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Dear parents/ carers

National Storytelling Week 2026

There has been such a wonderful buzz around school this week because of all the amazing activities that National Storytelling Week has brought to Gawber. On Monday, teachers launched the week with some special sessions based around this year's theme of 'Soundtrack to Your Story'. Throughout the week children have focused on songs, poetry and storytelling and then on Friday morning we all shared our learning in a special assembly.

The children have also been busy sharing some of their favourite songs ready to be collated into a very special book of lyrics. More exciting things to come – watch this space!

Netball Superstars!

Earlier this week, these Year 6 girls represented Gawber in a netball competition and achieved second place in the finals. Not only were they excellent netball players but also respectful and kind individuals who all supported each other brilliantly. Well done!



Replacing Twitter (X)

Recently, we have been looking into a replacement for Twitter. At Gawber, we really enjoy being able to share our learning with you and have used Twitter to do this. However, because of recent reports regarding an AI component generating inappropriate imagery, we felt that we needed to pursue a different avenue.



In Class 0, Class Dojo is used to keep parents/ carers up to date regarding learning and achievements. We have decided that we will soon begin to use Class Dojo in Years 1 – 6 too.

The school and class pages are currently being created and soon we will be in touch with how you can register to follow you child's page.

Class Dojo is not open to the public. It offers a more controlled environment where we can share children's learning securely with parents and carers, without the risks that come with public social media.

We look forward to launching this after half term!

As seen on TV!

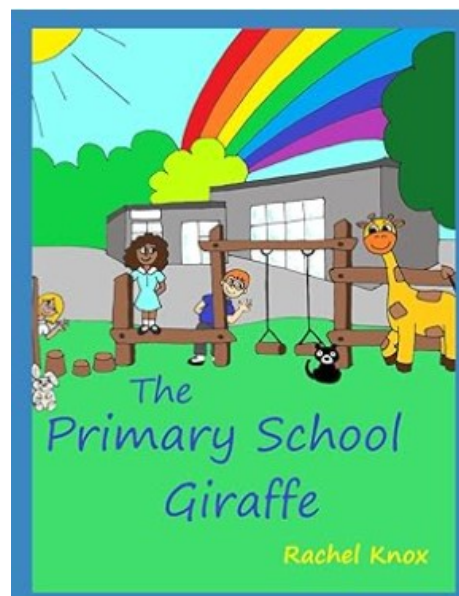
For those of you who are fans of BBC's The Apprentice, you may have heard our school book get a little mention! 'The Primary School Giraffe' (a story about our very own Jeffrika) is available to buy on Amazon and all funds raised are donated to school so that we can buy new books for our school library.

Please follow the link to buy your copy:
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Primary-School-Giraffe-Adventures-Jeffrika/dp/B0CK9XBCH2>

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind 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

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