

# GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



# NEWSLETTER

Firstly I would like to say a really big 'well done' to all of Year 6 for their incredible hard work in SATs week. I was so impressed with their concentration, determination and attitude each day. You may have heard on the news about the reading paper this year which was exceptionally long and difficult. Many adults would have struggled in the time given. I know they all tried their very best and we were very proud of them all.

I hope you all took the opportunity to respond to the consultation regarding the changes to the school start and end times. We will aim to report the outcomes shortly after half term so you have plenty of time for September preparations.

Wishing you all a relaxing half term and hopefully the weather will be kind to us and the sun will shine.



*Skingsley*

**Mrs C Skingsley**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates for June/July

### June

5th-9th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Liddington
7th	Reception 2023 New Parents Evening
15th	7pm PTFA Meeting
19th-30th	Fitness Fortnight
23rd (am)	KS1 Sports Day
23rd (pm)	Year R Sports Day
23rd	3.30pm PTFA Family Picnic and Games
30th	KS2 Sports Day at Bedford Athletics Stadium

### July

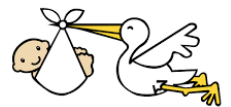
4th	Year 6 Transfer Day
5th	Cultural Day
6th	Year 6 Leavers Performance
6th	Yr.4 Visit to Polhill Campus
7th	School Reports out to Parents
11th	Whole School Transfer Day
12th	Yr.2 Trip to Paradise Park, Herts
13th	Yr.6 Leavers Disco
20th	Yr.5 Trip to London
20th	Awards Day
21st	Last day of Term

Have a good  
Summer!

Children return to School on:  
**Monday 4th September**

### Staff News

We will be saying a sad goodbye to 2 members of staff at the end of July. **Miss Krystal Heath**, Assistant Head will be leaving to study Educational Psychology at University, a place she secured at the beginning of this academic year, and **Mr Michael Wright**, Class Teacher who is moving on to pastures new. We wish them both every success in their future careers. Congratulations to **Mrs Grace Humphries**, **Maple Class Teacher** and her husband who are delighted to announce that they are expecting their first baby in November.



### Sun Safety

With the summer months upon us and hopefully some sunny weather too please be aware of sun safety and send your child into school on sunny days with the following:-

- \* a named sun hat;
- \* apply sun cream **BEFORE** school;
- \* **ensure their named water bottle is in school** for use during the day as children quickly get dehydrated when the weather is warm
- \* open toed sandals are not suitable footwear for school and for safety reasons shouldn't be worn.

Don't forget teaching children safe sun habits while they are young sets a good pattern for later life and that the Great British sun is quite capable of burning



### Year 4 Residential to Caythorpe

Cathorpe was great! I loved going on the big swing with Charlotte and Miss Cupit (you can only have 3 people at a time). The big swing is a massive metal pole that you get attached to. You wear harnesses and it's all very safe. You get hoisted up by your friends and when you're where you want to stop you shout "STOP!". Then you're suspended in the air which is really fun. Finally, someone pulls a pearl white string attached to the swing and you come swinging down really fast. It's so fun! Someone screamed very loudly on the big swing.. and it wasn't me or Charlotte... We had the best time.

**Ava Cedar Class**

### Year 3 RE Visitors

Two priests named Marcus and Simon from the church came to school and they taught us about how to baptise babies. First, they taught us what a priest does during a baptism and told a story about John the Baptist who baptised Jesus. Next, they picked some people to be the godparents, the parents and the priest to do an demonstration. They used a baby doll and the priest said some prayers, then the parents blessed the baby by saying good things that they wanted to happen to the baby and the godparents said some prayers. Then, the priest used holy oil to put a cross on the baby's head and poured the holy water into a font. Finally, the priest said some last prayers and used a shell to scoop up the holy water and splashed it on the baby dolls head only three times because once represents the Father, twice for the Son and three times for the Holy Spirit and all together it means God.

**- Jessica Hazel Class**



### Donations of unwanted School Uniform

If your child is leaving us this July, please can you consider donating their school uniform, especially Blazers, ties and girls pinafores/skirts. These items are unavailable in cheaper stores like Tesco and can be very costly. Thank you for your kindness and support.

### Coronation Celebrations

**A report by Amelia in Elm, Charlie in Beech and Samuel in Lime**

On our Coronation Celebration day we walked around the field with music playing. We then sat down and Mrs Skingsley gave us a speech. She said how the coronation was special because we haven't had one in 70 years.

Mrs Turner from Year 4 choreographed a dance that we all had to do. After we were given special cupcakes.

Before the event every Year group had a theme of art to draw a portrait of King Charles III. Each class had a winner which was announced by Mrs Skingsley. Each piece of art-work was unique and had its own style. The Year 6 winners were Isabel, Elm, Ronni, Beech and Isabelle, Lime.

It wasn't just the students who competed it was the teachers too! They baked one of the King's favourite dishes—a quiche! The winners were Miss Pugh, Miss Harris and Mrs Simister.

### Recipe of the Month

#### Apricot, pear and orange flapjacks

For a teatime treat these chewy flapjacks have been given an extra fruity twist with grated pear, dried apricots and cranberries. This simple flapjack recipe is a great snack for kids, or an easy traybake for picnics and packed lunches. Get the recipe by following the link below:

<https://realfood.tesco.com/recipes/apricot-pear-and-orange-flapjacks.html>



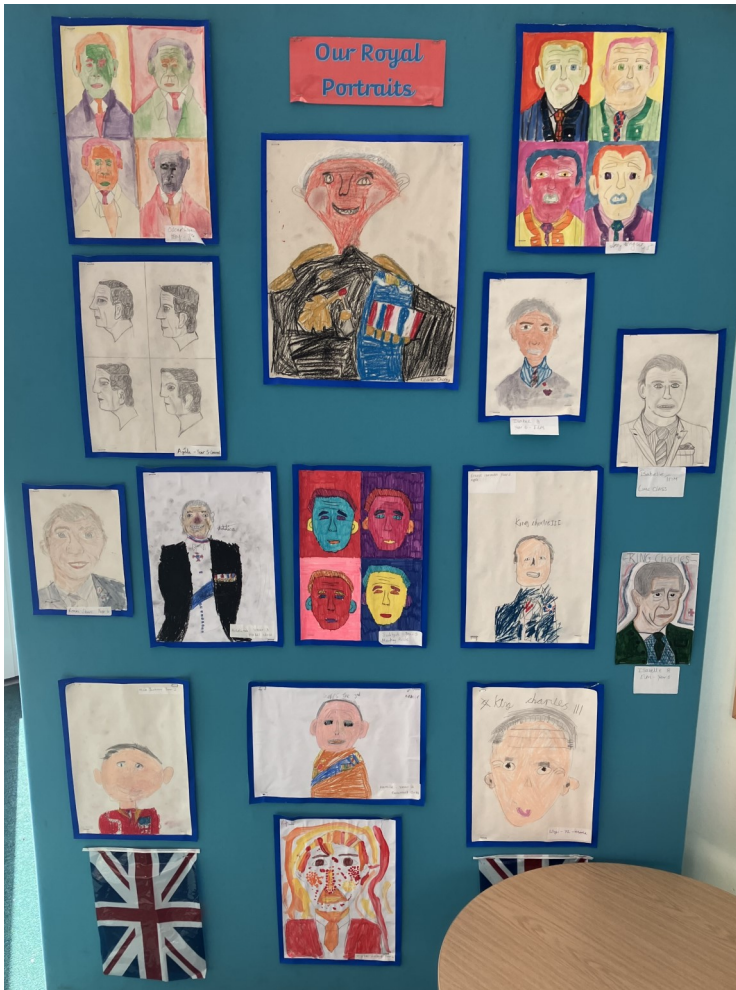
## Values Education

During the month of June the school is focussing on the value of **Appreciation**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Appreciation at home, please let us know by emailing their class teacher, stating the reason you are nominating them.

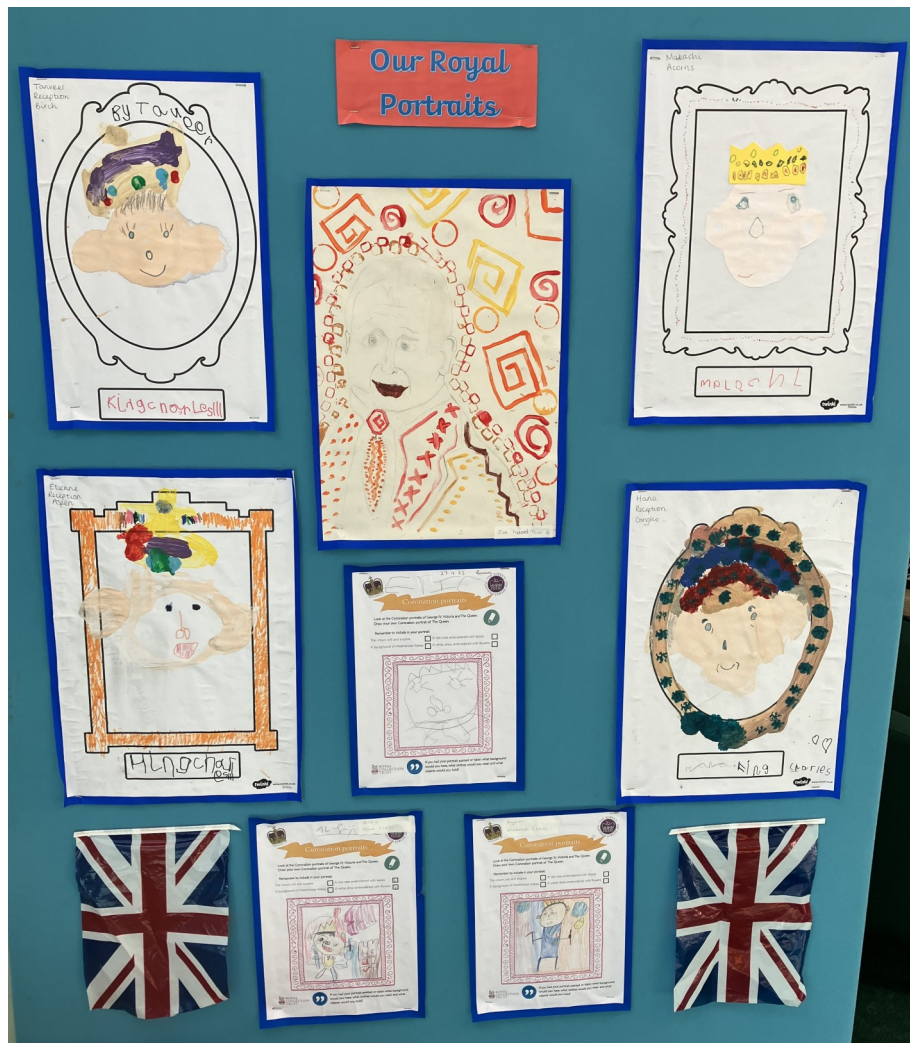
Names of pupils nominated for the monthly Value will appear on the School's Value Notice Board and School's Website.





**Royal Portrait Competition Winners**  
 Well done to all the children who produced beautiful portraits for our Royal Portrait Competition. One winner from each class was chosen and are listed below.

- Malachi, Acorns
- Étienne, Aspen
- Tanveer, Birch
- Hana, Gingko
- Alfie, Oak
- Eric, Rowan
- Ayaan, Walnut
- Ernest, Apple
- Lily, Maple
- Mia, Willow
- Liliana, Cherry
- Adelina, Hazel
- Kamile, Redwood
- Tyler, Cedar
- Zoe, Chestnut
- Kyla, Magnolia
- Agata, Coconut
- Amy, Holly
- Sukhjot, Monkey Puzzle
- Ronni, Beech
- Isabelle, Elm
- Isabelle, Lime



## A pupils attendance is important to us at Goldington Green Academy

The expected attendance for Goldington Green Academy is 96% or more.

Data shows that pupils that achieve well at the end of year 6 and beyond into Key Stage 4, have had lower levels of absences.

This chart shows the impact attendance can have on a pupil.

100 – 97%	96-95.9%	94.9-93%	92.9-90%	89.9-0%
365 days in a year				
190 days in a school year to support children to maintain and even exceed expected attainment levels				
175 days for other activities like holidays, appointments, etc.				
90% equals having a day off every other week. (Would you be happy to lose a day's wages or benefits every other week?)				
Excellent	Good	Fairly Good	Poor	Extremely Poor
In a better position to understand what is being taught	More effort needed to catch upon lost sessions	Starting to struggle to stay in line with peers	Feeling a bit lost in lessons. Support needed	Totally lost. Struggling and feeling despondent
Can be supported at the right level	Light support required to bring back to expected level	Starts falling behind peers	With extra support may still struggle to keep on target	Even with intense support may miss targets

Even though it is not statutory for a child to attend school before five, children are taught early number and phonics in Early Years and If they miss school, this significantly affects their reading and maths.

For more information and advice, please visit:



<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>

