



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back following the Easter break.

Over the holidays the MSE activity camp was well attended and great fun! We will look to host more camps over the summer holidays.

This is an important term for statutory assessments. Our Y1, Y4 and Y6 children will complete their assessments. In May we start with Y6 and then in June Y1 and Y4. We are already proud of how hard all our children have worked and know they will all be their best selves.

As we start our busy summer term, I must stress the importance of attendance and punctuality so your child doesn't miss out on any exciting activities or key areas of learning. Following changes at the start of this academic year, no holidays during term time will be authorised.

We look forward to working with you over the remainder of this academic year and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

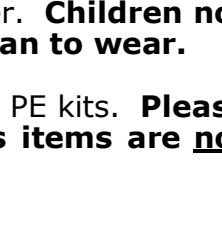
Miss E Jackson
Headteacher



Safeguarding at Gorsewood

At Gorsewood, safeguarding all of our pupils is a priority. If you have a concern or need some support or advice please speak to us.

If you have any concerns for the safety of a child please speak to the designated safeguarding lead **Miss E Jackson** or in her absence the deputy designated safeguarding leads are **Mrs C Westwood** and **Mrs J Neilson**.



If it is out of hours you can contact Halton Children's Social Care on 0345 050 148.

General Reminders

Punctuality

School starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives before this time so they are in class for 8.45am ready to learn. Gates open at 8.40am and Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am.

Uniform

A reminder of our school uniform expectations. **We expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform.** Staff encourage children to be smart and presentable by wearing the school uniform and we also ask for parents/carers support in this matter. **Children not in uniform will be given a spare jumper/cardigan to wear.**

On PE Days children should come to school wearing PE kits. **Please note football kits, gym wear and other sports items are not PE uniform.**

Assessments

During this term all our children will be working hard on their learning. All national assessments are going ahead this year and the following year groups will be taking part:

- **Y1: Phonics screening (June)**
- **Y4: Multiplication Check (June)**
- **Y6: SATs (12th to 16th May)**

If you require any further information please speak to class teachers.

INSET Day Reminders

A reminder that there are INSET Days on:

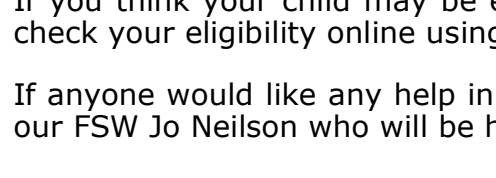
- **Monday 2nd June 2025**
- **Monday 21st July 2025**
- **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**



Parking

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park safely and responsibly outside the school.

Thank you for your continued support.



School Fair Donation Days

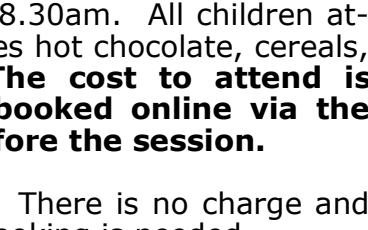
- Fri 23rd May - Own Clothes Day (Bottle Donation)

- Fri 13th June - Crazy Hair Day (Tombola Gift)

- Fri 4th Jul - Own Clothes Day (Tombola Gift/Sweet Donation)

Reception & Year 6 Whole Class Photographs

We have arranged for the photography company Posh Prints to visit school on **Thursday 24th April** in order to take a whole class photographs of both Reception and Year 6.



Class photographs will be taken with all pupils wearing full school uniform. If your child has PE on a Friday we would suggest they bring their PE kit to school in a bag to change in to.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has donated and contributed towards our recent fundraising efforts. We raised:

- £121.00 for Comic Relief (Red Own Clothes Day)
- £102.00 for NSPCC (Number Day)
- £701.50 for School Funds (Easter Bingo & Raffle)



Support & Pastoral Support

A reminder that our pastoral team are always around for any support and advice. Jo Neilson is always around at the start and end of the school day.



We will always do our best to support all our pupils and families in any way we can.

If at any point you feel are struggling, please contact school so we can offer advice and support.

School Meals & School Hub

A reminder that you can now view menus and order school meals at home with your child. Please visit the **School Hub**.



For those children who pay for school meals this should also be done via the School Hub using the link above.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please check your eligibility online using this link: **CHECK/APPLY FSM**.

If anyone would like any help in checking their eligibility please ask our FSW Jo Neilson who will be happy to help.

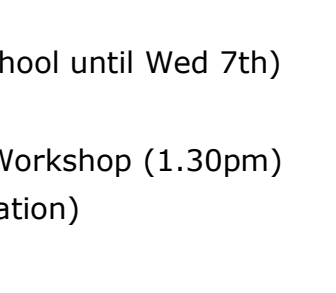
Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.30am until 8.30am. All children attending receive a free breakfast which includes hot chocolate, cereals, bagels, toast, fruit, milkshake and juice. **The cost to attend is £1.50 per pupil per day and must be booked online via the School Gateway no later than the day before the session.**

Early Bird Drop Off runs daily from 8.30am. There is no charge and children can also access free breakfast. No booking is needed.

Gorsewood After School Club (Wrap Around Care)

Our After School Wrap Around Club is available for all pupils and sessions can be booked up until 2.30pm on the same day.



What's On!

In After School Club this week we will be ...

Mon	Bank Holiday
Tue	Music
Wed	Gardening & Outdoor Play
Thu	Wellbeing Session
Fri	Art & Design

Other daily activities include colouring, lego building, reading, board games, painting, outside fun and games and help with homework.

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• 2 Sessions available Monday to Friday
• Session A: 3.15pm to 5.00pm = £7.00
• Session B: 3.15pm to 6.00pm = £10.00
• Drink and snack included during session
• Booking required online via School Gateway

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Mon	Art Activities
Tue	Nature Workshop
Wed	Drama
Thu	Hall Games
Fri	Outdoor Play

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School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. Please note we no longer carry a lot of stock on site so please allow time for your order to be processed (around 2 weeks). When your order arrives we will send you a text message to arrange payment and collection.



Values of the Month

During April our value is:

Equality



During May our value is:

Courage



We will be thinking about what equality means and why it is important to have equal rights for all. We will also be learning more about protected characteristics and how these ensure equality for all too.

We will be thinking about not being afraid of new challenges and not letting worry hold us back from doing new things, developing skills, or standing up for what we believe is right.

School Houses

Children will continue to earn points for their allocated houses.

Our 4 houses are: **Ash, Oak, Birch and Sycamore**

The current scores are:

Ash = 16570
Birch = 16033

Oak = 17600
Sycamore = 16625



Diary Dates

- Thu 26th Apr - Posh Prints in School for YR & Y6 class photographs
- Mon 28th Apr - Y3/Y4 Tag Ruby Event (after school)
- Thu 1st May - YR/Y1 Visit to Imagine That!
- Fri 2nd May - Book Fair (on all week after school until Wed 7th)
- Mon 5th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Thu 15th May - YR/Y1 Family Fun Learning Workshop (1.30pm)
- Fri 23rd May - Own Clothes Day (Bottle Donation)
- Fri 23rd May - School closes for half term
- Mon 2nd June - Inset Day (school closed for pupil)
- Tue 3rd June - School reopens
- Fri 13th June - Crazy Hair Day (Tombola Gift)
- Fri 20th June - Sports Day (afternoon) (weather permitting)
- Mon 23rd Jun - Y5/Y6 Cardiff Residential Visit
- Fri 4th Jul - Own Clothes Day (Tombola Gift/Sweet Donation)
- Fri 4th Jul - Summer Fair (school will finish at 1.30pm)
- Fri 18th Jul - School closes for summer
- Mon 21st Jul - INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
- Tue 22nd Jul - INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Further information and dates may be added during the term

Details of events will be sent out nearer the time.

Useful Links

School Term Dates

School Website

School Twitter

Attendance & Rewards

Attendance continues to be a priority for school. Our whole school target is 96%.

If we achieve this target we will have a whole school reward!



Our current attendance is 95.29%.

A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address here.**