

Achieving and Flourishing Together in God's Loving Arms

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to a New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas with your families and a belated Happy New Year to you all! Mrs Burns and all staff members were devastated that the Autumn term ended on such a low before Christmas due to the outbreak of a sickness bug. We hope that all those who suffered were able to enjoy their Christmas & New Year festivities.

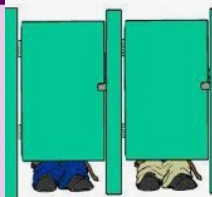
Toilet refurbishment & Cleaning

During the last week of term a number of pupils & families unfortunately suffered with a sickness bug. We would like to assure you, that during that week we did take additional precautions within school and the cleaning staff worked throughout, to minimise risk.

Over the holidays the school was then deep cleaned using approved cleaning solutions, ensuring all points of contact (including desks, doors, handles, hand rails and floors etc) were treated. We also had carpets deep cleaned.

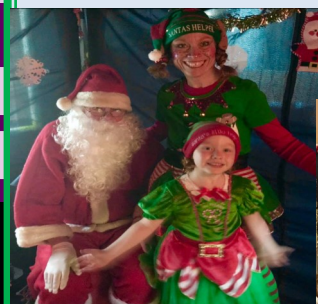
Our builders were also in school over the course of the Christmas holidays, commencing the refurbishment of our pupil toilets.

For safeguarding purposes, could we please ask that should parents/adults need to use the toilet at drop off or pick up times that you do not use the children's toilet. This is for the use of children only. There is an adult toilet located outside the school hall.



A massive thank you to our FROGS for ensuring we had such an enjoyable and well organised Christmas Fayre. Really great team work. Special thanks to Trudi & Jade and all our other new FROGS members for all the hours of preparation which were put in. Lovely to see the school community joining in with the different stalls and **£1315.00** was raised for PTFA funds.

Fantastic!



Attendance Data for the period 5/09/18 – 11/1/19

Whole School	93.94
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	93.15
1	94.21
2	94.87
3	95.08
4	93.82
5	92.48
6	94.15

WELL DONE to Y3
still taking the lead for good attendance!!!



KS1 Nativity

We were so sorry that we had to postpone the KS1 Nativity performance due to illness last term. We are very pleased to be able to hold the performance on Wednesday 23th January at 6pm at Beverley Park. A letter was sent home last week with all the information.

Swimming

Following a consultation involving Governors and Staff, we have made the decision that Years 2-6 will now take part in swimming lessons. There are two

main reasons for this decision:

1) We want to ensure that every child leaves the school being able to swim 25 metres. We have become increasingly concerned that some children are leaving school unable to swim. Our intention is to use the time taken by the Reception and Y1 classes in the Summer Term to focus on additional swimming lessons for older children who are struggling with this life skill.

2) Many of our youngest children were not making enough progress at swimming lessons because they need 1 to 1 or very small group sessions. The amount of progress made was minimal and not an effective use of time. Parents must ensure that children are taught to swim and not assume that this is something the school is responsible for.

If you would like to discuss this matter further do please speak to Mrs Burns or Mrs Stewart.



CENSUS DAY

INTERNATIONAL DAY

17TH JANUARY

Our last Census day was such a success, thank you to all who ordered lunches. We would be grateful if you would all consider pre-ordering a lunch for our next Census day on Thursday 17th January as this determines part of our funding for the school. Please see the menu below.

Sausage & Chips

Quorn Sausage

Chocolate Crispy Cake

GALMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES, SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Wednesday 4th September

Mon 21st October - Fri 25th October

Monday 28th October

Friday 20th December

Non-pupil Day

Non-pupil Day

Pupils return to school

Half Term Holidays

Pupils return to school

End of Term (expected finish at 2.15pm)

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January

Mon 17th February - Fri 21st February

Monday 24th February

Friday 27th March

Pupils return to school

Half Term Holiday

Pupils return to school

End of Term (expected finish at 2.15pm)

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 14th April

Monday 4th May

Tuesday 5th May

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May

Mon 1st, Tues 2nd, Weds 3rd June

Thursday 4th June

Tuesday 21st July

Pupils return to school

May Day Bank Holiday

Pupils return to school

Half Term Holiday

3 x Non-pupil days

Pupils return to school

End of Term (expected finish at 2.15pm)

Non Pupil Days: 2nd & 3rd September 2019
1st, 2nd, 3rd June 2020

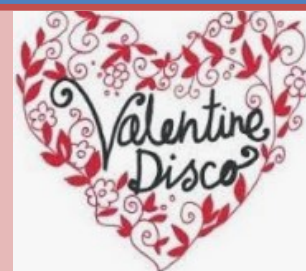
FROGS VALENTINES DISCO & NON-UNIFORM DAY!

February 14th

FROGS will be holding a non-uniform Valentines Disco on the above day.

KS1—3.30pm to 4.30pm

KS2—4.45pm to 5.45pm



After School Club



Open

Monday-Friday	Smartiezone KS1 & KS2
Monday	Football (BDA) Y1-Y6
Tuesday	Performing Arts KS2
	Spanish Y1 & Y2
Wednesday	Multisports KS1
	Art Club (Mrs Richards)
Thursday	Multisports KS2
	Electric Music KS2 (Mrs Devenport)

School Performance Tables

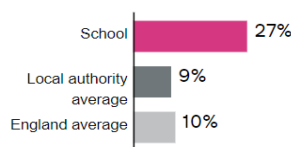
Each year, data is published about the standards of education in schools to help parents stay informed about the performance of schools in their area. This information is based on the results from the SATS (National tests) that Year 6 pupils take in May. We are exceptionally proud of the results the children have achieved over the last three years and of how well the school is doing.

One measure used by the Department of Education is the percentage of children who achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. As you can see below last year our school did exceptionally well, placing us very high in comparison to other schools both locally and nationally.

Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?

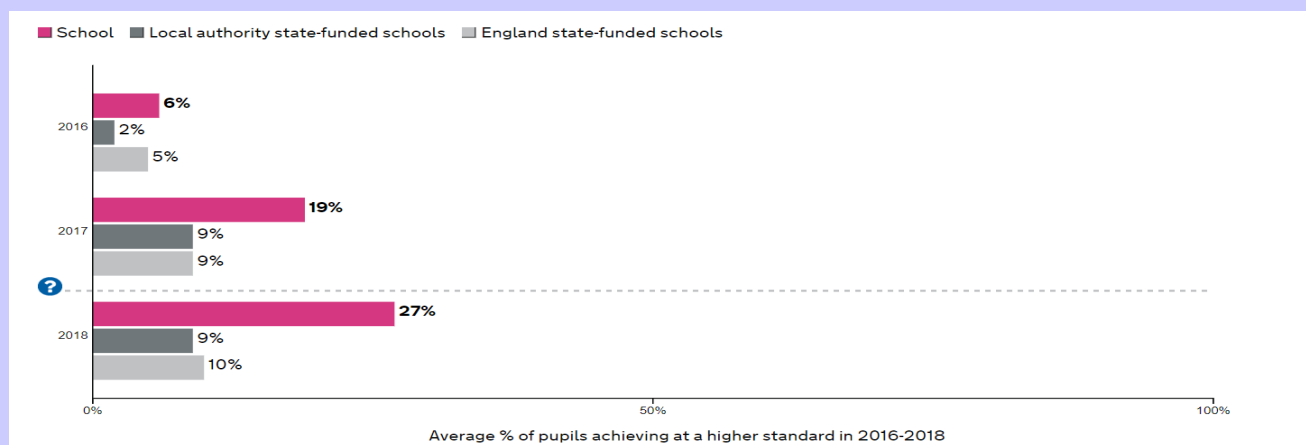


Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths ?



Pupils achieving at a Higher Standard

This was also an exceptional year for us in terms of the percentage of children achieving at the Higher standard. The table below demonstrates how well Galmpton is doing is over a 3 Year period!



Disadvantaged Pupils

The Government classifies pupils eligible for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years and Children Looked After (in the care of the Local Authority, for a day or more or who have been adopted from care) as disadvantaged. Evidence shows that, overall, the performance of disadvantaged pupils is lower than that of other pupils. Schools are expected to tackle this difference and this measure is also reported Nationally. 75% of our Year 6 disadvantaged pupils achieved the combined expected standard last year, this compares to a figure of 69% locally and 70% nationally. We are really pleased that the disadvantaged pupils in our school are able to make accelerated progress and achieve better than other pupils Nationally.

This is really rewarding news for us, for parents, but most importantly for our pupils! It demonstrates the very high quality teaching that we have at Galmpton across the school. Our **KS1 data** was equally pleasing with our Y2 pupils last year achieving well above average in all areas. For more detailed information, please go to:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/113458/galmpton-church-of-england-primary-school>

'Curiosity is the seed that creates beautiful questions... that lead to deeper learning.'

We are very excited to begin our science based learning experience this term, which will centre around the learning question: How can I be a Super Scientist?



Our learning value is 'Curiosity', and by providing children with rich, engaging experiences throughout the term, we will inspire children to question the world around them and design investigations that will not only deepen their learning but, encourage collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

The children will find out what it is to be a Scientist and look at the concepts of 'fair testing', trial and error, comparing, evaluating and improving a design. Many classes have begun their investigations already and it has been fabulous to see children conducting research and

creating mind maps to plan their own areas of personal interest. Children in Year 2, for example, have decided to start off their Space topic by investigating gravity. They are going to design a specifically timed marble run and build water rockets that they will launch on the playground.

The buzz of excitement in school around our trip to 'We The Curious' has been great to see, and we can't wait to see how children's understanding of scientific enquiry develops over the term.



Galmpton Spring Term

Monday 14th January

Y2—Y6 trip to “We the Curious” Bristol

Monday 14th January

YR & Y1 Fizz Pop Science Workshop

Tuesday 22nd January

KS1 Dogs Trust Workshop

Wednesday 23rd January

KS2 Dogs Trust Workshop

Tuesday 29th January

KS1 Nativity 6pm Beverley Park

Thursday 31st January

“Bags 2 School” collection

Friday 15th February

Eucharist 2.15pm (all welcome)

Last day of term

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February - Spring Half Term

Monday 25th February

Pupils & staff return to school for Spring term

Thursday 14th March

Eucharist 2.15pm (all welcome)

Friday 29th March

FROGS Easter Fayre

Wednesday 3rd April

FROGS Easter Bonnet Parade around the village

Thursday 4th April

FROGS Easter Egg rolling

Friday 5th April

Easter Service 1.15pm

Last day of term—finish at 2.15pm

Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April—Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April

Pupils & staff return to school for Summer term