



INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Let your Light Shine – Matthew 5:16

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 6th – 15th March** – British Science Week
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Reception Vision Screening
- **Friday 20th March** – Red Nose Day
- **Monday 23rd March** - Y5/Y6 Multi-skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy
- **Tuesday 24th March** – Parents Evening (non-SEND pupils)
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Y1/2 Football Competition @ Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
- **Monday 30th March** – Y3/4 Orienteering Festival @ Staindrop Academy
- **Tuesday 31st March** – Parents Evening (SEND pupils)
- **Thursday 2nd April** – FOIS Break the Rules Day
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Easter Service & Decorated Egg Competition / Last Day of Term
- **Monday 20th April** – Back to School

WORLD BOOK DAY

Our pupils and staff had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes and the children all looked amazing. Thank you to families for the effort you put into helping make the day so special. If you would like to see more photos from the day, please visit our Facebook page.



GO RED FOR RED NOSE DAY

We are excited to be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 20th March** to help raise money for Comic Relief. **Pupils are invited to come to school wearing something red (non-uniform) for the day. During break time, children will be able to take part in a range of fun games and activities.**

A donation page will be available via ParentPay and we kindly ask for a voluntary donation of £2. This will cover wearing red for the day and participation in the activities.

Please do not send any cash into school. All donations should be made through ParentPay, as the money goes directly to Red Nose Day.
<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>



PARENTS' EVENING

Our Spring Parents' Evening dates are as follows:

Parents Evening:

Tuesday 24th March 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

SEND Parents Evening:

Tuesday 31st March 3:30pm – 6.00pm.

Appointment letters have been sent home last week. Please return the form as soon as possible so that appointments can be arranged and notified.

Please note appointments will be allocated on a first come first serve basis – thank you.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

A huge thank you to all the parents who have completed the questionnaire we sent out earlier. Your feedback is invaluable and will greatly assist us in our ongoing efforts to improve.

Remember, the questionnaire is anonymous, providing a safe space for you to share your thoughts on how your child is progressing at our school. If there's anything you're not happy with or if you've got concerns that you feel haven't been resolved, please feel free to make an appointment to come and chat with me directly.

Just a quick reminder: we'll be collating responses on **Friday 13th March**, when the questionnaire will close.

Thanks again for your support!



EASTER SERVICE – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

Our Easter Service will be held in St John's Church on **Thursday 2nd April** at **1.15pm**.

All are welcome!

DECORATED EGG COMPETITION

Pupils are invited to take part in a decorated egg competition. There will be prizes for each class. All entries are to be in school on the morning of **Thursday 2nd April**. Parents are invited back to school following the service for refreshments, a **FOIS Rainbow Raffle** and to see the entries.

We hope you can join us!



SPORTING EVENTS

Monday 23rd March (12:30pm – 2:30pm)	Y5/Y6 Multi-skills Festival @ Staindrop Academy
Wednesday 25th March (9.30am-11.30am)	Y1/Y2 Football Competition @ Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
Monday 30th March (9:30am – 11:30am)	Y3/Y4 Orienteering Festival

Just a gentle reminder that all children need to have the **correct** PE kit – a purple or yellow t-shirt, purple shorts or black plain jogging bottoms, a hoody, trainers and a water bottle please. If your child wears earrings and they are unable to take them out, then you will also need to provide plasters – thank you.



ATTENDANCE

Our Minimum Target is 96% Well done to Chestnut Class who have achieved this target.

Super work! 😊

Willow Class and Oak Class you are so close – keep it up!

Willow	Chestnut	Oak
95%	96%	95%

Current Whole School Attendance is 95.65%



Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school office **before 9:00am on the first day** to let us know the reason and how long they may be off.

If we have not heard from you, the office will contact you on the first day of absence. The school follows up all absences to ensure children are safe and to record attendance correctly.

If your child is absent for **more than three consecutive days**, or for **more than 7 days (14 sessions) in one term**, we may ask parents to provide a signed letter explaining the absence.

We do not usually ask for medical evidence when a child is ill. However, if absences are frequent or there are concerns (for example, possible holidays during term time), we may contact you for further information or request supporting evidence.

If no reason for an absence is provided, it may be recorded as **unauthorised** and could be referred to the Local Authority.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

The law states that Headteachers are not able to approve leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

If you need to request time off for your child during term time, you must complete a **Leave of Absence Request Form**. This form is available from the school office or on our school website. Forms should be submitted at least two weeks before the planned leave.

[Ingleton C of E Primary School Holidays](#)

Please be aware that unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

If a child has **5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week rolling period**, the school must refer the case for enforcement.

Within a three-year period:

The first penalty notice is £160 per parent, per child.

This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

The second penalty notice is £160 to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued, meaning the case may be referred for legal action. Legal action may result in a fine of up to £2,500, a parenting or community order, or prosecution.

Please remember that fines are issued per **parent, per child, not per family**.



FRIENDS OF INGLETON SCHOOL (FOIS)

☺ Easter is rapidly approaching. FOIS will be providing refreshments back at school after the Easter service. There will also be an incidental Rainbow raffle!

Each school year will be given a colour (please see the pictures below) please bring in a small donation for the raffle in the colour you have been given. Some ideas are also attached these are by no means exclusive, please bring all donations into school **before the 27th March**.



FOIS Rainbow raffle

Please support our rainbow raffle by donating a prize to make up a hamper of your class's assigned colour. Here are some ideas but this list is not exhaustive. The more imaginative the better. Please bring all donations in by the 27th March



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Thursday 2nd April will be Break the Rules Day!

There will be 6 rules available to be broken, but each rule you break will cost you 50p.

Rule 1: Wear school uniform- ie to break this rule you wear non uniform

Rule 2: Bring a healthy Lunch or snack - i.e., to break this rule you can have something unhealthy in your lunch or snack

Rule 3: have neat hair - i.e., to break this rule you have to have your hair in a crazy style or colour

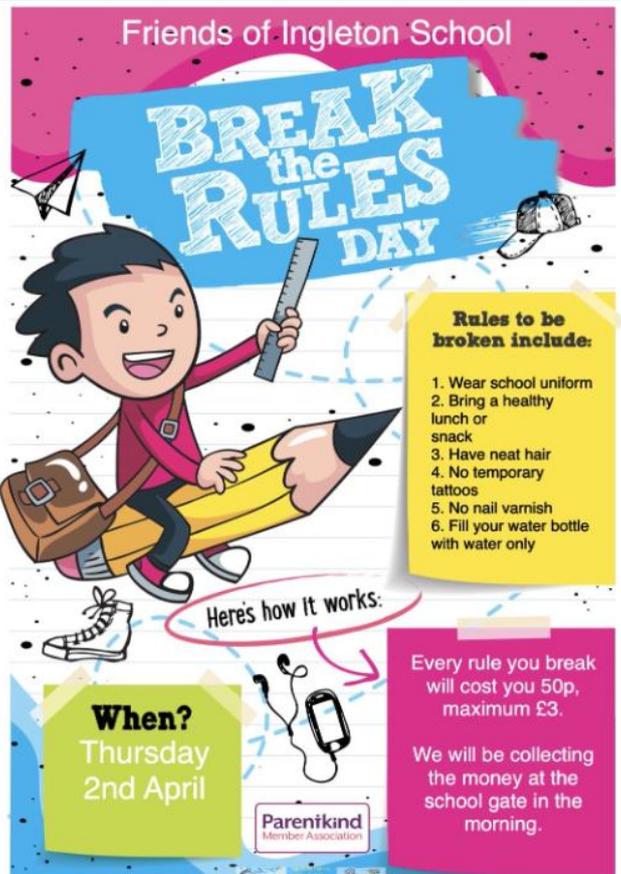
Rule 4: No temporary tattoos, i.e., to break this rule you can have a temporary tattoo.

Rule 5: No nail varnish, i.e., to break this rule you can wear nail varnish

Rule 6: Fill water bottles with water only. i.e., to break this rule you can have juice in your water bottle.

PLEASE NOTE

The no energy drinks rule still stands



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. Fill your water bottle with water only

Here's how it works:

Every rule you break will cost you 50p, maximum £3.

We will be collecting the money at the school gate in the morning.

When?
Thursday
2nd April

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Member Association

STARS OF THE WEEK

Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)

Callum, Felix & Emmett

Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)

Kaylah, Katherine & Archie

Oak Class (Y5&Y6)

Oliver, Jessie & Hugh

CORE VALUE SUPERSTARS

LOVE / KINDNESS / HONESTY & RESPECT

Willow Class (EYFS/ Y1 & Y2)

Rosie, Thomas, Eden & Billie

Chestnut Class (Y3&Y4)

Arabella & Katherine

Oak Class (Y5&Y6)

Noah & Lexie



PARKING

This is just a friendly reminder to please take care when dropping off and collecting pupils at school. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that residents' drives and gateways are not blocked under any circumstances. While we understand that the roads around our school are public highways, we would really appreciate it if you were mindful when parking and show respect for our residents.

Also, we encourage you to turn off engines when stationary, as vehicle exhaust emissions contribute to air pollution, affecting our children and community. If you need a place to park, the Black Horse Car Park is a great option.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



SAFEGUARDING

At Ingleton C of E Primary School, we are passionate about and committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and visitors to share this commitment.

Any concerns about children are passed through the members of staff who are trained as Designated Child Protection Leads. In our school, these are myself (Mrs Whitaker) and Mrs Street-Poulsen. We also have two link Safeguarding Academy Councillors - Mr Deakin and Mrs Hawlor.



Mrs Whitaker



Mrs

Street-Poulsen



Mr Deakin



Mrs Hawlor

We have robust policies in place to ensure the well-being of our children. These policies underpin our practice and values shared by every single member of staff in our school.

Copies are available from the school office or via our [website](#).

Please note that if you are ever worried or concerned about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

Easter Sport In A Day Holiday Club



Thursday 16th April
St Mary's Church, Gainford
 (Supported by Scripture union)



Sporting challenges, ball games, stories, songs
 and much more!

10.00am-3.00pm

£1 per child

Packed lunch & snacks provided

Open to children aged 7-13yrs (yrs 3-8)

Completed consent form needed to take part

**Only 20 spaces – Book now to avoid
 disappointment**



Application forms from:
 Sarah Fells in School, Youth Saints or email
 sheilajones.nbvlt@gmail.com
 www.gainfordwinston.church

A Message of Thanks to Rev Eileen

I would like to share with you that Rev Eileen has let us know that, after much thought and prayer, she and Brian have decided that it is time to retire.

Rev Eileen has said how much she has loved living and working in the local area and how grateful she is for the friendship and support she has received over the years.

On behalf of our whole school community, I would like to thank Rev Eileen for everything she has given over the past ten years. Her kindness, dedication and support for our school have meant a great deal and she will be greatly missed.

Thank you

EARLY REMINDER STANDARDISED TESTS

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates#academic-year-2025-to-2026>

If you have a child in either Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 4 or Year 6 please click on the following links below for further information:

- [Key Stage 1 SATS Parents Guide](#)
- [Key Stage 2 SATS Parents Guide](#)
- [Assessment Results at the end of key stage 2: information for parents](#)
- [Year 4 Multiplication Check Information for Parents Guide](#)
- [Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parents Guide](#)

KEY DATES

STANDARDISED TEST	WEEK COMMENCING
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11 th May 2026 – Thursday 14 th May 2026.
Year 2 SATs (optional)	It is recommended that the optional key stage 1 tests are administered during May 2026.
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 1 st June 2026.
Year 1 Phonic Screening Check	Schools must administer the phonics screening check within the 1-week period from Monday 8 th June 2026.

TERM DATES 2025-2026

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Closing date</u>	<u>Date re-opens</u>
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day 2026	Friday 1 st May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Summer half-term 2026	Thursday 21 st May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026	TBC

Teacher Training Days

2025-2026

- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

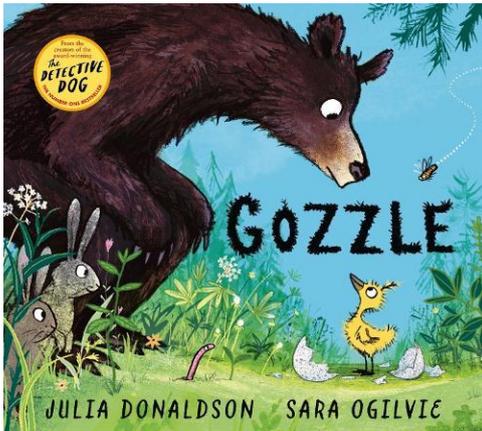


[Ingleton C of E Primary School Term Dates](#)

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Whitaker & The Ingleton Team x

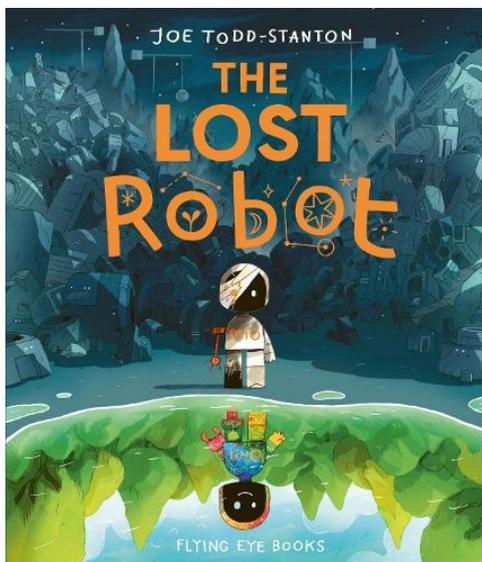
RECOMMENDED READS



GOZZLE – JULIA DONALDSON & SARA OGILVIE

Meet a very cute little gosling! Written by the brilliant Julia Donaldson and stunningly illustrated by the award-winning Sara Ogilvie, *Gozzle* is a funny and heartwarming story about family and growing up.

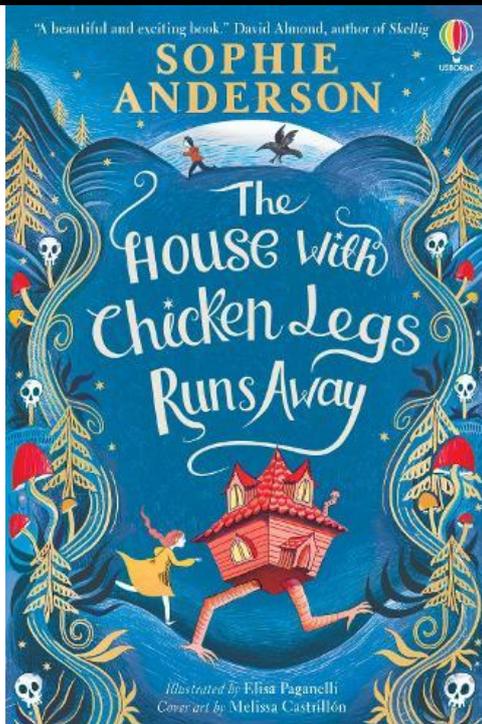
It's springtime. Bear has woken up hungry and finds a lost egg outside his cave. Breakfast? No! Out hatches Gozzle, a very sweet little gosling who is convinced that Bear must be her daddy – and that she should be able to climb, dig and eat honey just like him. Follow Bear on his journey from reluctant carer to parent in this heartwarming and joyous picture book about what home and family truly mean.



THE LOST ROBOT -JOE TODD-STANTON

Deep in the heart of a rubbish dump, a little broken robot woke up... Mio can't remember where they came from or how long it's been, but they know they're not meant to be there. They go in search of their memories and the home they once knew, only to discover that everything has changed.

A stunning picture book with a beautiful message about loving yourself and knowing there is always a place where you belong.



THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS RUNS AWAY - SOPHIE ANDERSON

Brimming with fairy-tale magic, friendship and extraordinary adventure, *The House with Chicken Legs Runs Away* is the epic, spellbinding return to the bestselling, award-winning world of *The House with Chicken Legs*.

All Marinka's life, she has lived in her house with chicken legs. Running across the world on magical adventures, Marinka knows how her house is feeling, and it listens to her, too. But something is wrong. And before anyone can stop it, the house has pulled itself apart and run away.

With her friend Benjamin and jackdaw Jack, Marinka races after the house to find answers. Travelling across far-distant lands, through new realms and magical places, Marinka must face up to her fears to save her friends. But her house might not want to stop running...