



Gaywood Primary School



Prospectus ~ 2024/25



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General Information

Gaywood Primary is a large, two-form entry school that caters for children from the age of four to eleven years. At present, there are 400 children on roll. We have fourteen classrooms, lots of computing equipment, a music mobile, recently refurbished library and outdoor area for EYFS, two large halls and various intervention rooms. Gaywood Primary School is set in spacious grounds with two playgrounds and a large playing field.

Gaywood Primary is a proud to be part of the West Norfolk Academies Trust (WNAT) which comprises seven primary and four high schools.

West Norfolk Academies Trust



The West Norfolk Academies Trust is a small locally based charity working with Primary and Secondary schools in the West Norfolk area.

The aim of the Trust is to challenge and support a small group of schools to provide an excellent education for the young people of West Norfolk.

The Trust works in a supportive partnership with Primary and Secondary schools with each school maintaining their unique identity and ethos.

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The School Day

8:15am ~ Main gates open

8:30am ~ Playground gates open and children are allowed into class

8:40am ~ Registration

Breaks and lunchtimes are staggered by phases

3:10pm ~ End of Day for EYFS & Y1

3:15pm ~ End of Day for Y2, 3 & 4

3:20pm ~ End of Day for Y5 & 6



Admissions

By law, children must start statutory education full time at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. The School's admission limit in our year groups is 60 (30 children per class). Admissions to the school are handled by the Local Authority Admissions department.

In the event of over-subscription, preference will be given to children living nearer to the school according to the following criteria, in order of priority:

- Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school,
- Children in public care who live in the area served by the school,
- Children who live within the catchment area and have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission,
- Children who live outside the catchment area and have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission.





School Uniform

When the children join the school, they are all expected to wear the school uniform. School uniform can be ordered and purchased from Stratfords in King's Lynn.

- School jumper or cardigan
- Sky blue polo shirt or shirt
- Grey trousers, tailored shorts or pleated skirts
- Red and White check gingham dress
- Black shoes (not trainers)



P.E. Uniform

- Sky blue round neck T-Shirt
- Navy shorts
- Indoor plimsolls (not trainers)
- Tracksuit may be worn for outdoor P.E. in cold weather



Stud earrings and watches are the only jewellery allowed.

Earrings should be taken out or covered for P.E.

No make up or nail varnish.



The Curriculum

The curriculum across the WNAT primary schools is based around the Knowledge Schools Trust's Primary Knowledge Curriculum. It is a carefully sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum which aims to inspire pupils and promote excellent outcomes in all subjects.

The curriculum content has been carefully selected and organised in a coherent way so that children can build on their knowledge year on year. It is therefore cumulative, allowing children to construct firm foundations from which to progress and develop deeper understanding over time.

Each subject is taught discretely during the week. The teaching does not jump from topic to topic but builds on discrete subject knowledge over time. A typical unit of learning for science, art and design, history and geography consists of a "knowledge organiser" which briefly sets out the knowledge that will be acquired over the learning sequence. This organiser is shared with the children at the beginning of the learning and referred to regularly to embed knowledge. Each discrete subject block is made up of a series of six lessons that specifically teach the knowledge within that subject. Finally an assessment lesson is completed to assess the knowledge acquired.





Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a lively group with a long and successful history of raising funds for much needed extras in the school. It is open to all parents with children in the school.

Over the years, the Parent Teacher Association of Gaywood Primary has provided a wide variety of items for the school such as visiting productions, attendance prizes, leavers gifts, SAT's breakfast, children's kitchen, outdoor play equipment and reading corners.

These have all been achieved through the running of events such as the sponsored bounce, Christmas and Summer Fayres and the annual Christmas Decoration Competition.



Term Dates



Term Dates 2024-2025 – Primary Schools

September 2024						
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April 2025						
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July 2025						
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August 2025						
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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
 Orange dates – pupil holidays
 Purple dates – staff training days
 Red dates – bank holidays

Staff training days are – Monday 2 September, Tuesday 3 September, Monday 6 January and Tuesday 22 April as whole training days.
 Friday 25 October 2024 is disaggregated.



Safeguarding

Gaywood Primary School is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The Health and Safety of all children is paramount.

We provide a safe, secure and caring environment in which children can flourish. The school implements a wide range of measures and policies, including the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and Health and Safety policy.

A copy of our safeguarding policy can be found on the school's website or via our office. Our school is part of Operation Encompass.