



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome children back and hear about their Christmas holidays.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us with residential visits for Years 2, 3 and 4, a visit from the Fun Food Chef and World Book Day to name a few.

During this term our Year 6 children will start to prepare for their SATs, good attendance is vital so all children can achieve their potential.

As the weather is so cold at the moment please ensure children wear warm waterproof coats to school.

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

Thank you for your support.

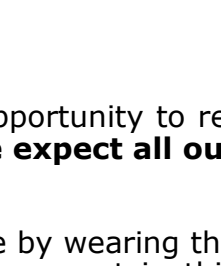
Miss E Jackson
Headteacher



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.

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.

Warm Clothing

As the weather is still cold, please can you ensure your child has a suitable outdoor coat with them at all times.

Uniform

As we start the new term I would like to take the opportunity to remind you all 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.

We would like to remind you of our current school uniform:

- Blue Gorsewood Sweatshirt/Cardigan/Fleece
- Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore
- White Shirt or Polo Style T-Shirt
- Black, Flat Sensible Footwear ([No Coloured Trainers, Mules, Jellies, Open-Toes](#))
- Grey Shorts/Blue & White Gingham Dress - Summer Term (After Easter)

On PE days children should come to school wearing their PE kits:

A Gorsewood PE kit with black pumps or trainers for outdoors

OR
Plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps or trainers

ALSO
In colder weather dark tracksuit/jogging bottoms can be worn with a Gorsewood PE hoodie or Gorsewood sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece.

Please note football kits, gym wear and other sports items are not PE uniform.

Parking Around School

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



Thank you for your continued support.

Fundraising

We have raised the following over the last half term:

- Children in Need = £96.50
- Halton Haven = £103.00
- Christmas Bingo (School Funds) = £512.53
- Christmas Fair (School Funds) = £1739.30

A huge thank you to everyone!



Swimming

This half term Year 5 will continue to swim on a Thursday.
After half term Year 4 will swim on a Tuesday

After School Clubs

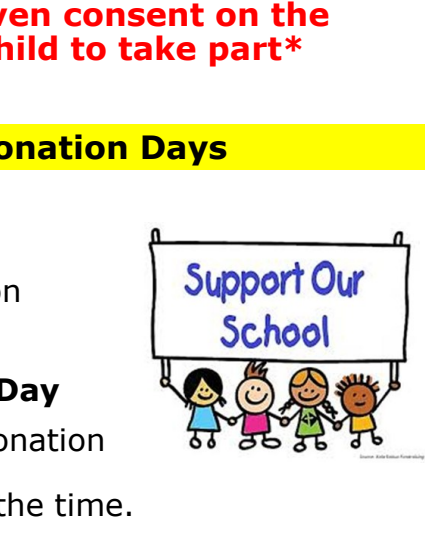
New clubs will start w/c 19th January. Information will be shared soon.



Fun Food Chef - Thu 15th & Fri 16th January 2026

We are excited to welcome the Fun Food Chef back to school on 15th and 16th January.

All classes will take part in an interactive experience as they explore the joys of preparing fresh and, where possible local produce, then even better, tasting some great food!



Please ensure you have given consent on the School Gateway for your child to take part

School Fundraising Donation Days

Friday 13th February Own Clothes Day

In exchange for an Easter egg donation

Friday 20th March Superhero/Superpower Dress Up Day

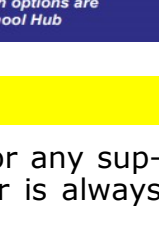
In exchange for an Easter egg/choc donation



Further information will follow nearer the time.

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](#).

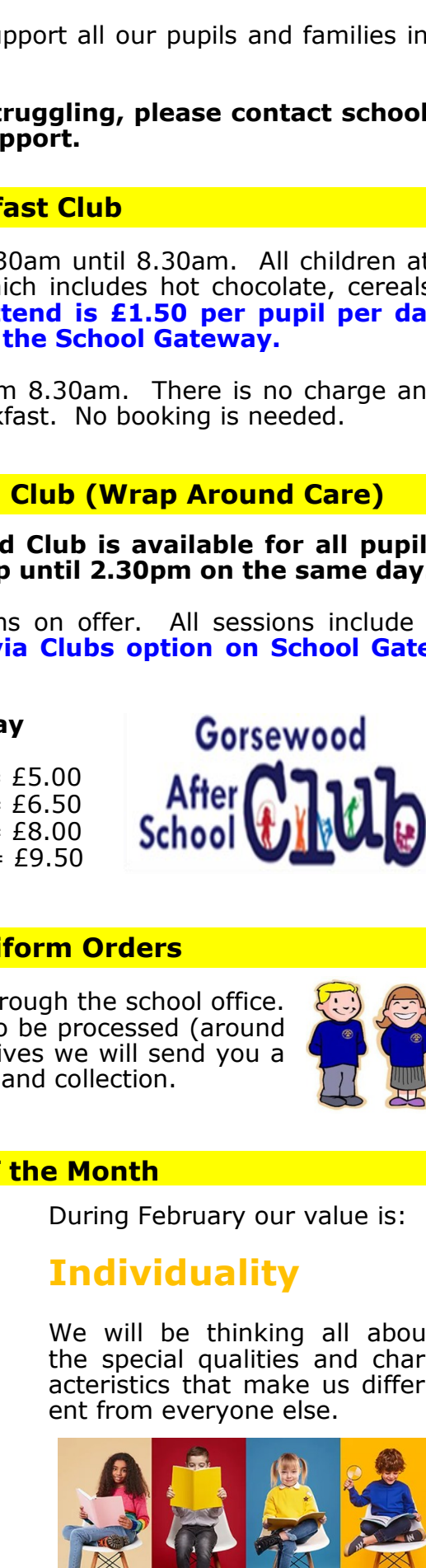


If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please check your eligibility online using this link: [CHECK/APPLY FSM](#).

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 15th Jan Chocolate Cake Day



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.

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.

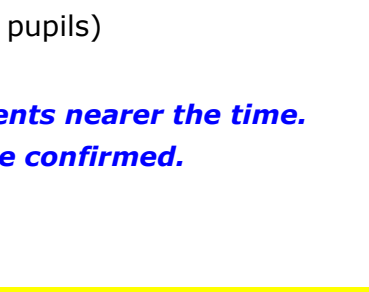
Gorsewood After School Club (Wrap Around Care)

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 sessions on offer. All sessions include a drink and snack. **Please book via Clubs option on School Gateway.**

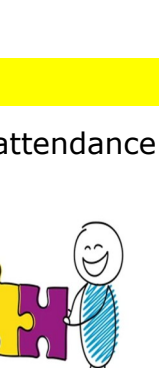
Club available Monday to Friday

- Session A: 3.15pm to 4.00pm = £5.00
- Session B: 3.15pm to 4.30pm = £6.50
- Session C: 3.15pm to 5.00pm = £8.00
- Session D: 3.15pm to 5.30pm = £9.50



School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. Please allow time for your order to be processed (around 7-10 days). When your order arrives we will send you a text message to arrange payment and collection.



Values of the Month

During January our value is:

Positivity

We will be thinking about being optimistic and finding the positives in tricky times.



During February our value is:

Individuality

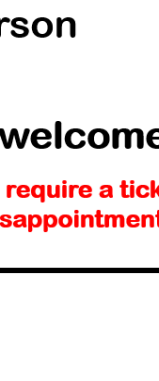
We will be thinking all about the special qualities and characteristics that make us different from everyone else.



School Houses

Children continue to earn points for their allocated houses.

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



Diary Dates - Jan/Feb/Mar

- Thu 15th Jan - Fun Food Chef
- Thu 15th Jan - Y4 Forest School
- Fri 16th Jan - Fun Food Chef
- Mon 19th Jan - Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting 3.20pm
- Mon 19th Jan - Y1/Y2 Curling Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Tue 20th Jan - Y3/Y4 CHET Meeting 3.00pm
- Thu 22nd Jan - Y6 Forest School
- Fri 30th Jan - NSPCC Assemblies
- Mon 2nd Feb - Y5/Y6 Badminton Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Wed 4th Feb - Y2 Foxhawl Residential Visit (1 Night)
- Thu 5th Feb - Y3 Forest School
- Tue 10th Feb - Y5 Fire Brigade Smoke Tent Visit
- Thu 12th Feb - Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena
- Thu 12th Feb - Y2 Forest School
- Fri 13th Feb - Own Clothes Day (In exchange for Easter Egg donation)
- Fri 13th Feb - School closes for half term holiday (3.15pm)
- Mon 23rd Feb - School reopens
- Wed 25th Feb - Y3/Y4 CHET Residential Visit (2 Nights)
- Thu 26th Feb - Y5 Crucial Crew Visit
- Mon 2nd Mar - Y3/Y4 Indoor Athletics Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Thu 5th Mar - World Book Day
- Mon 16th Mar - Y5/Y6 Hockey Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Thu 19th Mar - Runcorn Swimming Gala
- Mon 23rd Mar - Y5/Y6 Hockey Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Thu 24th Mar - Super Power Dress Up Day (In exchange for egg/choc donation)
- Tue 20th Mar - Parents Evening 2pm - 7pm (school finishes 1.30pm)
- Thu 26th Mar - School closes for Easter Holiday (3.15pm)
- Thu 26th Mar - Easter Family Bingo 5.30pm
- Fri 27th Mar - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Mon 13th Apr - School reopens

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time. Further dates will also be added as they are confirmed.

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 94.9%

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](#).**

EASTER BINGO

Thursday 26th March 2026

Doors Open 5.00pm & Eyes Down 5.30pm



- Tickets cost £1.00 per person
- Refreshments available
- Fun for all the family – All welcome!

Entry by ticket only, all adults and children require a ticket. Please ensure you have a ticket to avoid disappointment. No entry on the night.