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Welcome to our Summer term newsletter.

Well done to: Deborah, Ryan, Charles, Nina and Isabel who all won medals in their events.

SPORTING NEWS

Dartford Finals Day

The children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Dartford Finals Day, hosted by Dartford Football Club, where they had the exciting opportunity to play on the first-team pitch. They performed brilliantly in the semi-final, securing an impressive 6-1 victory, and spirits were high going into the final.

A huge well done to all the children who took part—you represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of your efforts!

Girls Dartford District Squad 2026/27

Congratulations to Maisie in Year 4 for being selected for the Girls Dartford District Squad for the 2026/27 season. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

We knew the standard of play would be exceptionally strong, and the children rose to the challenge, showing determination and resilience throughout. At full time, the score was 1-1, leading to a tense penalty shoot-out. Unfortunately, this did not go in our favour, and the team finished as runners-up.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At The Gateway Primary Academy, we are committed to ensuring every child has the best possible chance to succeed. In line with government guidance and our own attendance policy, we expect all pupils to maintain a minimum attendance of **96%** over the school year. Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress, and overall wellbeing. Missing school can lead to gaps in knowledge and reduce a child's confidence in the classroom.

The children should feel incredibly proud of their achievement—well done to all involved!

Dartford Athletics Meet Success

A team of 34 children from across Key Stage 2 proudly represented our school at the Dartford Athletics Meet, held at Dartford Harriers alongside eight other schools. The



children competed in a range of events, including the sprint, relay, shot put and long jump.

The whole team showed incredible enthusiasm and determination, with some children achieving medals in their events.

Please be aware that attendance is now monitored **across academic years**. This means that any unauthorised absences recorded at the end of one school year will carry over and count towards unauthorised absences at the start of the next. The **10-week monitoring window** still applies when evaluating

attendance concerns, and patterns of persistent absence may lead to further action. We appreciate your support in helping us ensure your child attends school regularly and on time.

ONLINE SAFETY - A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

At The Gateway Primary Academy, we take online safety very seriously and regularly teach our pupils how to stay safe online. However, it's important to remember that online safety is a shared responsibility between school and home. We kindly remind parents and carers to actively monitor their child's online activity, including the games they play, the apps they use, and who they are communicating with. Many popular apps and games have age restrictions for a reason—WhatsApp (16+), TikTok (13+), Instagram (13+), and Fortnite (12+) all contain features that may not be suitable for primary-aged children.

We encourage families to follow guidance from trusted national organisations such as **Childnet**, **NSPCC**, and **UK Safer Internet Centre**, which provide excellent advice and resources to help you keep your child safe online. Open conversations at home, setting parental controls, and keeping devices in shared spaces can all help reduce risks and build healthy digital habits. Together, we can support our children to enjoy the benefits of technology safely and responsibly.

DENTAL NURSE VISIT

It was fantastic to see how engaged and enthusiastic the children were during the visit from the dental nurse. She shared some clear and important messages about keeping teeth healthy, reminding pupils to brush twice a day using fluoride toothpaste and



highlighting that adults should supervise younger children to ensure they are brushing effectively.

She also spoke about the impact of sugary foods and drinks,



explaining that these should be limited as they can lead to tooth decay. It was a valuable session that reinforced the importance of good daily habits at home to support children's long-term health and wellbeing.

ROAD SAFETY

Kestrels were fortunate to have a road safety workshop. They learned about their own responsibilities in keeping themselves and others safe when out on the road. They also learned about the road safety code and how to manage this in different scenarios. They came up with brilliant ideas on what they could do to manage the risks of the road, recognising hazards and the importance of being alert on the road. Kestrels explored what the national speed limit is in certain areas and to be mindful of this whether they are a passenger or pedestrian.

WOODPECKERS SWIMMING

Woodpeckers have shown fantastic determination and enthusiasm during their swimming course last term. Throughout the lessons, the children developed their confidence in the water, improved their swimming techniques and worked hard to build important life-saving skills. It has been lovely to see their perseverance and resilience as they challenged themselves to achieve new goals. We are incredibly proud of all our Woodpeckers for their excellent effort, positive attitudes and the progress they have made. Well done, Woodpeckers!

STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome Miss Frost who will be working in Year 1 and Mrs French who will be working with KS2.

We wish Miss Jones all the best as she starts her maternity leave.

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are the important dates for your diary with more information to follow:

5th June	Summer Fair
10 th -12 th June	PGL - Eagles
16th June	Sealife Centre - Herons
18 th June	Sports Day
22nd June	Grangewater visit - Kestrels
25 th June	Shorne Woods - Kingfishers
	Northfleet Farm - Swans
26 th June	Lullingstone Country Park - Woodpeckers
6th-7th July	Bikeability - Eagles
13 th July	KS2 Disco
16th July	Leavers Performance - Eagles
17 th July	Colour Run
21st July	Last day of Term 6