



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back after the February half term. It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year - it's flying by! It is great to finally begin to see lighter mornings and evenings now too.

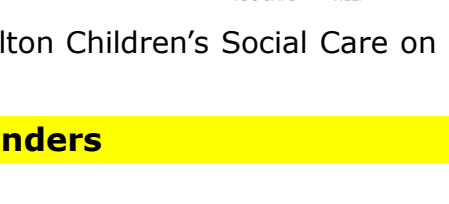
Last half term, we introduced our weekly updates which I am hoping is keeping everyone up to date with what's happening each week. Our school council help to produce this and are doing a brilliant job with their weekly highlights section.

Our HPAN art display has been up at Runcorn Shopping City and we hope you were able to visit and view it.

We have our spring parents evening coming up in March and we encourage all parents/carers to make an appointment.

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

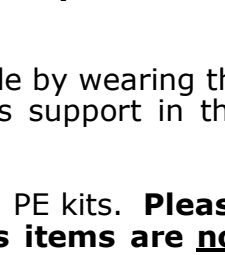
Miss E Jackson
Headteacher



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

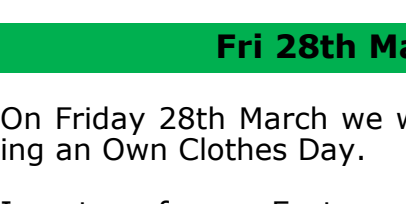
School starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives before this time so they are in class for 8.45am ready to learn. Gates open at 8.40am and Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am.

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.

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.**

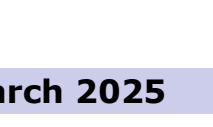


Coughs & Sneezes Spread Diseases!

To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw used tissues in the rubbish bin.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.

Remember to immediately wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



Parking Around School

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



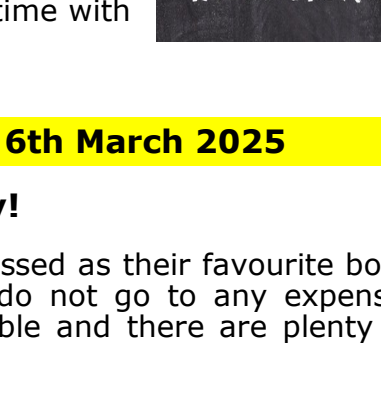
Thank you for your continued support.

Fri 28th March - Own Clothes Day

On Friday 28th March we will be holding an Own Clothes Day.

In return for an Easter egg donation children will be able to wear their own clothes.

Eggs can be brought into school or handed in at the office any time before Friday 28th March.



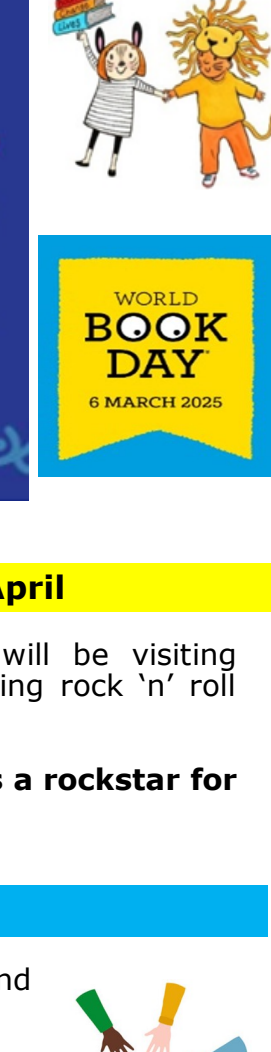
Parent/Teacher Interviews - Thu 25th March 2025

Parent Interviews will take in school face to face on **Tuesday 25th March from 1.30pm to 7.00pm.**

School will close early on this day however if you are unable to collect your child early, please let school know so we can make arrangements for your child to stay in school until 3.15pm.

After school wrap around club will also run as normal until 6.00pm on this day.

Appointments can be made via School Cloud or at the office. Letters will follow nearer the time with booking details!

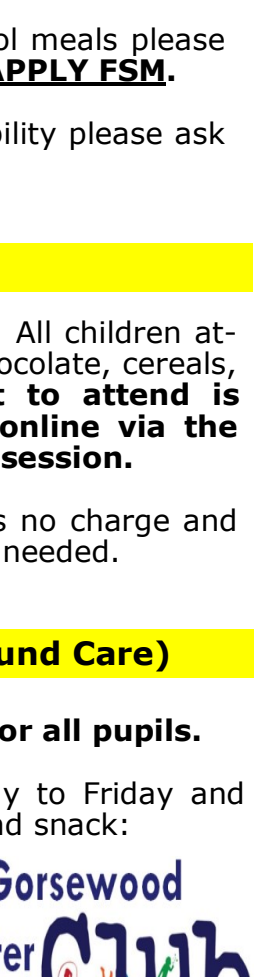


Word Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

Thursday 6th March - Dress Up Day!

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, book title or author. Please do not go to any expense, home made costumes are always incredible and there are plenty of ideas online.

The school kitchen will also be serving a themed lunch on this day!



Rock Kidz Visit - Thursday 3rd April



On Thursday 3rd April Rock Kidz will be visiting Gorsewood to deliver the most exciting rock 'n' roll workshop in the UK!

Children are invited to dress up as a rockstar for the day if they would like to!

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.

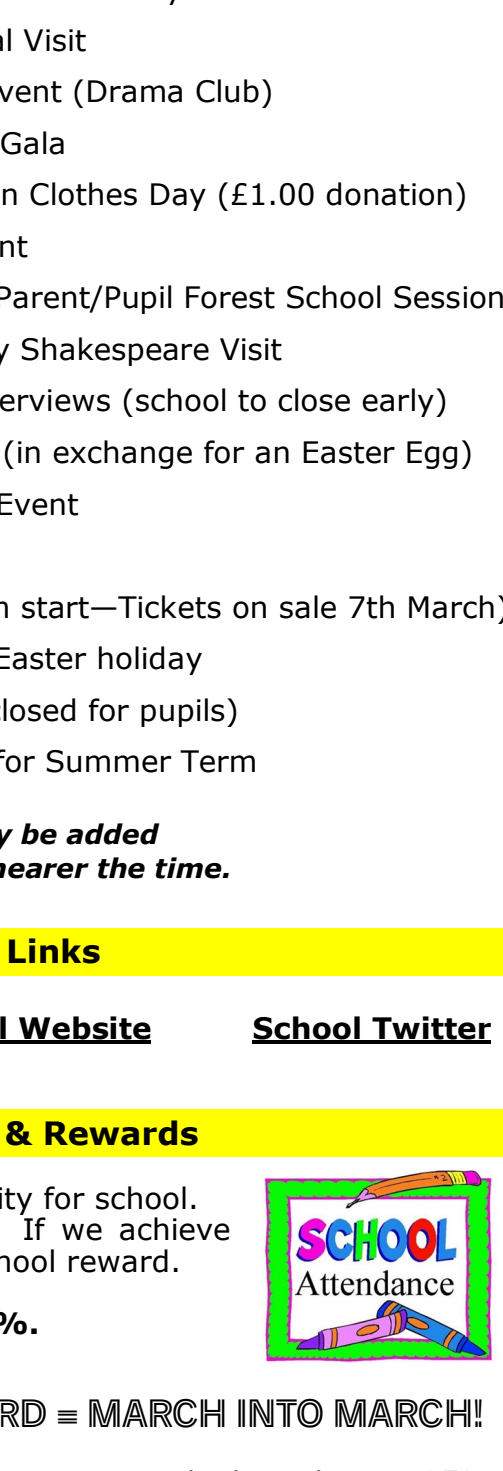
The club runs daily from 3.15pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and there are 2 sessions available which include a drink and snack:

- Session A = 3.15pm to 5.00pm = £7.00
- Session B = 3.15pm to 6.00pm = £10.00

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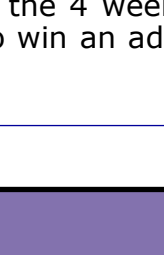
Places are limited and booking and payment is required upfront on a first come, first served basis via the School Gateway. Only payment upfront will secure and confirm a place.

Following feedback from parents/carers you can now book a place for after school club up to 2.30pm on the same day should you need last minute child care.



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.



Value of the Month

This month our value is:

Kindness

We will be exploring why being kind is so important and how just one little gesture can make a big difference. We will be carrying out some random acts of kindness too.



In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

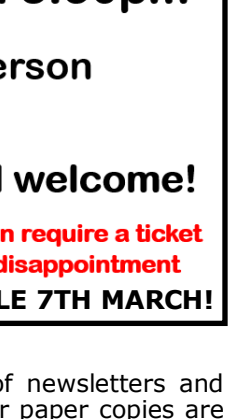
School Houses

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 **Oak = 17600**
Birch = 16033 **Sycamore = 16625**



Diary Dates

- Mon 3rd Mar - Y5 Fire Brigade Smoke Test Visit
- Thu 6th Mar - World Book Day (Dress Up as a Character or Author)
- Thu 6th Mar - YR/Y1/Y2 Library Visits
- Fri 7th Mar - Y5/Y6 Library Visits
- Fri 7th Mar - KS2 Girls Football Day
- Mon 10th Mar - Advanced Solutions Coffee Morning 9.15am
- Mon 10th Mar - Y3/Y4 Library Visits
- Mon 10th Mar - Y5/Y6 Badminton Event
- Thu 13th Mar - Y5/Y6 Western Approaches Visit
- Fri 14th Mar - KS2 Prime VR Experience Day
- Tue 18th Mar - Y5 Safety Central Visit
- Tue 18th Mar - HPAN Brindley Event (Drama Club)
- Wed 19th Mar - KS2 Swimming Gala
- Fri 21st Mar - Red Nose Day Own Clothes Day (£1.00 donation)
- Mon 24th Mar - KS2 Netball Event
- Mon 24th & Wed 26th Mar - Y2 Parent/Pupil Forest School Session
- Wed 26th Mar - Y5 Norton Priory Shakespeare Visit
- Thu 25th Mar - Parent/Carer Interviews (school to close early)
- Fri 28th Mar - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for an Easter Egg)
- Mon 31st Mar - Y3/Y4 Handball Event
- Thu 3rd Apr - Rock Kidz Visit
- Thu 3rd Apr - Easter Bingo (5pm start—Tickets on sale 7th March)
- Thu 3rd Apr - School closes for Easter holiday
- Fri 4th Apr - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Tue 22nd Apr - School reopens for Summer Term

Further information and dates may be added
Details of events will be sent out nearer the time.

Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

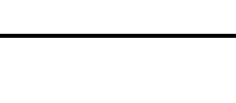
[School Website](#)

[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.

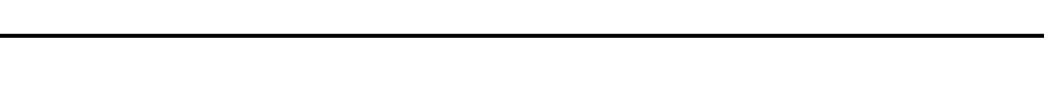
Our current attendance is 95.3%.



MARCH ATTENDANCE REWARD = MARCH INTO MARCH!

Between 3rd March and 28th March, every pupil who achieves 95%+ over the 4 week period will receive a treat.

In addition to this every pupil who achieves 100% over the 4 week period will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win an additional prize!



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](#).**