



GASCOIGNE PRIMARY NEWS

Spring 2

March 2026

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**



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"

Our values



Kind

H-Honesty

E-Everyone Valued

A-Aspiration

R-Respect

T-Teamwork

S-Strengths



SPRING 1 STAR PUPILS



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Sparkle Room: Mikail, Zion

Rainbow Room: Sulaiman, Kaeleb

Sunshine Room: Michael, Zarlisht

Nursery: Yousuf, Nabiha

Reception: Abdullah M., Sehraj, Toby, Isla, Aiden, Darwin, Dariya, Rania, Jameel, Samaira

Year 1: Angelica, Thamish, Richard, Giana, Hana, Ibrahim, Emily, Nida, Minahil, Zamal

Year 2: Amelia, Kavin, Arla, Abubakar, Khadija M., Mark, Mara, Kiera, Hurayth, Arpit

Year 3: Farida, Harleen, Serine, Hamdan, Zayan, Antonia, Anaya, Sandrina, Lana, Isa

Year 4: Haroon, Kyara, Sritha, Sudais, Mason, Aqsa, Lathik, Desire, Tasfie, Ritchie

Year 5: Daria, Albert, Imarah, Emmanuel, Fatima, Onkaar, Amanah, Iwin, Zakariyya, Prasanth

Year 6: Fatma, Taksh, Akira, Ayub, Juhan, Bittika, Joella, Erica, Maria, Aahil

CONGRATULATIONS!

PUPIL LEADERSHIP UPDATE



This half term, our dedicated Rights Respecting Ambassadors had the opportunity to have their passionate voices heard about the important issue of reducing Climate Change at the annual Climate Conference held at Ripple Primary School.

We were joined by schools in the Gascoigne Consortium, as well as the Barking and Dagenham Councillor, National Grid and Nesil Caliskan (MP-Barking).



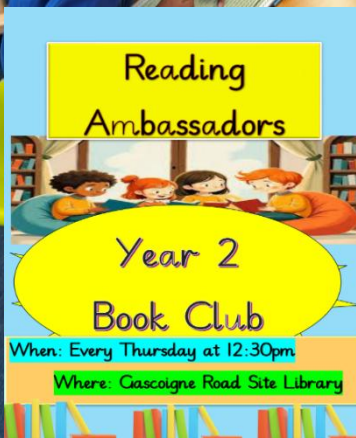
Reading Ambassadors Launch Their First Book Club!!

We are delighted to share that our Reading Ambassadors have proudly launched their very first **Book Club** this year! With great enthusiasm and a strong sense of leadership, they have taken on the exciting role of supporting our Year 2 pupils on their reading journeys.



Throughout summer term, the Ambassadors will be guiding our young readers as they build confidence, develop key reading skills and explore a variety of stories. Their mission goes beyond teaching. It is about inspiring a genuine love of reading and showing our pupils just how magical books can be.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP UPDATE



Nursery

Understanding the World:

Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr

This term, Nursery have been learning about the holy month of **Ramadan** and the celebration of **Eid-ul-Fitr**. The children explored why Ramadan is important to Muslims, including fasting from dawn to dusk, giving to charity, and breaking the fast with **dates and water**. They enjoyed tasting dates and talking about their sweet, chewy texture.

We also learned how some families decorate their homes with **lanterns, lights, and crescent moons** during Ramadan, and we compared these traditions with celebrations like Christmas and Diwali. In class, the children created their own mosques, lanterns, crescent moons, and **Eid cards**, sampled special foods, and learned about the positions used in Muslim prayer.

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It has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about and appreciate the different cultures within our school community.



Check out the
incredible learning on
display.
Great learning, Nursery!

Reception

Reception to the Rescue:

The Evil Pea Is on the Loose!

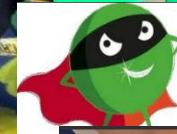
Reception had a very exciting surprise this week when the Evil Pea trashed our classroom! The children discovered a big mess and quickly realised the mischievous villain had been causing trouble at Gascoigne primary school.

To save the day, the children created their own Superpotatoes and went on a mission to catch the Evil Pea. As part of this, the children became detectives and wrote CVC words or simple sentences, describing what the Evil Pea might look like and how he behaves.

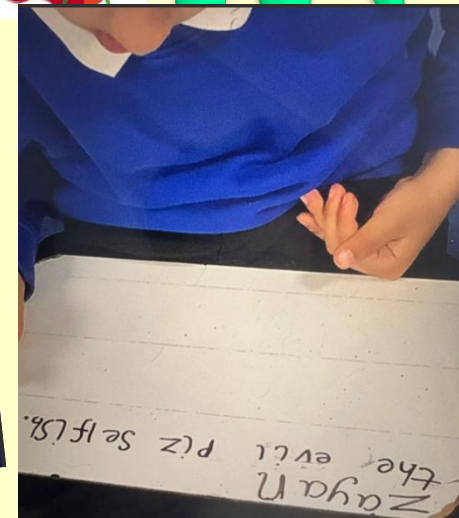
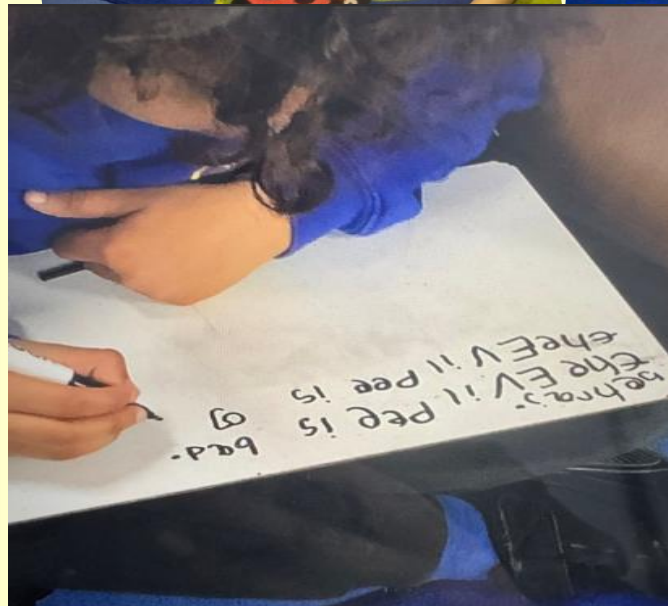
It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to practise writing for a real purpose, using their ideas and imagination to help track down the Evil Pea.

We are still on the lookout... so keep your eyes open!!

YEAR GROUP NEWS



Look at our
**WONDERFUL,
CREATIVE
WRITERS!!**



Year 1

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SUPER WORK,
Year 1

We are delighted to share the wonderful outcome of our Year 1 science learning this half-term, where our topic has been *Plants*.

As part of this, the children took part in a hands-on planting project: Edible Garden, giving them the opportunity to explore seeds up close.



They carefully observed what seeds look and feel like before planting them in soil and learning how to care for them by watering and nurturing their growth. This practical experience brought our learning to life and sparked great curiosity and excitement among the children.

This project links closely to the National Curriculum for Science, where pupils are encouraged to identify and describe the basic structure of plants and understand what they need to grow and stay healthy. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parents for their generous contributions, which made this experience possible. Your support helped create a meaningful and engaging learning opportunity that the children will remember and build upon.

Year 2

Life on the Farm

Our pupils had a fantastic day at Mudchute Farm! They became animal experts for the day, investigating how farmers meet the basic needs of their livestock. The children were thrilled to see offspring up close while learning all about the fascinating stages of different life cycles.

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**Well done,
Brilliant Scientists!!**

Amazing Learning
Achievements, Year 3!

Year 3

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Visit from Wellgate Farm

Year 3 were delighted to welcome Wellgate Farm as part of their **science learning** this term. Our pupils discussed and compared the diets of different animals including their pets. They were brilliant at grouping animals based on what they eat.

The farmers were especially impressed by how confidently the pupils asked thoughtful, relevant questions and how effectively they used a range of observational skills to investigate their ideas.

This experience offered our pupils a truly engaging and hands-on learning opportunity that brought science to life. It supported them in deepening their understanding of animal groups and their diets in a meaningful and memorable way.



Fun Fact:
We learned that **chickens are the closest living relatives of dinosaurs**, especially the mighty **Tyrannosaurus rex!**



Exploring Healthy Diets

As part of our learning about **human diets**, Year 3 pupils explored what makes a **balanced and healthy meal**. To put their knowledge into action and 'give back' to our school community, the children created their very own **healthy sandwiches** alongside their families and enjoyed a wonderful **picnic at school**.

Our Year 3 pupils proudly shared their understanding of healthy choices and even **inspired their parents** to think more carefully about nutritious eating. What a lovely way to blend learning, teamwork, and healthy habits!



Year 4

Reduce, Re-use & Upcycle

Year 4 have been learning about the importance of recycling and how small, everyday actions can help protect our environment. Our pupils have explored how to sort common household materials, such as paper, cardboard, plastics, glass and metal and learned about Barking and Dagenham's local recycling guidelines, including rinsing containers, avoiding contamination and recognising non-recyclable items.

They now understand the positive impact their own choices can have at home and in the wider community. Pupils are proudly sharing their new knowledge with their families and are already putting it into practice by helping promote sustainable habits. This learning also links to their ongoing work in school, including the development of sensory gardens in their playground.

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Habitat Hunters!

Our Year 4 explorers headed out into the wild to track down local residents! From uncovering hidden minibeasts in the undergrowth to spotting rabbits in their natural settings, the children got a first-hand look at how different creatures thrive in their unique habitats.



Fantastic
learning
Year 4!



Gascoigne Boys Football Team

Gascoigne Marches Into

Quarter-Finals! 🌟

Hurray!!! We are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic news that Gascoigne Primary has secured a place in the QUARTER-FINALS! After a sensational 4–2 victory over Southwood, our boys have shown incredible determination, teamwork and spirit—and we could not be prouder of everything they have achieved!

This brilliant win also means our next opponents will be Monteagle Primary School in the Summer term, where the adventure continues!

To make things even sweeter, the team is now unbeaten in three consecutive games, demonstrating consistency, resilience and a hunger to keep pushing forward. While we celebrate this momentous achievement, our focus remains sharp as we continue to prepare with determination and excitement for the knockout phase ahead.

WE ARE REACHING FOR THE STARS!! ★★ ★

Well done to our incredible players!!

EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Football Clubs



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★★★



Gascoigne Girls Football Team

The Girls' Football Club is absolutely thriving! Confidence is soaring, enthusiasm is contagious and the players continue to show incredible dedication at every training session.

We are looking forward to the upcoming summer fixtures, where the team will have the opportunity to shine on the pitch and put all their hard work into action.

Their determination and sportsmanship continue to make us proud.

"Success is best when it's shared." — Howard Schultz

Keep On Reading!!!

ENRICHMENT

WE LOVE TO
READ

This year's *World Book Day* celebration gave a real boost to our pupils' enthusiasm for reading.

Through dressing up, sharing favourite stories, exploring new books, and taking part in book-themed activities, pupils were reminded that reading sparks imagination, confidence, and new ideas.

It was wonderful to see our pupils and teachers feeling inspired and curious about reading.

Keep the **READING** magic **ALIVE!!!**



GASCOIGNE CHOIR

Performs at
**THE PRIMARY MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

ENRICHMENT



Our school choir had an opportunity to perform at the Primary Music Festival this year.

The Barking and Dagenham Primary Music Festival is an annual borough-wide event featuring multi-school mass singing, individual school performances, and collaborative music-making, hosted by local schools. Gascoigne children shone as they performed instrumental items and songs.

A huge well done to all pupils in the Choir for representing our school so brilliantly at the Primary Music Festival! You have flown the **Gascoigne mantle** high, and we are incredibly proud of you!!!



ENRICHMENT

Trip to House of Lords

Chance to Shine Foundation

This term, Gascoigne had the great privilege to be invited to the **House of Lords**! We were there to celebrate the fantastic work the charity '**Chance to Shine**' has been doing at Gascoigne over the course of the school year. Many of you would be familiar with **coach Jusnara** as she has been working with our Year 3 pupils teaching key skills such as teamwork, perseverance and respect which encompasses our **KIND HEARTS** values here at Gascoigne. Not only has Jusnara taught Year 3 this year but she has also set up play leaders as well as running an after-school club for year 5 and 6.

With all this hard work, it was only fair to explain to influential figures in parliament how amazing she has been. **Up stepped Jumaymah, Krishanth and Hamdan**. They explained with great levels of oracy all that has happened this year, from the individual sessions to the long-lasting impact her coaching has to **Lord King of Lothbury**!



**A truly proud moment,
Gascoigne!
Keep on shining!!!**



Overall, it was an enlightening experience for us all posing for many pictures and discussions with several important people (Including England fast bowler Gus Atkinson).

On behalf of myself and Mr Reynolds we really could not be prouder of how they all conducted themselves in the presence of such people in a location such as the house of lords.



REMINDERS

Last Day of Spring 2

Friday 27th March 2026



School re-opens on:

Monday 13th April, 2026



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

* Excellent **ATTENDANCE** Assemblies
Tournament

*Star Pupil Awards Ceremonies

*Curriculum Workshops-Phonics and Maths

*Consortium Basketball Tournament

*Gascoigne Consortium Basketball

* Year Group Parent Stay and Read Events

*Class Assemblies

*Summer 1 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 Fox  Shaftesburys 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