



## General News

### Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to the new academic year! Our new Reception class have made a great start and it has been lovely to watch them settle into school life.

Over the holidays Viv our school counsellor decided to semi-retire and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

As the autumn weather approaches, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat with them every day.

This year our phonics lessons are starting at 9.05am so it is really important that all children arrive to school on time at 8.45am so learning is not interrupted or lost.

As always if there is anything you need to discuss or share, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your 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.

### Photo Day - Thu 9th October

We have arranged for Posh Prints to visit school on **Thursday 9th October 2025**.

SAY CHEESE!

School photographs will be taken during the morning with all pupils wearing school uniform.



If your child has PE or Forest School on this day please ensure they bring their school jumper/cardigan to school with them.

### Parent/Carer Interviews - Thu 16th October

Parent/Carer Interviews will take place in school on **Thursday 16th October between 2pm and 7pm**. School will close early on this day.

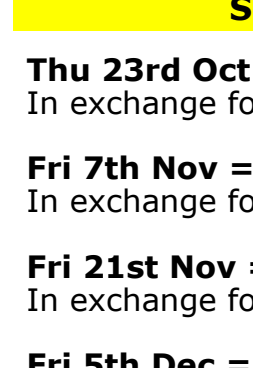


Information will follow nearer the time regarding booking.

### Save the Date!

#### Christmas dates for your diary...

- **Fri 5th Dec - Christmas Fair** (2.00pm - 3.15pm)
- **Wed 10th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performances** (10.30am & 2.30pm)
- **Thu 11th Dec - Christmas Bingo**
- **Wed 17th Dec - KS2 Christmas Performances** (10.30am & 2.30pm)



### INSET Day Reminder - School Closed for Pupils

A reminder that there is an INSET Day on:

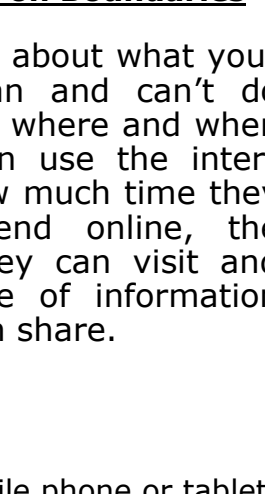
- **Friday 24th October 2025**



School will be closed for pupils on this day.

### Autumn Family Quiz Night - Thu 23rd October

We are pleased to inform you we have organised an **Autumn Family Quiz Night** which will take place on **Thursday 23rd October 2025**. Doors will open at 5.00pm and the quiz will start at 5.30pm and should finish around 7.15pm.



Further details will follow soon!

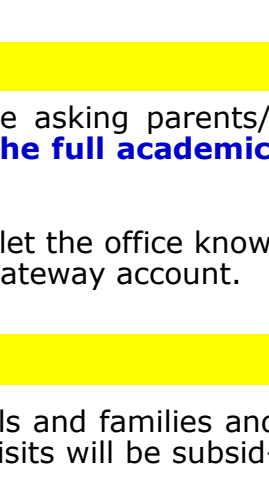
### School Fundraising Donation Days

**Thu 23rd Oct = Own Clothes Day**  
In exchange for a bottle donation

**Fri 7th Nov = Crazy Hair Day**  
In exchange for a selection box/sweet donation

**Fri 21st Nov = Own Clothes Day**  
In exchange for a tombola donation

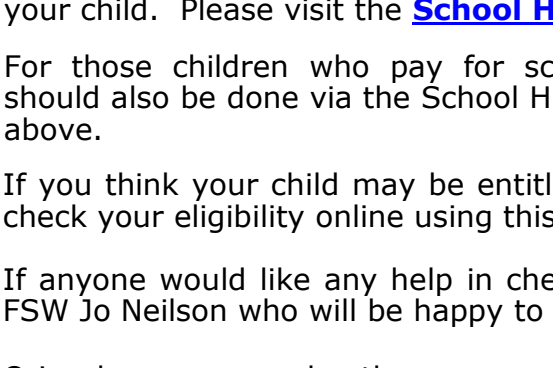
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Further information will follow nearer the time.

### Keeping Children Safe Online - Tips

It is so important that our children stay safe whilst on line. Please come and talk to us if you would like any support in keeping your children safe online.



#### Agree on Boundaries

Be clear about what your child can and can't do online – where and when they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share.

Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

When you do give them their first device make sure that it is set up appropriately for them with the right parental controls in place.

It's a good idea to introduce tech-free meal times and encourage them to keep phones out of the bedroom at night to help them build a healthy screen time balance.

### Tuck - Payment Due

Tuck payment is now due for this year. We are asking parents/carers for a contribution of **£5.00 per pupil for the full academic year**.

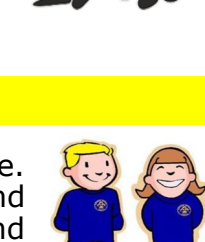
If you do not want your child to have tuck please let the office know and we will remove the charge from your School Gateway account.

### Cost of Living & Support

We will always do our best to support all our pupils and families and do what we can to subsidise where possible. All visits will be subsidised by school.

### Whole School Chester Zoo Visit - Fri 3rd Oct

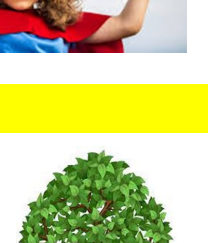
We are looking forward to our visit to Chester Zoo on Friday 3rd October.



**Please ensure your have consented and paid (£5.00) for your child to take part via School Gateway.**

### School Meals & School Hub

A reminder that you can view menus up to 3 weeks in advance 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 eligibility please ask our FSW Jo Neilson who will be happy to help.

Orian have arranged a theme menu for **Thursday 2nd October - Pasta Party!**

### Pastoral Support

A reminder that our pastoral team are always around for any support and advice. Jo Neilson our Family Support Worker 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.**

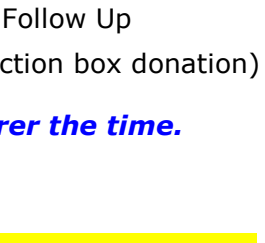
### Enrichment Clubs

Clubs for Y1 to Y6 will start w/c 22nd September and will run for 8 weeks. Reception clubs will be on offer next term.

All bookings need to be made via the School Gateway. Booking closes on Thursday 18th September.

### Forest School

Every half term each class will take part in a day of forest school.



Letters will be sent out before your child's session.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.30am until 8.30am. All children attending receive free breakfast which includes hot chocolate, cereals, bagels and juice. **The cost to attend is £1.50 per pupil per day and must be booked online via the School Gateway.**

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.**

Please see below for the new sessions now on offer. All sessions include a drink and snack. **Please book via Clubs option on School Gateway**

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| - Session A (Mon to Fri):  | 3.15pm to 4.00pm = £5.00  |
| - Session B (Mon to Fri):  | 3.15pm to 5.00pm = £8.00  |
| - Session C (Mon to Thu):  | 3.15pm to 6.00pm = £11.00 |
| - Session D (Friday Only): | 3.15pm to 5.30pm = £9.50  |



### Parking

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



Thank you for your continued support.

### School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. Please allow time for your order to be processed (around 10 days 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: **Resilience**

We will be learning about determination and not giving up when things get tough.



### School Houses

Children will continue to earn points for their allocated houses.



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

### Diary Dates - Oct

- Thu 25th Sep- Y5 Forest School Day
- Thu 9th Oct - Family Learning Workshop Online Wellbeing (Y4/Y5/Y6)
- Thu 2nd Oct - Y2 Forest School Day
- Fri 3rd Oct - Whole School Chester Zoo Visit (please consent & pay online)
- Mon 6th to Thu 9th Oct - Y5/Y6 Bikeability Course
- Thu 9th Oct - School Photo Day with Posh Prints
- Thu 9th Oct - Y3 Forest School Day
- Wed 15th Oct - Open Morning for 2026 school starters
- Thu 16th Oct - Parent/Carer Interviews 2pm to 7pm (school to close at 1.30)
- Tue 21st Oct - Open Evening for 2026 school starters
- Thu 23rd Oct - Autumn Family Quiz Night
- Wed 22nd Oct - YR & Y1 Harvest Assembly 10.00am
- Wed 22nd Oct - Y2 & Y3 Harvest Assembly 10.45am
- Thu 23rd Oct - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for bottle donation)
- Thu 23rd Oct - School Health Flu Vaccination Program
- Thu 23rd Oct - School closes for half term
- Fri 24th Oct - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Mon 3rd Nov - School reopens
- Fri 7th Nov - Crazy Hair & Hat Day (exchange for a selection box/sweet donation)
- Thu 13th Nov - Family Learning Workshop Online Wellbeing (Y1/Y2/Y3)
- Fri 21st Nov - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a tombola gift donation)
- Tue 2nd Dec - School Health Flu Vaccination Program Follow Up
- Fri 5th Dec - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a selection box donation)

**Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time. Additional events may also be added.**

### Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

[School Twitter](#)

### Attendance & Rewards

Attendance continues to be a priority for school. Good attendance is essential for children to reach their potential.

Our whole school target is 96%. If we achieve this target we will have a whole school reward. Each week if your child's class has attendance of 95% or above they will receive a jigsaw piece. When the jigsaw is complete the class will win a prize! Classes who achieve 100% attendance for the week will receive 2 jigsaw pieces.



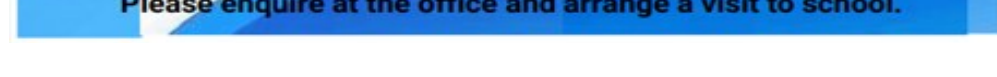
**Everyone can help to complete their class jigsaw!**

**Our current attendance is 96.53%**

**Please note term time holidays/leave of absence requests will not be authorised.**



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](#).**



## OPEN EVENTS

Dream Believe Achieve Be Your Best Self!



**Is your child due to start primary school in September 2026?**

**Would you like to know more about us?**

**Book now for our Open Events!**

**Open Morning with School Tours**  
**Wed 15th Oct 25**  
**9.30am to 11.00am**

**Open Evening with School Tours**  
**Tue 21st Oct 25**  
**4.30pm to 6.00pm**

**To book a place please contact the school office on [sec.gorsewood@haltonlearning.net](mailto:sec.gorsewood@haltonlearning.net) or 01928 712100**

**We have spaces available in a few other year groups. Please enquire at the office and arrange a visit to school.**