



Gwladys Street Community Primary & Nursery School

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**Term Dates:**

**Tuesday 21st December**  
- School closes at 1.30 pm

**Wednesday 5th January**  
- Children return to school

**Tuesday 11th January** -  
Odd Sock day - Pupils to wear odd socks

**Month of February** -  
Virtual author visits for the children's literacy Festival.

**Thursday 17th February**  
- School closes for half term

**Friday 18th February** -  
Teacher INSET day

**Monday 28th February** -  
Pupils return to school

**Thursday 3rd March** -  
Author visit—Taffy Thomas to celebrate World Book Day

**Thursday 7th and 8th April**  
- Circus Skills Event.



Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been another challenging term with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic but I would like to thank all our wonderful pupils, parents and staff for continuing to go above and beyond to ensure that Gwladys Street Community Primary and Nursery School continues to provide an excellent education for all our community.

It has been fantastic to be able to meet with parents and carers this term and look at additional ways to support pupils in school. Next term, we will look at other events were we can listen to your views and help build on school's successes.

This term, our school was successful in achieving the Basic Skills Quality Mark which highlights all the key opportunities we are providing to ensure all our pupils are successful in life. Please see the letter of confirmation on page 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January at 8:50am.

Please remember that 'Every Minute of Every Day Counts' so we would like to see every child in school every day. It is essential that your child attends everyday to support their education and wellbeing. We have lots of wonderful prizes ready for January. Watch this space!

Merry Christmas, Ms Booth

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December at 1.30 pm**

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated or sponsored our reading event to raise funds for Dastan's Memorial Garden. We raised an amazing £2761.02, which has been used to create a beautiful, safe space for the children to read and reflect in. The garden was opened on 11th November 2021 by Dastan's mum and we will continue to raise funds for Claire's House next year.



### **Attendance**

Well done to 51 children, who have achieved 100% this term.

### Outdoor Environment

We continue to make improvements to our outdoor environment for the children to have safe and exciting places to learn and play. Our reading garden on the Key Stage 1 yard is near to completion, improved screening around the school fences and signage.

Please do not forget to continue to notify school of any positive test results

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Medical evidence also needs to be provided to support with authorised attendances.

## Reading and Maths Calendar

Throughout the year at Gwladys Street, we celebrate Reading and Maths in many ways. We were able to welcome local poet Joe Roberts, who recited and led workshops with the children.

On 11th January children can wear ODD SOCKS, as we will be investigating Odd numbers in our Maths lessons.



### Twitter

Have you followed us on Twitter?



@GwladysStPrim

[Follow your child's class page too!](#)

### **Donations**

Thank you once again to EiTC, L6, Radio City and Walton Lane Police Station for their donations to school this month. In addition, thank you to all our staff who have contributed to food donations to support our families at this time.

### Covid Safe Christmas

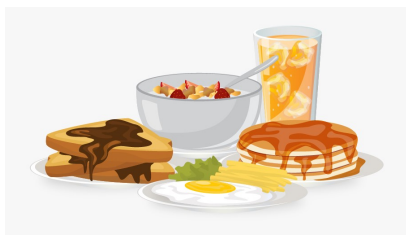
This year, we have had another Christmas where events have had to be creatively managed to ensure the children enjoy the run up to the 'Big Day'! Children have participated in:

- Key Stage Christmas performances which will be online for parents to enjoy.
- Year 3 Clarinet performance.
- Christmas Dinner!
- Santa Dash and meeting Santa!
- Virtual author visits.
- Gifts from school.
- Stay and play for our new starters in FS1.

Please do not forget to continue to notify school of any positive COVID-19 test results, up to and including 23rd December 2020, through the COVID email.  
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### Parent/carer afternoons

This term we held a parents afternoon for Year 5. Thank you to all the parents/carers who arrived and gave us ideas we can use to support their children. We will continue to hold these and gain more parental views throughout the year when we are able to. It is a good opportunity to meet members of our team and other parents/carers.



### Swimming

This term Year 6 went swimming each week at Alsop. Well done for their excellent behaviour and improving their swimming skills. Next term will be Year 4's turn and a letter will be going out in the first week of January.

### Bikeability

Year 5 pupils were able to participate in Bikeability this term to keep themselves safe riding their bikes on the road. Year 6 will have the same opportunity in the Summer term ready for their transition to secondary school. Remember a bike helmet is a good Christmas present!



We can all have 97% attendance.



Each week the class with the best attendance in the Key Stage will have a golden time activity for the afternoon. The class with the best attendance for the month will have the following prizes:

**January:** An afterschool tea party for the class.

**February:** Film night with popcorn

**March:** Disco afternoon

**April:** Afternoon with Mr. Trigg and ICT equipment

**May:** Board games afternoon.

**June:** Special outside visitor

Each half term a raffle will take place for a child and parent to win a voucher for the best attendance.

### New Lunch Menu for the Children

Gwladys Street are switching our catering company to **Food For Thought** to produce an exciting new menu for the children. All the produce is locally sourced and the children will be able to participate in tasting sessions.

This term we have had many virtual visits for the pupils to enjoy, from authors to Liverpool Museum and even an out of space adventure.

Thank you to all of our talented staff who held after school clubs this term for the pupils: art, singing, spelling, baking, dance, cricket, multiskills and gardening.

20 December 2021

## **BASIC SKILLS QUALITY MARK**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that your child's school has recently been awarded a Quality Mark Award.

This national accreditation is awarded to schools which meet the Quality Mark Standard and will last for three years, after which a renewal assessment is required.

The Quality Mark promotes, supports and celebrates progress and improvements made by a school in English and mathematics. Without these 'basic skills' of good communication, English and mathematical skills, individuals are disadvantaged throughout their lives – as learners, in the workplace and as parents, consumers and citizens and so they form the 'bedrock' of a good education.

To achieve a Quality Mark, schools have to undergo an assessment, carried out by an external accredited assessor, against the 10 'Elements' of the Quality Mark framework. These cover key aspects of the school's improvement agenda, including the identification and analysis of the school's needs; strategic planning; target setting for improvement; intervention and support for pupils under-achieving or under-attaining; provision of quality in both teaching and in resources; staff development; and active engagement with families. Effective monitoring and evaluation are also required - particularly to achieve renewal when continuing development by the school and evidence of impact of actions must be demonstrated.

I hope you will share in the pride of the school and its pupils in achieving this award.

Yours faithfully,



Nicola Morris, Quality Mark National Director