

Gislingham C of E Primary School

July 2025

Dear Families,

Here is the final newsletter of the year and what a great year it has been. Fantastic efforts from all children have resulted in some fabulous progress and I know, having read every report, that all the children have achieved well. I would like to thank the incredible staff team here at Gislingham for their continued dedication in making the school a place to learn and have fun! Thank you also to our Governors who support us wholeheartedly every step of the way. Well done to everyone for collaborating so well and creating a superb learning atmosphere for all.

Volunteers

Thanks again to all our superb volunteers. I truly don't know how we would manage without you all. Our regular helpers deserve a personal mention; thanks to Judith, Mrs Barker, Mrs Rossell and of course Mr and Mrs Bridges (who seem to spend more time here than I do!) I hope we will continue to have a great working relationship next year and if anyone else is available to volunteer in school, please let us know.

Staffing Changes

I will be disappearing to Crawfords for a couple of months but Mrs Lockyear will be here to support Mrs Fleckney and the rest of the staff team in my absence. We are also happy to welcome Mrs Ivanovich to the staff team as our new Sports Coach / teacher in September.

JRSOs - This highly successful school team have yet again surpassed themselves winning a GOLD award at the recent Road Safety Awards at Endeavour House in Ipswich. Mrs Hall's efforts do not go unnoticed also and the whole school would like to thank her for the time and effort she shows. Well done to Jacob, Ruby, Alice and George!



Writing Awards

Another fantastic achievement this year was to the Year 6 children who entered a national writing competition for creative writing. We had 4 children from Gislingham who wrote some fantastic pieces and subsequently will be published! It is all so exciting! Well done to Alice, Ruby, Jacob and Ellie.

Cheerleading

Please remember to sign up for Cheerleading camp this summer if your children may be interested. After the success of the Blue Wolves at the summer fair, it is clear that cheerleading is not only popular, but great exercise as well. Please see Mrs Holden for more information.

Sport

We have had another very successful sporting year in our local competitions, finished off beautifully by the Year 4 team who represented the school in Rounders. They all played extremely well and came 5th out of 13 teams. Thanks to Miss Tacey for organising and leading almost all of the events this year. Don't forget to sign up **NOW** for after school sports clubs in September! I am also pleased to announce that after 4 years of winning the School Games Gold Award, we have now been awarded Platinum! This is the highest accolade a school can achieve! Well done to all our sporting heroes, young and old.



I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we all look forward to welcoming you back on the 3rd September 2025!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benstock".

Richard Benstock
Headteacher