



## General News

### Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. The lighter mornings are a lovely sign Spring is arriving!

What a busy last half term we had! From Year 2 going on their first ever residential to our amazing choir performing in the Young Voices Co-Op Arena concert, to our fantastic HPAN display in the Shopping City.

This term has lots of exciting experiences and opportunities in store too!

Year 6 continue to work hard towards their SATs in May and we are very proud of the resilience and positivity they continue to show.

Attendance and punctuality continue to be a priority and this half term our 100% attendance club incentive will continue to run.

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

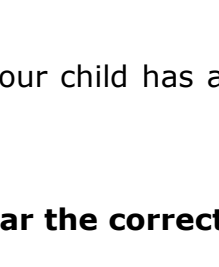


### Safeguarding at Gorsewood

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 close just after 8.45am. 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

**A polite reminder we expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform.**

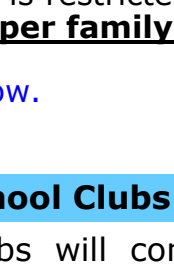
Staff encourage children to be smart and presentable by wearing the school uniform and we also ask for parents/carers support in this matter.

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

**Earrings - Only small studded earrings are allowed in school. No other jewellery should be worn.**

### Parking Around School

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



Thank you for your continued support.

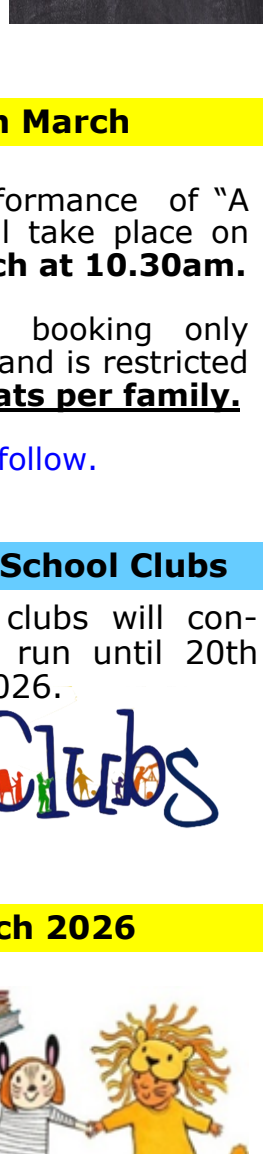
### Parent/Carer Interviews with Teachers

Parent Interviews will take in school face to face on **Tuesday 24th March from 2.00pm to 7.00pm.**

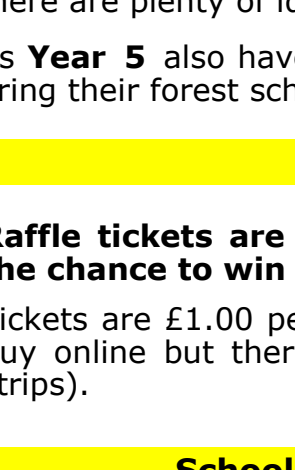
School will close early on this day at 1.30pm however if you are unable to collect your child early, please let school know so we can make arrangements for your child to stay in school until 3.15pm.

After school wrap around club will also run as normal until 5.30pm on this day.

Appointments can be made via Arbor or at the office. Letters will follow nearer the time.



### KS1 Drama Performance - Wed 25th March



The YR, Y1 and Y2 performance of "A Fairytale Showcase" will take place on **Wednesday 25th March at 10.30am.**

Admission will be by booking only through the Arbor App and is restricted to a **maximum of 2 seats per family.**

Further information will follow.

### Swimming

**This half term Year 4 will swim on a Tuesday.**

**Please ensure children have their swimming kit on this day.**

### After School Clubs

Current clubs will continue to run until 20th March 2026.



### Word Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

#### Thursday 5th March - Dress Up Day!

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, book title or author.

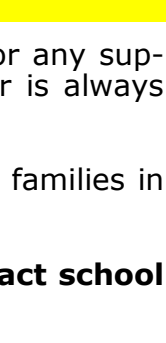


Please do not go to any expense, home made costumes are always incredible and there are plenty of ideas online.

As **Year 5** also have forest school on this day, please can they bring their forest school clothes with them in a bag.

### Easter Raffle

**Raffle tickets are now on sale at the office for the chance to win an Easter hamper!**

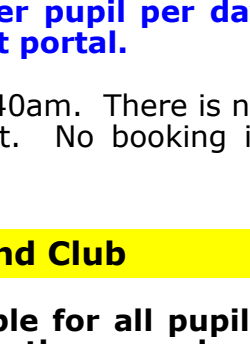


Tickets are £1.00 per strip (please note you can also buy online but there is a minimum £2.00 spend (2 strips).

### School Fundraising Donation Days

#### Friday 20th March Superhero/Superpower Dress Up Day

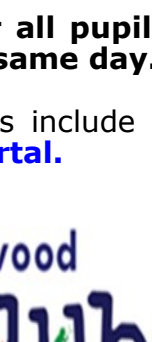
In exchange for an Easter egg/choc donation



Further information will follow nearer the time.

### School Meals & School Hub

A reminder that you can view menus up to 2 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 5th March World Book Day Menu

**Join us WORLD BOOK DAY 5th March**

Option 1 - Spaghetti Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce  
Option 2 - Cheesy Enchiladas

Baby Corn Garlic Bread

The Cat in the Hat Stripy Jelly & Cream

Standard jacket potato and sandwich options are also available to choose on School Hub

### 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 Arbor parent portal.**

**Early Bird Drop Off** runs daily from 8.30am to 8.40am. There is no charge and children can also access free breakfast. No booking is needed.

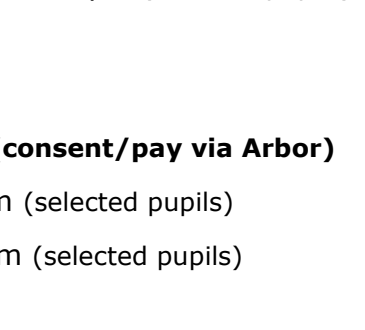
### Gorsewood After School Wap Around Club

**Our After School Wrap Around Club is available for all pupils and sessions can be booked up until 2.15pm on the same day.**

Please see below for the sessions on offer. All sessions include a drink and snack. **Please book via the Arbor parent portal.**

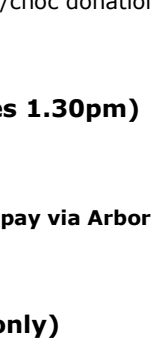
#### Club available Monday to Friday

- 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 March our value is:

#### Honesty

We want pupils to understand that honesty is more than just telling the truth; its about acting with integrity, owning our actions and being reliable and trustworthy.

During April our value is:

#### Equality

We will be thinking about what equality means and why it matters. As part of our learning we will be celebrating difference, exploring fairness vs sameness and learning about the importance of inclusion.

### MSE Easter Holiday Club

#### Great news!

MSE are back in the Easter holiday with a 4 day club running from Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Further information for booking will follow closer to the time.

**HAF MSE EASTER CLUB AGES 5-12**

**Just £20 Per Day**

**Gorsewood Primary School, Gorsewood Road, Halton, Runcorn, WA7 6ES**

MONDAY 30th MARCH - THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026  
REGISTRATION: 9.30am • PICK UP: 1.30pm

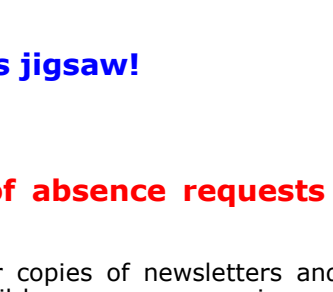
FREE PLACES FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

TO BOOK CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE:  
01928 712100  
sec.gorsewood@haltonlearning.net

### INSET Day Reminders

A reminder that there are INSET Days on:

- Friday 27th March 2026
- Monday 1st June 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026



### School Houses

Children continue to earn points for their allocated houses.

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



### Diary Dates - Mar & Apr

- Mon 2nd Mar - Y3/Y4 Indoor Athletics Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Thu 5th Mar - World Book Day
- Thu 5th Mar - Year 5 Forest School
- Fri 6th Mar - Y1 Warrington Museum Visit (consent/pay via Arbor)
- Mon 9th Mar - Y5/Y6 Football Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- 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)
- Fri 20th Mar - Super Power Dress Up Day (In exchange for egg/choc donation)
- Mon 23rd - Y5/Y6 Netball Event 3.30pm (selected pupils)
- Tue 24th Mar - Parents Evening 2pm - 7pm (school finishes 1.30pm)
- Wed 25th Mar - KS1 Drama Show 10.30am
- Wed 25th Mar - Drama Club HPAN Brindley Event (consent/pay via Arbor)
- Thu 26th Mar - School closes for Easter Holiday (3.15pm)
- Thu 26th Mar - Easter Family Bingo 5.30pm (ticket event only)
- Fri 27th Mar - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Mon 13th Apr - School reopens for Summer term

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 end of year target is 96%. If we 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**



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

Tickets on sale from the office on 9th March 2026.