and how to handle their own disagreements is a family skill.
- 2. AGREE TO DISAGREE**  
Most children know that it's fine to have differing opinions - and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other. A good model of how to disagree respectfully is to acknowledge the other person's point of view, explain your own, and then agree to disagree. This shows children that it's okay to have different opinions, as long as you do so respectfully and without using hurtful language or actions.
- 3. PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING**  
Teach children about the importance of active listening when in a disagreement. This means listening to the other person's point of view without interrupting, judging, or trying to win the argument. Encourage children to ask questions to clarify what they don't understand. Active listening shows respect and helps children understand the other person's perspective. This can help them find common ground and resolve their disagreements more peacefully.
- 4. ENCOURAGE THE USE OF 'I' STATEMENTS**  
If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with another child, encourage them to use 'I' statements. This means expressing their own feelings and needs without blaming the other person. For example, 'I feel sad when you take my toys without asking' is better than 'You always take my toys'. 'I' statements help children take responsibility for their own feelings and actions.
- 5. FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER**  
When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on resolving the situation and not making personal attacks. Remind them that everyone makes mistakes and that it's okay to ask for help. Encourage them to use respectful language and actions. Focus on the specific behaviour that is causing the problem, not the child's character. This helps children understand that their actions have consequences and that they can learn from their mistakes.
- 6. STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS**  
It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement - especially if you're feeling unheard. However, it's important to stay calm and take breaks when you're feeling angry or upset. This helps children understand that it's okay to take a break when you're feeling upset, but it's also important to come back and try to resolve the issue. This can help children learn to manage their emotions and resolve conflicts more peacefully.
- 7. START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT**  
Talk openly to children about what respect means to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and to people who might disagree with them. Encourage children to talk about their own experiences of conflict and how they resolved it. This can help children understand the importance of respect in all situations and how to handle disagreements.
- 8. SEEK COMMON GROUND**  
When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to see how they can resolve it. Encourage them to look for common ground. This means finding things that both children agree on and trying to find a solution that works for both of them. This can help children understand that there are often ways to find common ground and resolve their disagreements peacefully.
- 9. AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL**  
It's important to remember that children may not always see things the same way. Encourage them to avoid making things personal. This means not using hurtful language or actions that could damage the relationship between children. Encourage them to focus on the problem at hand and not on personal attacks. This helps children understand that disagreements are about the situation, not about the person.
- 10. REFLECT AND LEARN**  
After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. Ask them how they felt and how they might resolve similar situations in the future. Encourage them to think about what they did well on and what they could do better on. This helps children understand that disagreements are a chance to learn and grow.

**Meet Our Expert**  
The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) ran anti-bullying week each year. ABA is a national coalition of organisations and individuals working together to achieve their aim of ending bullying and creating environments in which children feel safe and secure. We are proud to have been part of this year's anti-bullying week. We have been working with The National College and WakeUp Wednesday to help children understand the importance of respect and how to handle disagreements.

Source: the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA)

**WakeUp Wednesday**  
The National College

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Anti-Bullying Week is right around the corner, and this year's theme is "Choose Respect" When disputes arise among children, insults and rudeness can sometimes follow and it's vital for us to show them a better way.

<sup>2</sup><https://discovergainsborough.com/christmas-lights-festival/>

## A GREAT Free Parent Workshops - For Online Safety Questions and Answers



### Upcoming Parent TEAMS Events

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Primary Aged Children 20th November 2024 6-7:30pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441939>



Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Secondary Aged Children 26th November 2024 6-7:30 pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441969>



Navigating Teen Relationships 9<sup>th</sup> December **6-7:30 pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1428506>



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3 - QR code for the Online Q+A Primary School Parent Workshop



*4 - QR Code for the Online Q+A Secondary School Parent Workshop*



*5 - QR code for Navigating Teen Relationships*

## Vision Champions



A wonderful well done to our Vision Champions! Not only have they been showing our Core Four values of Community, Dignity, Hope and Wisdom, but also our special value this term of Friendship.

The children celebrated this week are:

Mr Anderson's class - Penny Wilsea and Jeron Daibin

Miss White's class - Alice Horton and Alfie Lowthorpe

Mrs Mitchell's and Mrs Marshall's class - Mason Hirst and Delilah Gardner

Miss Green's class - Daisy Petts and Benjamin Walker

Miss Hensby's class - Dalton Dickson and Valentina Bowles

Miss Brown and Mrs Cherry's class - Ava Bray and Harvey Tomlinson

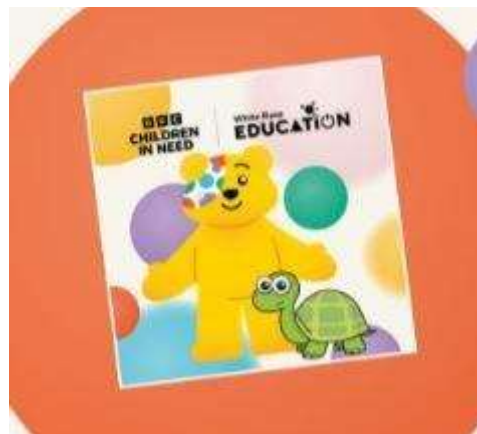
Well done everyone!



**Reminder** that the main deadline for secondary transfer applications was 31st October for those parents who have a child in Year 6.

Applications can be made online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/><sup>3</sup> or phone 01522 782030 and make an application over the phone.

## Children in Need 2024



On Friday, 15th November children can come to school dressed in something spotty or their pPJ.

Each class will be undertaking a challenge as part of their learning.

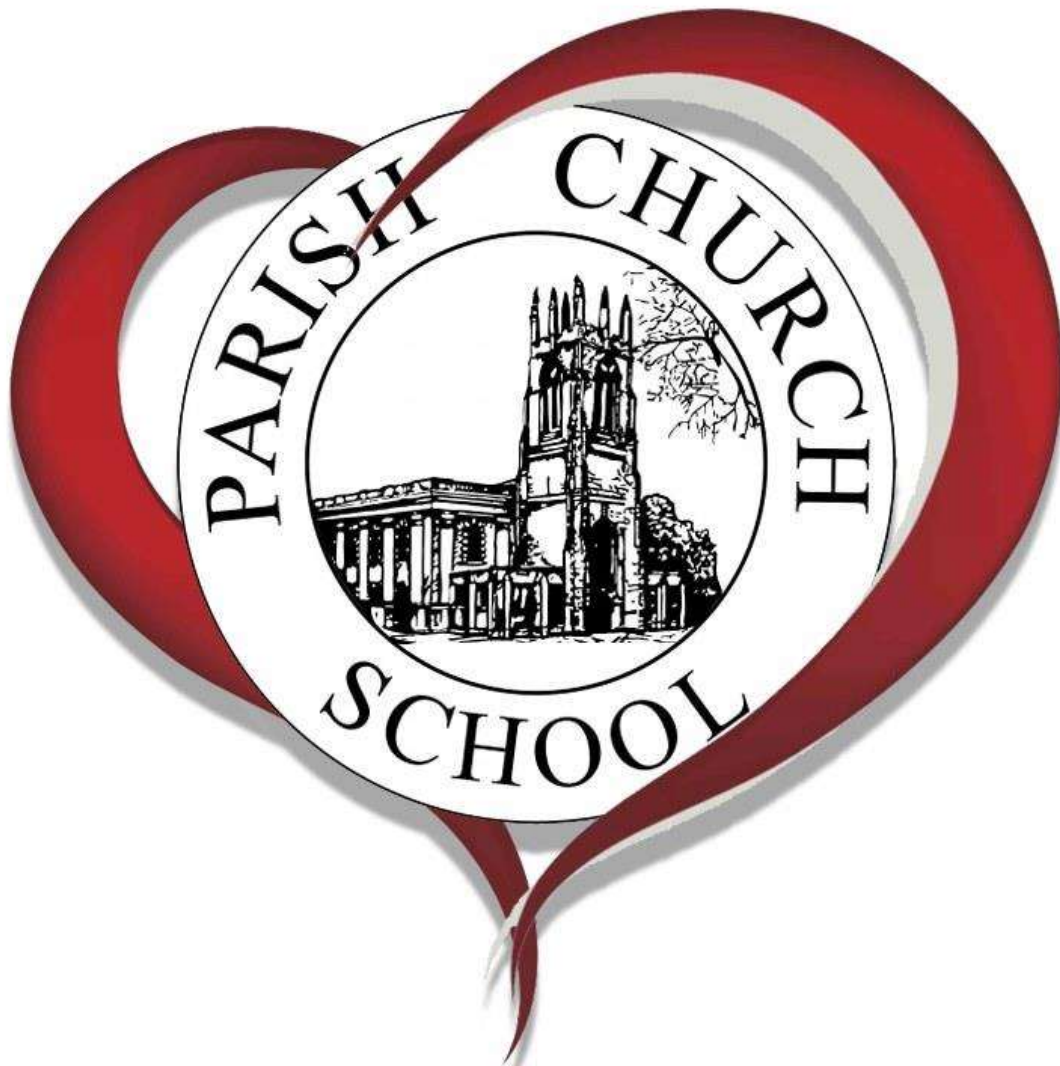
If you wish to make a donation, please head to Parentpay and give what you can.

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<sup>3</sup>[https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lincolnshire.gov.uk%2Fschool-admissions%2Fapply-school%2F&data=05|02|enquiries%40gainsborough.laot.co.uk|5d5ae1f7dc72487132e108dcf8e484ea|deb94e3e913c4a3c965b2011ef1f77c1|0|0|638658907588304660|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=Zc7o1XxrJxZnSl%2FckQHJkwTUsP6S6lfPZcQyYQD6miA%3D&reserved=0](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lincolnshire.gov.uk%2Fschool-admissions%2Fapply-school%2F&data=05%20|02%20enquiries%40gainsborough.laot.co.uk%20|5d5ae1f7dc72487132e108dcf8e484ea%20|deb94e3e913c4a3c965b2011ef1f77c1%20|0%20|638658907588304660%20|Unknown%20|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%20|&sdata=Zc7o1XxrJxZnSl%2FckQHJkwTUsP6S6lfPZcQyYQD6miA%3D&reserved=0)

Thank you.

See you next week!



We wish all of our community a great weekend - the school news will now be issued every fortnight - so please do look out for it in two week's time!