

# GIRLINGTON NEWS



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## Staff changes

Miss Darr from KS1 is leaving us to go to university. Mrs Mahmood from Early Years has gone on maternity leave. Miss Watling is getting married in the summer and will be known as Mrs O'Neill next term. Miss Goldthorp got married in May and is now known as Mrs Pickard.

We welcome two new staff members starting with us in September, Miss Murray who will be teaching in Year 5 and Miss Arbon who will be part of the Reception teaching team.

We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Kasia and Mrs Richards, who are returning from their maternity leave.

## New School Day

From September we have new school hours.

- Doors open 8.30am
- Registration 8.40am
- Register closes 9.10am (after this time your child will get an absence mark)
- End of school day 3.10pm



Please come and talk to us if you need any help to adjust to these new timings.

## Parents' walking group

We are continuing to work with all of our school community to improve health outcomes.

Last week Mrs Arthur and Mrs Porter had a very enjoyable day walking at St Ives with a group of parents.

Look out next term for more opportunities to go walking.



## School Achievements this half term

### Test results

As we plan to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils we would like to congratulate them on fantastic SATs results.

We have continued to perform well with our phonics screening check in Year 1 and our Multiplications Table Check in Year 4. Please continue to help your child at home as this does make a difference to how your child performs in statutory tests and checks.

All of these results will be available on our website shortly.

### Active School Award

We are the very proud winners of the Bradford Active School Award.

Mrs Porter and Mrs Arthur attended a special award ceremony where they received our very well deserved award.



Thank you to everyone who has helped us to improve attendance this year. I am pleased to announce our whole school attendance is 94.9% which is above the national average. We hope to continue to improve on this next year and reach our target of 96%.

Please remember **not** to book visits abroad in term time.

There are some new rules on lateness which comes from a new National Framework for Penalty Notices, you can find this document here. Persistent lateness will result in a fine from September 2024. Please see the information below to ensure that you do not receive a fine.

## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

### 1 FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### 2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines

### 3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

School closes at 3.00pm on Tuesday 23rd July and re-opens on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

We hope that you can have some fun with your families this summer. Don't forget to look at the summer activity information we sent out by email last week.

All the staff at Girlington Primary would like to wish you a great summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September.

**Mrs K Swales**  
Headteacher