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Friday 28th November 2025

Heidi

Heidi's funeral will take place on Monday 8th December at 12.30 at St. Thomas' Church, Gawber. School will be open as normal. However, the day will be a special one in school, where our activities will all be focussed on celebrating Heidi's life and remembering what a truly special and inspirational little girl she was.

Her family are asking that anyone who attends the funeral should wear brightly coloured clothes as Heidi loved rainbows. We would like to echo this in school and ask that children come in their favourite 'rainbow' clothes on that day- the more colourful the better.

On Wednesday 3rd December between 3.30 and 5.30 pm Reverend Phil (of St Thomas' Church) will open the church for families and the wider community to pay their respects ahead of Heidi's funeral.

There will be a lovely, white tree with rainbow tags and pencils, so that children and parents/ carers can write their own memories of Heidi or messages to her family. There will also be the option of lighting a candle for Heidi.

We have attached some information that we have shared with class 0 parents, which we thought other parents and carers may find helpful.

As a mark of respect, we will be changing the date of Class 3's Christmas party and will inform parents of this as soon as this has been decided.

A Celebration of Heidi's Life

Forever our rainbow



We invite you to join us in saying a heartfelt goodbye to our precious Heidi.

Monday 8th December

Anyone who wishes is welcome to walk with her from our home, 6 St Owen's Drive, Pogmoor, down to the church at 12pm.

The funeral service will be held at 12:30pm, St Thomas Church, Gawber

Christmas Post-box

On Monday 1st December, our Christmas post-box will officially start making deliveries. Children may post cards to their friends. They should put the name and the class of whom the card is going to on the envelope. Where there is, more than one child of that name in the class please put surnames too. Our year 6 children will deliver cards to classes.

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 2nd December is Christmas dinner day. Christmas dinner will be the only option of hot meal, on that day. If your child doesn't usually have a school dinner, they are more than welcome to have one- this can be booked and paid for via Parent Pay. If your child doesn't want Christmas dinner then they should bring a packed lunch as normal.

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, shirts, dresses (or anything festive) on this day.

Christmas Activity Afternoon

Our brilliant PTA have been very busy in school preparing for our Christmas activity afternoon next Friday. A huge thank you to all those parents who have paid the £5 to cover the costs of the activities and hopefully some extra to support our children in lots more ways throughout the coming year.

Christmas raffle

Thank you so much for all the extremely generous donations you have made for our Christmas Hamper raffle. All children will come home today with £5.00 worth of tickets in their book bags. If you wish to purchase/sell additional tickets these are available from the school office. We ask that you return any unsold tickets back to school. The closing date for ticket stubs and money to be returned to school is Wednesday 17th December. It will be drawn during our final assembly on Friday 19th December.



As always, thank you for your continued support. It is especially appreciated
Kindest regards
Dawn Bradshaw
Headteacher

Statutory Tests Dates 2026

Below are the statutory test dates for 2025/26. Can we politely ask that parents/carers avoid these dates for any appointments/ holidays.

Year 1 phonics screening check June 8 to Friday, June 12, 2026

Year 4 multiplication tables check June 7th to June 18th 2026

Key stage 2 SATS May 11th to 14th 2026

Calendar Dates Autumn Term

Monday 1st December- trim the tree assembly

Tuesday 2nd December- Christmas dinner

Thursday 4th December- Pantomime in school

Friday 5th December- Christmas activity afternoon

Monday 8th December Celebrating Heidi

Tuesday 9th December pm- Class 4 party

Wednesday 10th December pm- KS 1 Nativities at 9.15 and 1.45 pm

Thursday 11th December pm- class 5 party

Friday 12th December pm Class 1 party

Tuesday 16th December 2.30pm- Class 0 Nativity

Tuesday 16th December pm- Class 2 party

Wednesday 17th December pm Class 6 party

Thursday 18th December at 9.15 and 2 00pm Key Stage 2 Carol concerts

Friday 19th December- break up for Christmas

2026 dates

Monday 5th January INSET day

Tuesday 6th January- children return

Friday 13th February- break up for half term

Monday 23rd February- return to school

Friday 27th March- break up for Easter

Monday 13th April- return to school

Monday 4th May- bank holiday

Thursday 21st May-children break up for half term

Friday 22nd May- INSET day

Monday 1st June- return to school

Friday 17th July children break up for summer

Monday 20th July- INSET day