



GASCOIGNE PRIMARY NEWS

SPRING 1

February 2025

Excellence, Creativity and Compassion



SHAFTESBURYS SITE



Shaftesburys Site: Gates open at **8:35am**

Remember...

School starts at 8.40am on Shaftesburys Site

School starts at 8:50am on Gascoigne Road Site

Children must be in class for registration and lessons to start promptly



GASCOIGNE ROAD SITE



Gascoigne Road Site: Gates open at **8:45am**

Remember....

School finishes at 3:20pm at Shaftesburys Site

School finishes at 3:30pm at Gascoigne Road Site

Children must be collected on time

GASCOIGNE UNIFORM

SCHOOL UNIFORM



- Royal blue jumper
- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- Plain black shoes, fully enclosed
- White polo shirt
- Checked summer dress in warm weather

PE KIT



- White shirt and black shorts or leggings
- Black trainers or plim soles
- leave in school for half term, in a drawstring bag unless dirty

REMINDERS



- Book bags come to school everyday
- Home Learning is set, completed and checked online
- Home Learning focuses on developing pupils' foundational skills in Reading, Spelling and Maths
- Visit our online platforms daily to complete your home learning

The learning platforms automatically assess and challenge pupils effectively

Pupils who complete home learning will be acknowledged and awarded Marvellous Me points



Breakfast and After school club are provided by: Junior Adventures Group. Visit: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/>

- Rise then Shine Club: Daily during the Academic Year from **07:30am to 08:45am**
- Stay and Play Club: Daily during the Academic Year from **15:20pm to 18:00pm. Holiday club-Every school holiday, 8:30am-5:50am**

Our values



Kind

H-Honesty

E-Everyone Valued

A-Aspiration

R-Respect

T-Teamwork

S-Strengths

★ AUTUMN 2 STAR PUPILS ★

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Reception: Sahar, Mohammad M., Safa, Kinan, Luca, Younes, Muhammad A., Eva-Maria, Olivia, Yamen

Year 1: Dmytro, Rayan, Alyssa, David, Denis, Haniya, Frida, Zaad, Zayan, Hana

Year 2: Yusra K., Sai Ishaan, Maira, Tymofii, Saheem, Hanifa, Adeeva, Arfaan, Halima, Yusra A.

Year 3: Ishaq, Ibraheem, Sofia, Nathanael, Irha, Lily, Chahana, Liyana, Sheza, Cassidy

Year 4: Klea, Alex, Usman, Manahil, Junainah, Alyasaa, Buna, Ashton, Elroy, Lexi

Year 5: Sham, Aqmal, Woody, Bianka, Scarlett, Gabriel, Umar, Muntaha, Aakansha, Pedro

Year 6: Hashim, Abeer, Eiliyah, Maryam, Tasneem, Jaina, Gabriel, Krishanta, Fadil, Ersal



Be On Time!

Ready To SHINE!

ATTENDANCE Matters!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Be on Time. Ready to Shine!

At Gascoigne we believe that regular attendance and punctuality are key to every child's success. Being in school every day and on time ensures that children make the most of their learning opportunities and develop positive habits for the future. We ask all parents to support us by prioritising daily attendance and prompt arrival.

Nursery - 8:30 am

Shaftesbury Site - 8:40 am

Gascoigne road - 8:50 am

To help you understand our expectations and the support available, we will be sending out an Attendance and Punctuality Handbook for Parents to all parents shortly. Please take time to read through it and contact us if you have any questions. Together, we can make sure every child thrives!

"Success in school begins with showing up"

This term, we have recruited a group of pupils as our new ambassadors to represent the school and to be part of our Pupil Leadership team.

After interviewing pupils, we are absolutely delighted to share that the following pupils have been selected as Rights Respecting Ambassadors.

Their role involves ensuring that the **UN Convention on the rights of the child** are embedded across our school and that children and adults are respecting children's rights.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP UPDATE

RIGHTS RESPECTING AMBASSADORS



READING AMBASSADORS



We are excited to introduce our new Reading Ambassadors!

These pupils have shown a real passion for reading and will be promoting Reading for Pleasure across the school. We look forward to the positive impact they will make throughout the year.

They will:

- Spread the love of Reading
- Help younger readers
- Support Reading Events
- Look after Reading spaces
- Be the Pupil Voice for Reading

Year 3: Nathaniel, Serine

Year 4: Sufyan, Mark, Sritha

Year 5: Hannah, Aakansha, Imarah, Onkaar

Year 6: Prajin, Saada, Jumaymah, Samara, Aahil

Year 3: Aramide, Adele, Ava, Ersal, First Lady

Year 4: Angela, Haris, Liam, Nailah, Artem

Year 5: Aqmal, Abdallah, Ismail, Layth, Nusaybah

Year 6: Carolina, Ishan, Rayaana, Wajahat, Ersal

Look at our Play Leaders
in Action!!

PUPIL LEADERSHIP UPDATE

After launching our very own pupil play leaders, we want to share with you some of the things they have been getting up to.

Our Pupil Play Leaders have been helping make lunchtimes fun, safe, and inclusive by organising and leading simple playground games, encouraging peers who are unsure what to play, and making sure everyone understands and follows the rules.

They have been looking out for anyone who may feel left out and invite them to join in, promoting our Kind Hearts Values and positive behaviour.

Overall, they have been acting as positive role models, helping create a friendly, active, and enjoyable lunchtime environment for all pupils.

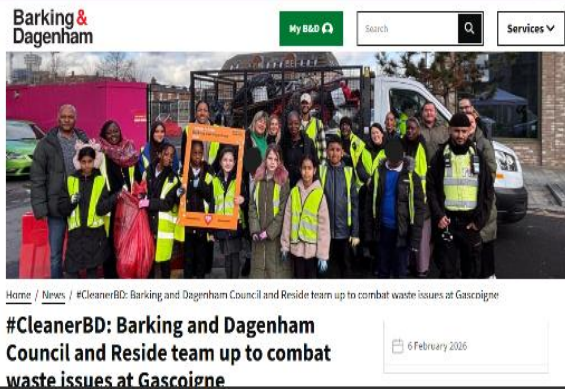


SUSTAINABILITY

Clean-Up at Gascoigne Estate

A group of enthusiastic Year 3 and 4 pupils joined council staff for a community litter pick at the Gascoigne Estate. Determined to make a positive difference, they worked tirelessly to keep their neighbourhood clean and even inspired local residents with their commitment to caring for the environment.

We are incredibly proud of our young environmentalists and their efforts to protect our community.



As part of the Gascoigne Consortium, we designed artwork, showcasing ideas that reflected our community- nature seen in Barking and sustainable technologies for the future.

Look at some of the beautiful artwork submitted by our friends that will be immortalised on the sides of the substations for years to come!

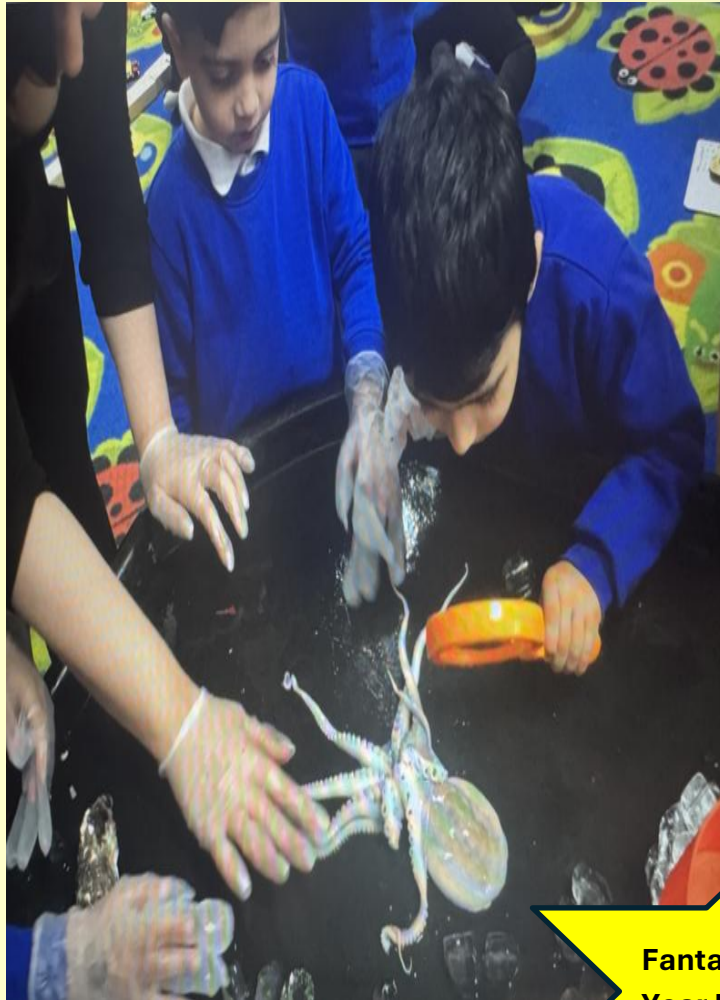


Reception

Our pupils have been learning all about our beautiful blue planet! The children have shown wonderful curiosity about the sea creatures that live deep in our oceans. They have used their oracy skills to talk about real-life sea animals such as crabs, octopus, and fish, using rich vocabulary and their senses to explore and ask thoughtful questions about the world around them.

🌊🦀 Our little explorers have truly dived deep into learning and their excitement has been making waves across Reception!

YEAR GROUP NEWS



Look at our
young
explorers on
a mission!

Fantastic learning,
Year Reception!!

Year 1

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Mathematics

Odd & Even in Y1

Through Mastering Number sessions, the children have learnt about odd and even numbers within 10. Do you know what odd and even numbers are made of? The children learnt that even numbers can be made of 2 even numbers or an even and an odd part. However, an odd number is always made of an odd and an even part.

Year 1 pupils had an amazing opportunity to visit our local temple this half-term! This engaging experience was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to explore the key question: What does it mean to belong to Hinduism?

Great job, Year 1!!



Year 2

Year 2 and Galaxy Room Pupils at Asda Superstores

The visit to Asda enhanced the Year 2 pupils learning in Mathematics (Money).

During our trip to Asda, the children identified price of food items, calculated total costs and used coins and notes to purchase food items.

This practical experience helped our pupils to understand how maths is used in everyday life and build confidence with money. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany the visit!

YEAR GROUP NEWS



Brilliant
learning,
Year 2 and
Galaxy
Rooms!

Year 4

Lantern Artwork

Our Year 4 pupils have created beautiful handmade lanterns with the help of skilled artists and their teachers. These beautiful lanterns will be shared with the local community to brighten public spaces and promote a sense of togetherness during the Winter Light Festival in Barking.

Throughout this journey, our pupils have shown ***Kind Hearts Values*** of **Respect, Teamwork and Strengths** and we are proud of their creativity, dedication and positive contribution to society.

Well done, Year 4!

YEAR GROUP NEWS



Join us at the Winter
Light Festival

Location: Barking Town
Centre

Date: 22nd February 2026

Time: 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Gascoigne Boys Football Team

Our boys played against William Ford School ... and**2-0**

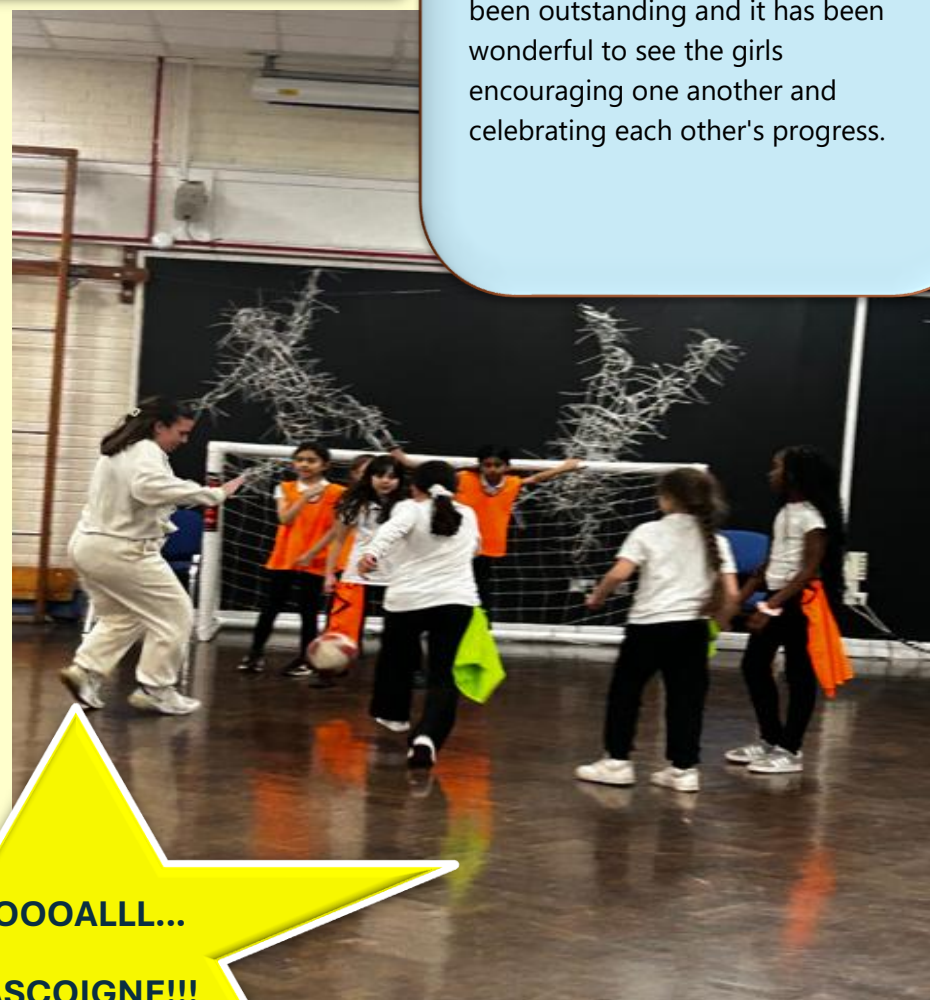
GASCOIGNEEEEE!!!!

This was a fantastic performance from the *whole* team, and every player played a vital role in this success story. We are incredibly proud of the boys for their hard work, determination, and teamwork throughout the match. Their commitment and passion were clear to see and we hope to carry this excellent form into our next fixture!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES- CLUBS

Gascoigne Girls Football Team

The Girls' Football Club continues to grow in both confidence and enthusiasm, with players showing fantastic commitment during every training session. The team spirit has been outstanding and it has been wonderful to see the girls encouraging one another and celebrating each other's progress.



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GASCOIGNE!!!

REMINDERS

How we celebrate birthdays in school

- We Sing happy birthday in class
- Parents are welcomed to bring Home-made fruit platters for sharing in class
- **No sweets or cakes**
- **No biscuits or cookies**
- **No party bags**



We are a Healthy school

Bikes and scooters in school grounds

- Walk with it to the storage in front of the office
- Lock it to a stand
- Keep everyone safe



Upcoming Events:

- *Winter Light Festival at Barking Town Centre--22nd February, 2026
- *Star Pupil Awards
- *Curriculum Workshops
- *World Book Day Celebration-5th March 2026
- *Year Group Parent Stay and Read Events
- *Class Assemblies
- *Spring 2 Beautiful Outcome celebration

More information to follow shortly



SLT: Senior Leaders Team)

- Senior leaders are available to talk to you. Make an appointment in the office.
- You can also talk to your child's class teacher about their learning.

Co-Headteachers	Deputy Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher Year 3/4 SLT Link	Assistant Headteacher / Attendance Lead & Strategic Safeguarding Lead & Oracy Lead & Educational Visits Co- ordinator	Assistant Headteacher Year 1/2 SLT Link	Business manager	Assistant Headteachers Inclusion Leads
Mrs Buchner  Gascoigne Road site	Mr Vickery  Shaftesburys Site	Mrs Coffie  Gascoigne Road site	Ms Ferreira  Gascoigne Road Site	Mrs Miah  Gascoigne Road site	Mr Puttnam  Gascoigne Road Site	Ms Monks  Shaftesburys Site Mrs Alexander  Gascoigne Road Site
Mr Fox  Shaftesburys site						