

GEARIES NEWSLETTER

Summer 2

Co-Head Message

As another academic year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to thank every member of our school community for the support, kindness and encouragement you have shown throughout the year. It has been a privilege to watch our children grow in confidence, develop new skills and achieve so much, both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we have celebrated many successes and created memories that will stay with us for years to come.

A special farewell goes to our fantastic Year 6 pupils. You have been an incredible year group and have represented Gearies with pride, resilience and determination. We are immensely proud of everything you have achieved this year, culminating in your truly spectacular performance of The Night Museum, which was a fitting celebration of your talents and hard work. Although we will miss you greatly, we know that you leave us ready for the exciting opportunities ahead and wish you every happiness and success as you begin your journey into secondary school.

We would also like to wish all of the pupils and families who are leaving Gearies this summer every success for the future. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family. We hope you will always remember your time at Gearies with great fondness and know that you will always be welcome back to visit us.

Finally, we wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you make many happy memories together over the summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 7th September, ready for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

Mr. Lea & Mrs Dias

SCHOOL DIARY

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN 1

Other Key Dates for this half-term

Autumn Term 2026	Event	Date	Timings
	First day of Autumn Term 1 for children	Monday 7th September	Usual timings
	Last day of Autumn Term 1	Friday 23rd October	Usual timings
	INSET Day	Monday 2nd November	
	First day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils	Tuesday 3rd November	Usual timings
	Last day of Autumn Term 2	Friday 18th December	Usual timings

Performance Assembly dates will be announced early in the Autumn Term.

Please note for the most recent dates, please check the calendar on the school website. This can be found on the 'About Us' section of the drop-down menus. Please click on the link below to take you straight there:

[Calendar | Gearies Primary School](#)

EVENTS

Nursery

Our Nursery children had a wonderful opportunity to observe the fascinating life cycle of a butterfly. They carefully watched as a tiny caterpillar transformed into a chrysalis before emerging as a beautiful butterfly.

The children were full of curiosity and excitement throughout the experience, asking thoughtful questions and learning about how living things grow and change.



The children also enjoyed a fantastic arts and crafts session inspired by life at sea. They used a range of materials to design and create their own boats, ships and pirate spyglasses, showing great imagination and creativity.



EVENTS

Reception

The Reception children had a fantastic time on their fishing trip, enjoying a fun-filled day outdoors while learning new skills. The children showed great patience and enthusiasm as they experienced fishing for the first time, making wonderful memories and developing their confidence through this exciting hands-on adventure.



With big smiles and plenty of excitement, Reception enjoyed a brilliant day fishing.

EVENTS

Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day, embracing every challenge. From running races to team events, the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another and celebrating each other's successes.



Well done to all of our Year 1 children.

EVENTS

Year 1

As part of their Science learning about trees and plants, Year 1 enjoyed an educational visit to Valentines Park. The children explored the park, identifying a variety of trees and plants while observing and discussing their different features. They also developed their observational drawing skills by carefully sketching the natural world around them.



The children had a wonderful time working and learning together.

EVENTS

Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day exploring Claybury Woods as part of their outdoor learning. The children discovered the woodland habitat, observed a variety of plants and wildlife, and took part in a range of engaging nature-based activities. Throughout the day, they worked collaboratively, developed their observational skills and deepened their understanding of the natural world.



The children really enjoyed their time and have made amazing memories with their friends and teachers,

EVENTS

Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed a fun and practical Design and Technology lesson where they used their knife skills to prepare fresh ingredients and make their own healthy wraps. The children demonstrated safe food preparation techniques, worked carefully and enjoyed tasting their delicious creations at the end of the lesson.



The children learnt life skills when making their wraps that they can take with them for the rest of their lives.

EVENTS

Year 3

Year 3 put their creativity and teamwork to the test during a junk modelling project. Using a variety of recycled materials, the children planned, designed and built imaginative models, developing their problem-solving, communication and design skills while bringing their ideas to life.



The classroom was filled with excitement as the children shared their creations and celebrated each other's ideas.

The activity highlighted the importance of planning, perseverance and creative thinking.

EVENTS

Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying using Scratch to create their own games with repeated movements.

"Making our games was pretty challenging but also fun. We learned how to code and debug our algorithms." Mehar 4B

"I have learned how to write algorithms to move the sprite and make it hide and disappear." Aliha 4B



"In my game I included a scoreboard variable that increases by one every time a dinosaur was clicked."

Ashrith 4B

EVENTS

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a Geography fieldwork workshop delivered by students from Oaks Park High School. Working alongside the visiting students, the children developed their fieldwork skills through practical geographical investigations and data collection.

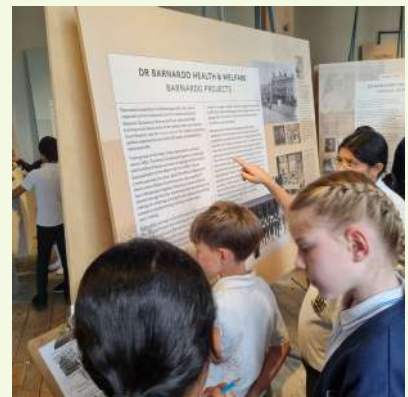


It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from older pupils, build confidence and experience Geography in an engaging and interactive way.

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Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Ragged School Museum, where they stepped back in time to experience what school life was like for Victorian children. Through interactive activities and a traditional classroom lesson, the children developed a deeper understanding of life in the past and made meaningful links to their history learning.



The children enjoyed their time learning about history and living in the past, even if for a brief moment.

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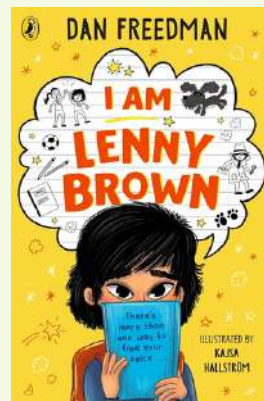
Year 6

A selection of Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls took part in a live video conference with author Dan Freedman, who spoke about his journey as a writer and his passion for inspiring more children to become authors. He shared stories from his experiences following the England football team and meeting football legends such as Messi and Ronaldo.

Dan also spoke about his popular Jamie Johnson books, which have since been adapted into a Netflix series. During the session, the children enjoyed a Q&A with Dan and shared the football chants they had written, which he rated and was very impressed by.



To conclude the event, the children were delighted to receive a selection of books kindly donated by Dan as gifts.



EVENTS

Year 6

Year 6 rounded off their time at Gearies with a memorable trip to London's West End to watch *The Lion King*. From the moment the curtain rose, the children were captivated by the spectacular costumes, incredible puppetry, stunning set designs and world-class performances. The unforgettable music and storytelling brought the much-loved tale to life, leaving everyone inspired and thoroughly entertained.



The visit was not only a fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre but also a special way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey together. It was a day full of excitement, laughter and lasting memories that the children are sure to cherish for years to come.

EVENTS

Year 6

Year 6 wowed audiences with a fantastic end-of-year performance, showcasing weeks of hard work, dedication and creativity. From learning lines and perfecting their acting to rehearsing songs, dances and preparing props, every child played an important role in bringing the production to life.

Their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm shone throughout the performance, making it a memorable celebration of their time at Gearies.



A huge thank you goes to the Year 6 staff for their dedication and countless hours of hard work in bringing this production to life. From organising rehearsals and preparing props to supporting every child to perform with confidence.

EVENTS

Sporting Events (Local School Sports Network Dodgeball & Tunnel Cricket)

On Thursday 4th June the Year 4 children competed in the Local School Sports Network Dodgeball competition. The event was held at the Jack Carter Centre, hosted by Cranbrook Primary.

It was another great event as part of the LSSN which we organise at Gearies. The Year 4 team competed brilliantly, only losing out to one team on the day. They finished second in the event, but helped keep Gearies at the top of the leader board for the LSSN table.



On Thursday 11th June a team from Years 5 & 6 took part in a Tunnel Cricket competition as part of the LSSN. The event was hosted again by Cranbrook Primary at the Jack Carter Centre. The Gearies team played excellently well, winning all their matches and finishing in 1st place. Gearies are currently top of the League table, with just one event still to go. Come on Gearies!



Well done to all children involved. We are very proud of you!

EVENTS

Dance Competition

On Wednesday 3rd June a group of girls from Years 5 & 6 went to the Source theatre in Stratford to compete in a LYG Dance competition. The competition was a qualifier for the London Youth Games final. The girls had a great day, experiencing competitive dance at a professional venue. Celebrity judges on the day included Angela Rippon, Nancy Xu, and Anton Du Beke.

The group set up, trained and choreographed by Onaisa and Akshara from Year 6, brought a special mention from Mr Du Beke when reviewing their routine. He was so impressed that a pair so young managed to do all this work on their own.

All of the judges were extremely impressed with the mixture of styles and overall performance. We look forward to trying again next year for such a prestigious event.



Well done again
on a fantastic
day!



EVENTS

Sporting Events (Panathlon Swimming)

On Monday 8th June, we took 14 children from KS2 to the Panathlon Discovery Swimming event at Becontree Heath Leisure Centre. The children took part in a number of different races and activities throughout the day, developing their basic water skills and building their confidence in the water.

All of the children had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our Year 5 & 6 team finished 4th in the competition, while our Year 3 & 4 team won the event and all took home gold medals.



We are proud of
all of you!

EVENTS

Sporting Events (Sports Day)

Sports Day was a fantastic success, with children from across the school demonstrating determination, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout the day. From sprints and relay races to field events, every child gave their best effort while cheering on their classmates. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, sportsmanship and encouragement, making the day an enjoyable celebration of participation and achievement for all.



Well done to all of our pupils for giving their best and making the day such a success!

SATS Results 2026

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our Year 6 pupils' outstanding Key Stage 2 SATs results, which are the best our school has ever achieved. These exceptional outcomes reflect the children's resilience, determination and commitment to learning throughout their primary school journey, as well as the unwavering dedication and expertise of our fantastic Year 6 staff. Congratulations to every pupil on this remarkable achievement.

Our record-breaking SATs results:

Reading: 86% achieved the Expected Standard, with 52% achieving Greater Depth

Mathematics: 95% achieved the Expected Standard, with 53% achieving Greater Depth

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS): 90% achieved the Expected Standard, with 59% achieving Greater Depth

These are truly outstanding results and represent our strongest Key Stage 2 outcomes to date. We could not be prouder of every member of our Year 6 cohort.

As they leave us to begin the next stage of their education, we know they do so with the confidence, knowledge and skills to continue to thrive.

Well done, Year 6—you have made school history!

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Gearies Primary School Summer Fair 2026 Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and supported this year's Summer Fair. We are delighted to announce that, together, we raised an incredible £8,191.75!

This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our amazing PTA, the support of our teachers and staff, our wonderful volunteers, and all the families who attended.

Special recognition goes to our key sponsors and long-standing supporters:

- ★ Nagina Restaurant, Ilford Lane - Gearies parents and generous supporters over many years, donating food including biryanis, kebab rolls, samosas and pakoras for our events.
- ★ Dimension Estates - Gearies parents who have consistently sponsored our PTA events over many years, helping us provide attractions and activities for our children.
- ★ Baynes Local, Barking - Gearies parents who have continually supported the PTA with generous donations, including drinks for our events.
- ★ Grand Serene, Woodford Avenue, Gants Hill - Long-standing supporters who have generously donated towards attractions and prize vouchers.

We would also like to thank our other valued supporters, including Saffron Street, Cakes and Bakes (Barkingside), iCakes (Gants Hill), Tesco (Barkingside & Woodford), Your Favourite Chicken (Gants Hill), and everyone else who donated prizes, food, vouchers, or discounts to help make the day such a success.

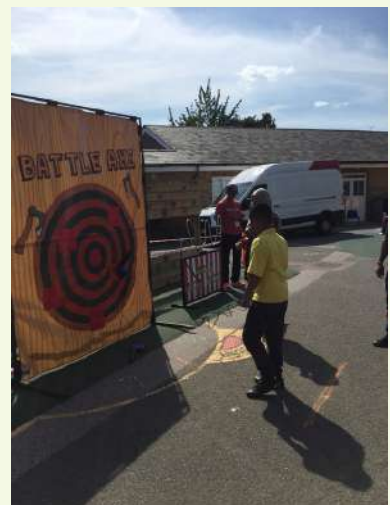
The funds raised will support projects that benefit all of our children, and we look forward to sharing updates on how they will be used.

Thank you once again for your continued support.
Together, we are making a real difference to our school community.

The Gearies PTA Team

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Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER
How many tips can you find?

UNSURE? ASK A TRUSTED ADULT

MAKE TIME FOR OTHER HOBBIES

IGNORE TROLLS & BULLIES

AVOID SCROLLING AIMLESSLY

BE KIND

REACT AND COMMENT POSITIVELY

DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFO

SHARE UPLIFTING CONTENT

WATCH OUT FOR FAKE NEWS

BUYING ONLINE? SPEND CAUTIOUSLY

REPORT BAD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

TAKE REGULAR SCREEN BREAKS

ACCEPT PEOPLE'S DIFFERENCES

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Free School Meals Eligibility

Free School Meals Eligibility – Could You Help Secure Extra Funding for Our School



Did you know that even though all primary school children in London currently receive free school meals through the Mayor of London's initiative, it is still very important to register for the government's Free School Meals scheme if you are eligible?

When families apply and qualify, the school receives additional funding which helps us provide further support and opportunities for pupils across the school.

This funding can be used for:

- Additional teaching support and interventions
- Educational resources and classroom equipment
- Subsidised school trips and enrichment activities
- Extra-curricular clubs and experiences
- Support for children's wellbeing and learning
- Improving outcomes for all pupils



You may be eligible to apply if you receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Registering is quick and confidential, and it can make a significant difference to the support we are able to provide.

Even if your child already receives free meals at school, please check whether you are eligible and apply if you can.

For more information or help with applying, please contact the school office.