



# St Godric's Newsletter – April 2023



## Welcome Back Everyone!

It is hard to believe that we are already moving into the Summer Term. We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Easter break and looking forward to warmer weather and longer days.

Our term has started with purpose and hard work. We have an unusual half term with an additional Bank Holiday Monday & two Industrial Strike Action Days. We have Coronation celebrations and we will also be marking Mental Health Awareness Week too! All of these events will take us away from the discrete curriculum, so we will be particularly focussed and driven on all of the days in between.

All staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that our children are reaching their full potential, and it really makes a difference when parents and carers support us. **Good attendance and punctuality are the building blocks for good progress** so please do your best to make sure that your children are in school on time and if possible – every day.

## Attendance

Our overall school attendance is currently, **94.57%**, which is above the trust average and the National average.

We still have 12% of pupils who are regarded as persistent absentees – with attendance below 90%.

We will continue to work closely with families to support improvements and the best possible outcomes for our children.

Attendance Awards will return at the end of this term for pupils who demonstrate good attendance.

Gold Award 100%

Silver Award 99%

Bronze Award 97%



## Industrial Strike Action

The school will be **fully closed to all pupils** on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** and **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Sincerest apologies for the inconvenience that this may cause.



*I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Miss Fradgley and her family in the arrival of a beautiful baby boy.*

The Easter Raffle was very successful.

Thank you all for your support and donations.

A special thank you goes to **Mrs Bell** for co-ordinating this fundraiser!



## Coronation celebrations

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating The King's Coronation in school.

Children are invited to come to school wearing either red, white and blue or party clothes. They will all be gifted a keepsake to mark the Coronation and have a tea party lunch in school.



St Godric's is committed to educating our pupils about the wonderful world of nature and our role within it.

Our school mission to attract insects and wildlife, coincides with our coronation celebrations with King Charles III being a champion of nature and environmental issues.

We are looking for donations of plants that will encourage pollinators such as bees. English lavender is fantastic for attracting bumble bees. It is hardy and easy to look after too.

If you have any spare plants, particularly lavender, or you would like to buy one in your shopping and donate it to school, we would be delighted.

### Coronation Clean-up Club 4<sup>th</sup> May

There will be an after-school club on 4<sup>th</sup> May, where the whole school community will come together to clean up our grounds and prepare raised beds and fill planters. Information will follow. If any donations of plants could be in school by 4<sup>th</sup> May, that would be really helpful. Thank you

## Important dates

Please take the time to note down important dates of events in school. It is a busy half term.

Industrial Strike Action – School fully closed to all pupils	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday Monday School Closed	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Industrial Strike Action – School fully closed to all pupils	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
King’s Coronation Celebrations	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Additional Bank Holiday Monday School Closed	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATs Week	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Dance Showcase for @ Blackhall Community Centre further information will follow for pupils who took part in the Dance Festival from Class 1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 4:15-5:45pm
Mental Health Awareness Week	15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May details will follow later
Outdoor and Adventurous Activity Day for <b>Year 2 pupils</b> Details will be shared nearer the time.	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Break up for half term break	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May