



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful Spring term we had! The confidence and creativity of our children who performed at the Brindley Theatre in the HPAN event was so impressive and our KS1 children wowed their audience with their fairy tale showcase in the last week of term.

As we move into the summer term, it is a busy time for Y6, Y4 and Y1 all completing their statutory tests and checks. We also have lots of exciting enrichment activities planned to look forward to.

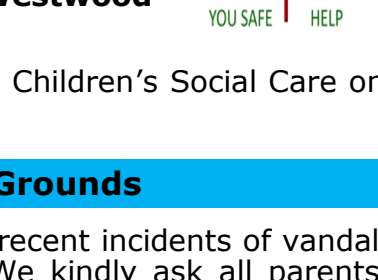
I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Bingo and Raffle. We raised an amazing £729.03! This money is going towards improving our playgrounds.

A big well done also to all children who took part in our Hop for Haven fundraising event. We haven't received our final school total yet, but really do appreciate our parents, carers, families and friends for supporting this event for a local charity.

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

Thank you for your support.

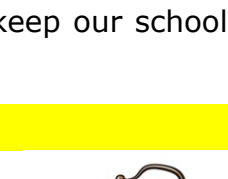
Miss E Jackson
Headteacher



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.

Vandalism in School Grounds

We have unfortunately experienced some recent incidents of vandalism on the school grounds after hours. We kindly ask all parents/carers to remain vigilant when in the area during evenings, weekends, and school holidays.

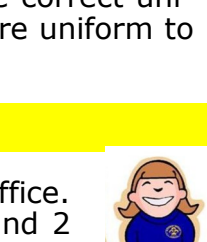
If you do see anything suspicious or unauthorised persons on school grounds, please can you report it to the police on 101. Even minor damage can be very costly to repair, and these unexpected costs reduce the money available to support our children and their learning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school safe and well cared for.

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.



SUN SAFE

As we approach the summer and (hopefully) warmer weather please can you ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and has a hat and water bottle with them. Thank you for your support.



School Uniform

During warmer weather children are still required to wear their full school uniform and the correct PE kit. Please note sportswear is **not** part of our uniform.

School uniform consists of blue Gorsewood sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece, grey trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore (blue & white gingham dress in summer), white shirt or polo style T-shirt and black, flat sensible footwear (no coloured trainers, mules, jellies or open-toed sandals). Long hair should be tied back.

Please support school by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. Children not in correct uniform will be given spare uniform to wear.

School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. 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.



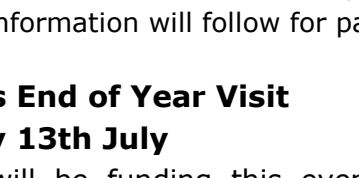
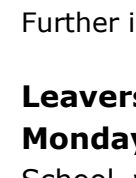
We are now taking order for summer holiday collection. The cut off for orders for guaranteed delivery before the new school year starts is **Friday 19th June 2026**. Payment/collection is **not** required until the end of term/during school holidays. **Please collect an order form from the school office.**



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

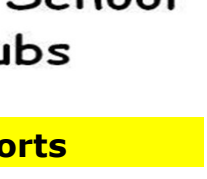
Day 1 - Friday 15th May Own Clothes Day
(In exchange for a bottle donation)

Day 2 - Friday 12th June Crazy Hair Day (with uniform)
(In exchange for a Tombola gift)

Day 3 - Friday 3rd July Own Clothes Day on Summer Fair Day
(In exchange for Tombola gift/Sweet donation/Bottle donation)

Reception & Year 6 Whole Class Photographs

We have arranged for the photography company Posh Prints to visit school on **Tuesday 21st April** in order to take a whole class photograph of both YR and Y6.



Summer Fair - Friday 3rd July

The summer fair is one of our biggest fundraisers of the school year and this year it will take place on **Friday 3rd July from 2.00pm**. School will finish at 1.45pm on this day. Further details will follow nearer the time.

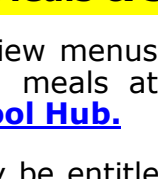


Entrance is 50p per adult and attractions include:

- Games
- Hook A Duck
- Face Painting
- Popcorn
- Bottle on String
- Raffle
- Tombolas
- Refreshments
- Archery

We hope to see you all there!

Year 6 Dates



Leavers Lunch
Friday 10th July 1.00pm
Further information will follow for parents.

Leavers End of Year Visit
Monday 13th July
School will be funding this event and further details will follow.

Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th July (9.30am)
Further information will follow for parents.

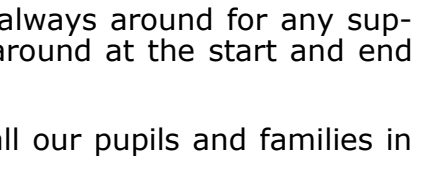
Last Day of Term
Friday 17th July 2026
Our Year 6 pupils will finish at 2.00pm so parents/carers can take photographs

The rest of the school will finish at 2.30pm.

Clubs

Summer term after school clubs will run from 28th April to 26th June.

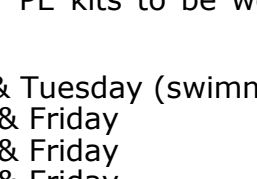
Information will be sent home soon.



After School Clubs

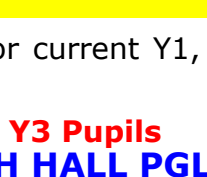
Reports

School reports will be sent home on Friday 10th July 2026.



Rock Kidz! Visit

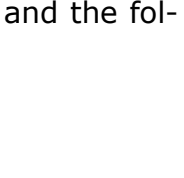
On **Friday 22nd May 2026** Rock Kidz will be visiting school to deliver the most exciting rock 'n' roll workshop in the UK!



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

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.

Support & Pastoral Support

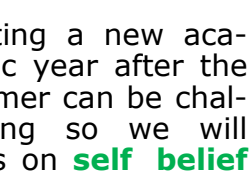
A reminder that our pastoral team are always around for any support and advice. Jo Neilson is always around at the start and end of the school day.

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.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will take place w/c 18th May. The exact day is still to be confirmed and further details will follow. All children will need to wear their PE kits on the day.



PE Days

Please see below for PE days for this term. PE kits to be worn to school.

- YR: Tuesday & Thursday
- Y1: Monday & Tuesday
- Y2: Tuesday & Thursday
- Y3: Monday & Tuesday (swimming)
- Y4: Tuesday & Friday
- Y5: Tuesday & Friday
- Y6: Tuesday & Friday

2027 Residential - Deposits Due

Deposits are now due for the 2027 residential visits for current Y1, Y2 and Y3 pupils to secure a place.

Current Y1 Pupils
FOXHOWL
Wed 10th Feb to Thu 11th Feb 27
£15.00 deposit
Due in by **Friday 29th April**

Current Y2 & Y3 Pupils
WINMARLEIGH HALL PGL
Wed 10th Mar to Fri 12th Mar 27
£20.00 deposit
Due in by **Friday 17th April**

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 (11th to 15th May)**

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

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 Arbor Clubs.**

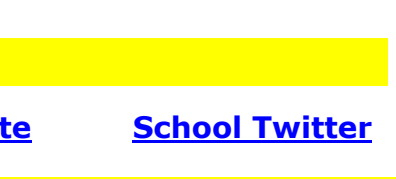
Early Bird Drop Off runs daily from 8.30am to 8.40am. There is no charge and children can also access free breakfast. No booking is needed.

Gorsewood After School Wrap 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 Arbor Clubs.**

- 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



Values of the Month

MAY

Courage

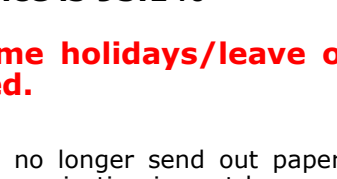
We will be thinking about not being afraid of new challenges and not letting worry hold us back from doing new things, developing skills, or standing up for what we believe is right.



JUNE

Responsibility

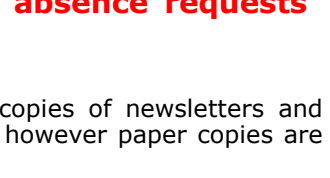
We will be thinking about making good choices and taking accountability for our actions. We will consider how our actions have consequences.



JULY

Self Belief

Starting a new academic year after the summer can be challenging so we will focus on **self belief** so all children will learn that they can do it!



KS2 Summer Drama Performance

The KS2 summer drama performance will take place on **Wednesday 15th July**.

There will be 2 performances (times TBC). Admission will be by booking only and is restricted to a maximum of 2 tickets per family for 1 performance only. The school office will operate a reserve list for any spare tickets if available.

Ticket booking will take place via Arbor Trips. **By booking online you will automatically be allocated 2 seats.** In the event you only require 1 seat please let the office know. Further details will follow when booking is open.

INSET Day Reminders

A reminder that there are INSET Days on:

Monday 1st June 2026 & Monday 20th July 2026

School will be closed for pupils on these days.

Retirement

At the end of this half term (May) our cook Bev Wright will be leaving us. Bev has worked at Gorsewood for many years and will be missed by everyone. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best in her retirement.

Diary Dates - May, June & July

- Mon 20th Apr - Y5/Y6 Lacrosse Event at Gorsewood (selected pupils)
- Tue 21st Apr - Posh Prints Visit for YR & Y6
- Mon 27th Apr - Y3/Y4 Handball Event at Weston Point (selected pupils)
- Fri 15th May - Own Clothes Day (In exchange for a bottle donation)
- Mon 18th May - Book Fair (after school daily for 3 days)
- Mon 18th May - Y5 Orienteering Event at Brookvale (selected pupils)
- Fri 22nd May - Rock Kidz!
- Fri 22nd May - School closes for half term
- Mon 1st Jun - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Tue 2nd Jun - School reopens
- Wed 3rd Jun - YR Imagine That Visit (**consent/pay via Arbor Trips**)
- Fri 12th Jun - Crazy Hair Day (In exchange for a tombola donation)
- Wed 24th Jun - Y5/Y6 Edinburgh Visit (3 Days)
- Fri 3rd Jul - Own Clothes Day (In exchange for tombola gift/sweet donation)
- Fri 3rd Jul - Summer Fair 2.00pm (school closes at 1.45pm)
- Fri 10th Jul - Y6 Leavers Lunch (information will follow)
- Mon 13th Jul - Y6 Leavers Trip (information will follow)
- Wed 15th Jul - KS2 Drama Show (times tbc)
- Fri 17th Jul - Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am (information will follow)
- Fri 17th Jul - School closes for summer (2.30pm) (Y6 finish 2.00pm)

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 95.1%

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.