



Attendance this week is 95.35 % (target is 96%)

8 Sept 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

It has been a fantastic first week of term, supporting by the eventual arrival of 'summer', and as always, everyone who works at the school has loved seeing the return of so many enthusiastic and beaming pupils, full of tales of their summer holiday adventures. It has been equally wonderful to be so warmly greeted by so many families at the gate in the mornings and after school; I could not have asked for a more welcoming start to my time here at Gillamoor. I'm sure the children would echo my sentiments in wishing Mrs Hayes all the best in her next ventures. I feel fortunate to be receiving from her a school bursting with kindness, joy and care. I look forward very much to getting to know your children and yourselves over the next few weeks.

Mrs Elsey

### School News

We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of great activities. The children have already begun their new topics in the Juniors with some deep thinking to begin their exploration of different historical time periods (Romans—Owls) and Anglo-Saxons (Robins). In the Wrens, it has been fantastic to see the older children modelling great behaviour and supporting our newest members of the Gillamoor community as they find their feet in the provision.

**Start and End of School**  
Breakfast Club is from 8am  
School gates open between 8.45-8.55.  
Lessons start at 9am prompt.  
(After 9am pupils are marked as late.)

**School Clubs**  
Breakfast Club is from 8.00 am every morning.  
After school clubs start on Monday 11th September. Signing up form with additional details has been sent home in bags.

- Monday - **Origami Club**
- Tuesday - **Film Club**
- Wednesday - **Sports Club**
- Thursday- **Music Club**
- Friday - **Science Club**

**Chill Club** (child care) - to 5.30pm every evening, 5.00 pm on Fridays (must be booked in advance to ensure we have staff to provide this service)

**Swimming and PE**  
These will start on Monday 11th September and take place at St Alban's Sports Centre, Ampleforth. **Pupils should come to school in their school uniform.** Children need their PE kit and should remember to bring their swimming kit in a separate bag (waterproof if possible). Don't forget a towel and goggles if they usually use them.



*First the blade, then the ear,  
then the full grain.*

@SchoolGillamoor

Gillamoor C of E Primary School



**This week's winning House is Oak**

**Last winning House was Oak**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11 Sept-swimming and PE, Ampleforth
- 15 Sept- Y2 multi-skills, Sinnington
- 18 Sept-7.00pm FoGs, Royal Oak
- 3 Oct—.2.45pm-5.00 pm Parent Consultation
- 3 Oct-FGB
- 4 Oct—3.45pm-6.00 pm Parent Consultation
- 18 Oct-school photographs
- 20 Oct- Y3/4 Girls Football, Ryedale
- 27 Oct- Y5/6 Girls Football, Ryedale.
- 27 Oct-break up
- 6 Nov—Return to school

**“START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT.” (PROVERBS 22:6)**



We welcome everyone to Gillamoor School. Please see attached our letter  
Lots of fundraisers are already planned for the forthcoming year. Our next meeting is 18th September 7pm at Royal Oak in Gillamoor, please come along say 'hi' and find out more about what's involved. If you would like added to the FOGS correspondence drop me an email [jrs.rp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrs.rp@btinternet.com) or text me on 07786294196 Many thanks Rachel'

### School Uniform

It is lovely to see all of our pupils looking so smart in their school uniform. Trainers should only be worn for PE lessons and black sensible school shoes for every day.



Uniform is:-

Gillamoor School sweatshirt or cardigan or navy equivalent.

Grey or black long school trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (**no leggings, jeans or cargo trousers**)

Yellow polo shirt with school logo or plain yellow.

Black sensible school shoes (**no trainers**)

PE—Plain red polo shirt or t-shirt, plain black shorts, plain dark coloured jogging bottoms, black plimsolls or trainers.

All of these are available from large supermarkets and for logo items from SchoolShop.

### Data Collection Sheet

Please can the Data Collection Sheets sent home on Tuesday be returned to school by **Monday 11 September**. These have vital contact information which we require in school, in case we need to contact you. Thank you for the ones we have already received.

## GALLERY

Years 3—6 took part in a challenge from Mrs Elsey today. Which group could work as a team to make the longest paper chain from one A4 piece of paper. Well done to all who took part. Our winning team managed an impressive 6m 42cm!



Staff Training/meetings

Safeguarding training

### School Lunches

Week beginning 11 September is week 2 of our menu.

The dates are on the top of your menus.





Online Safety is a serious subject and as teachers, we are keen to help parents understand ways they can act to keep their children safe online. Each week, I will share a link to materials from the National Online Safety organisation. This week's theme is about Live Streaming.

Around one in four social media users watch other people's content in real time on those same platforms. What's more, Ofcom estimates that 58% of children in the UK have consumed video content this way – with many also creating and broadcasting their own material online

Live streaming, as it's known, has become immensely popular – with some streamers drawing tens of millions of followers. Among those viewers, however, lurk individuals who may pose a threat. [Following the link](#) to access the online guide, or search [#wakeupwednesday](#) to view the whole series.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD  
SOLIHULL APPROACH



**WELCOME  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL**

**EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?  
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?**

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE  
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In North Yorkshire, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



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