

GOODERSTONE GAZETTE



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This weeks winners are Einstin

Class News

Owls & Goslings

This week in Owls we have started our new Literacy Tree story 'Anansi The Spider.' The story is set in Ghana and we enjoyed looking at the world map and finding out where Africa was and comparing ti to England. We also had a lovely time baking bread as part of our RE lesson and talking about what we are thankful for.

Kestrels

In Kestrels this week we have been writing our 500 word stories to enter the BBC competition. The children have chosen their own stories to write and are typing them up to ensure that they don't go over the word limit. We also enjoyed Mental Health Day where we considered strategies to be more positive and affect people in a more positive way by being kind and respectful.

Skylarks

This week in Skylarks we have been using our mighty writer to help us plan our own versions of our writing roots book, Billy and the Beast. We have designed our own heroes thinking about which Angie adjectives to choose to describe them and what their super powers would be. We have made our sentences on our mighty writer and rehearsed them out loud choosing actions to go with them. It has been great fun and a great visual way to help us remember our story! In maths we have been practicing our number bonds using lots of resources like numicon, ten frames and bead strings. We have learnt how to use part part whole models and bar models.



Star, Wow and Writer of the week

Owls

Wow – Aubree-Meadow for telling wonderful stories and great imagination.
Star – Lara for settling in well this week and for singing wonderful nursery rhymes.
Writer – Taron for his concentration during get squiggling.

Skylarks

Wow – Isabella for drawing a beautiful map and positioning landmarks in the correct places.
Star – Heidi for settling in so well to her new school.
Writer – Eva for always presenting her work beautifully no matter what the subject is.

Kestrels

Wow – Oliver for his beautiful artwork.
Star – George for being incredibly focussed.
Writer – Paloma for fantastic vocabulary in her writing.

Kestrels PE

Kestrels will be starting Hockey next term, we recommend they wear shin pads and mouth guards as a precaution.

Diary Dates

- Harvest Festival 22 October – 9am
- Half Term 27–31 October
- School reopens 03 November
- School Photos 10 November

Clubs

Monday

Handbell 3:15–4:15

Wednesday

Boom whacker lunchtime (full)

Thursday

Art Club lunchtime
Mr B Gym & Fitness 3:15–4:15

**God has not given you a spirit of fear but of power
and love and a sound mind.**

2 Timothy 1:7



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Meals

Please see below the new Autumn/Winter menu, this will start week commencing 3rd November.

NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026  WHAT'S ON THE MENU?					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 3 Nov 24 Nov 15 Dec 19 Jan 9 Feb 9 March 30 March	Chicken Pie 1 Pesto Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 , Fruit Pots VG	Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread 1,3 Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Green Beans Grated Carrots Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 , Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8 Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO 10 Nov 1 Dec 5 Jan 26 Jan 23 Feb 16 March	Chicken Curry Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Carrots, Peas Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Cheesy Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread 1,3,7 V BBQ Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Plum Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 , Fruit Pots VG	Beef Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Cauliflower, Green Beans Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 , Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Bites 1,8 Cheese & Sweetcorn Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8 Chips, Peas, Mixed Salad Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE 17 Nov 8 Dec 12 Jan 2 Feb 2 March 23 March	Cheese Penne & Garlic Bread 1,3,7 V Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Sweetcorn, Peppers Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding 1,7,9 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 , Fruit Pots VG	Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Drizzle Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 , Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
Norfolk 3 AVAILABLE DAILY	1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.  WE ♥ VEGGIES 				



Please find attached a copy of the Friends of Gooderstone School Chair's report written for this week's AGM. We were delighted to see so many people in attendance, and are pleased to say that we have a full new committee to keep the Friends going over the next year. We are already planning some festive fun for December!

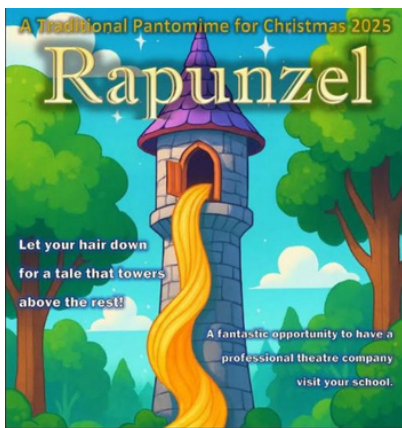
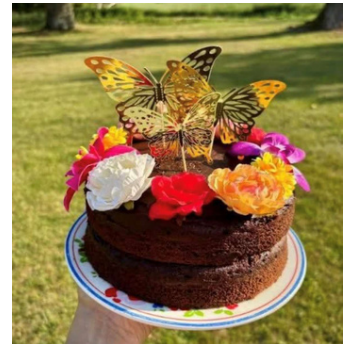
Friends of Gooderstone AGM - 6th October 2025 Chair's Report for 2024/25



The Friends have experienced a lot of change over the last 12 months. We've seen key members move on to new jobs/step down from committee duties. It has therefore been a year of learning, and trying to drum up support to keep going! The continued cost of living crisis is likely to be impacting our struggle for volunteer involvement, with increasing work commitments and issues with access to childcare, and we have seen an overall reduction in time and financial donations. Despite the adversity, there have been some amazing events and community efforts among members of the Friends, school staff, parents/carers, and the students this year...

We have held several Friends meetings throughout the year; the 'Picnic in the Park' meeting in April was well attended, and it was great to see parents, carers, and children together. This year a Facebook page has been set up for the Friends. We have also established support from some school Governors, who remain involved.

We were sad to see Ms Amor and Mrs Cross leave the school at the end of the summer term, and want to thank them for their dedication over their time supporting the Friends. Cake Fridays and the discos were highlights of the Friends' calendar, and would not have been possible without their efforts. Cake Fridays continued to be popular last year, and the standard of cake-making has been astounding! We continue to attempt to establish links with school staff to maintain a strong relationship/clear links for communication.



Students thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas disco!

Many parents helped out to make the event a success! The disco made a profit of £223, with the majority of students purchasing a ticket, having a go at the lucky dip, and getting a glitter tattoo, or two (with the help of some of our older students). Glow sticks were a big hit that night!

During the Christmas dinner at school, each child was given their own personalised Rudolph decoration. Toni worked tirelessly to make these, and I know the children loved finding theirs at the table on the day – thank you! Students also enjoyed the visiting Christmas Panto last year, funded by the Friends. We have booked the same company for this December, who will be putting on a production of Rapunzel in the school hall!

During the summer term ice lolly Fridays were popular although we saw a decline in Cake Friday contributions. The Friends purchased ice lollies for every student at Sports Day – it was a hot day and well-deserved treat! The final event of our year was the Summer Stalls, which included refreshments, cakes, flower sales, and teddy tombola. We had some fabulous bunting decorations – thanks to everyone who helped with the afternoon! Each class ran a stall selling their creations, and fundraising. It was great to see everyone working together, and the event was well-attended, raising a total of £268.



This is what our hard work has purchased this year:

- ☐ Christmas panto performance 2024 and 2025
- ☐ PA sound system for the school
- ☐ Science equipment
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Classroom resources
- ☐ Updated reading scheme books
- ☐ Year 6 leavers books and hoodies
- ☐ Subsidised trips (paid for transport and parking)

We would like to thank everyone that has been involved over the last 12 months, whatever the contribution – it all makes a difference! In particular, thanks go to Laura, Rosie and Sam who are stepping down this year; without them we couldn't have kept the Friends going! I know Rosie and Sam are still keen to help out when possible. We also wanted to say a big thank you to El, Toni, and to Amy (who has continued to persevere with sorting out the banking this year). In the end we have concluded that we likely need to open a new bank account for the Friends to add new committee members.

Our main challenge this year will be establishing a new committee, and particularly a treasurer/vice-treasurer, and drumming up enough support to put on events. However, if we can do this, we look forward to school discos, raffle, Christmas wreath-making workshop, and generally supporting the community elements and home-school connections for our children.

The school would really like to purchase a standing pond so the children can do pond dipping and study life cycles etc, the Friends fundraising would aim to support this, as well as individual 'wish lists' for each class in the school. Parents/carers are welcome to make suggestions for resources and events to benefit students – please feel free to get in touch!

As a team we have had some brilliant fundraising ideas this year, and although many are aspirations, it would be great to take some of these forward in the future. These include sponsored events with athletes, yard sale, mobile petting zoo, summer festival, inflatables, Christmas grotto, Christmas photo shoot, school tea towels, Christmas card designs, summer BBQ...the list goes on! We have also discussed the possibility of joining with the Friends of Mundford School events.

The committee contacted local companies and have already established some donations towards a future raffle, including Gressingham tickets, Bedingfield Arms voucher, beer from a local brewery, and life coaching sessions! We also received some generous donations from families and businesses, which have been gratefully received.

Our thanks go out again to everyone who has supported the work of the Friends over the last year; strengthening the school community, and providing new opportunities and experiences for our children at Gooderstone.

We look forward to the year ahead,
Sophie & Sam (Co-Chairs 2024-25)