



LITTLE GONERBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Little Gonerby families,

Cherishing Everyone, Flourishing Together

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year. We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and have had the opportunity to relax, make special memories and recharge for the term ahead.

It has been a busy summer here at Little Gonerby, and we are delighted to share some exciting developments with you. Over the holidays, significant building work has taken place to transform our small hall into a brand-new Year 6 classroom. We are thrilled with the results and know that this fantastic new learning space will provide an excellent environment in which our oldest pupils can learn, grow and thrive.

We welcome our fantastic new starters to our Reception Class. Miss Steele is looking forward to getting to learn more about you all and helping you to settle into your new surroundings and routines.

We are also pleased to welcome several new members to the Little Gonerby family. A warm welcome goes to Mr Foster, who joins us as our new Year 6 teacher. We are sure that our Year 6 pupils will enjoy getting to know him and learning alongside him this year. We are equally delighted to welcome our new teaching assistants, Hayley Roberts and Sonja Broad, whose enthusiasm and expertise will be a wonderful addition to our team. In addition, we are pleased to welcome Claire Howe, who joins us as a lunchtime supervisor and will be helping to make playtimes and lunchtimes happy and enjoyable for all our children. We extend a warm welcome to several new families that have also joined us this academic year.

As always, we look forward to working in partnership with our families throughout the year ahead. We have lots to look forward to and are excited to see what the new school year will bring. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to approach our teaching staff on the door each morning. We understand that beginning a new school year as well as starting school completely can pose many challenges and worries and we are happy to help and support where we can.

Collective Worship

This half term's value focuses on our vision ***"I have come that you may have life in all its fullness"*** (John 10:10). We achieve our vision through the teaching of our values: Compassion, Respect, Honesty, Hope and Resilience. These values will be explicitly taught in terms 2-6. Our daily Collective Worship continues to be an incredibly valued part of our school day where we hope to provide opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, supporting children to develop a sense of belonging and an understanding of themselves and others. Collective worship also gives us relished moments of calm reflection in the ever-busy school day!

Our Collective Worship this term will explore:

- Fulness of Life through Forgiveness (Luke 19:1–10)
- Fulness of Life through Using our Gifts (Matthew 25:14–30)
- Fulness of Life Begins with being loved (Luke 15:3–7)
- Fulness of Life Through Kindness (Luke 10:25–37)
- Fulness of Life through Courage (Matthew 14:22–33)
- Fulness of Life Through gratitude and Wonder (Psalm 8)

Term 1 Diary Dates

Date	Event
1 st & 2 nd September	Inset days (Staff only).
3rd September	Start of Term 1 – children return.
8 th September	Year 5 (and select Year 6) Swimming begins (12 weeks).
12 th September	Year 6 11+ Verbal Reasoning paper.
14 th September	Clubs begin.
19 th September	Year 6 11+ Non-verbal Reasoning paper.
21 st – 23 rd September	Year 6 residential to PGL Caythorpe.
22 nd September	PTA – Bake sale.
23 rd September	Parent co-regulation workshop – details TBC.
29 th September	Phonics event for parents (2:45pm).
30 th September	School Council speeches & elections.
2 nd October	Grandparents' coffee morning.
7 th & 8 th October	Parent's Evening.
9 th October	Hello Yellow – wear yellow for World Mental Health day .
15 th October	Nasal flu spray.
16 th October	Year 2 Harvest Class Assembly (9am) – Y2 families invited to watch.
19 th October	Healthy Relationships workshops (Y2-Y6).
20 th October	Individual school photographs.
23rd October	End of Term 1.

At Little Gonerby, we remain rooted in our Christian vision of as we help every child to **flourish** in who they are and all they can become. If there's anything we can help with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Reynolds and The Little Gonerby Family



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Term Dates 2026 – 27

	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
TERM 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
TERM 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
TERM 3	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
TERM 4	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
TERM 5	Wednesday 14 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
BANK HOLIDAY	School closed Monday 3 rd May 2027	
TERM 6	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

There will be 4 staff training days during the year, taken outside of term time as follows;

1st & 2nd September, 4th January , 13th April

Plus 1 further day which will be taken as two twilight sessions.

Key dates for 2026-27

Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments (SATs): **Monday 10th May 2027 – Thursday 13th May 2027**

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: **week commencing Monday 7th June 2027**

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: **week commencing Monday 14th June 2027**