



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. Our new starters in Year 2 and Year 5 have also settled in well in their new classes.

Children have spent the first few weeks settling back into school and learning their new class rules.

We have been revisiting our school rules: **Safe, Ready, Respectful and trying to be our best self in all we do.**

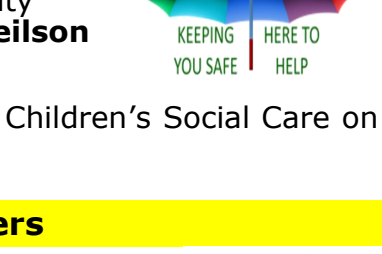
All classes have been focusing on our whole school book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers.

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

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 J Neilson and Miss Wright**.

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 at 8.45am. Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am.

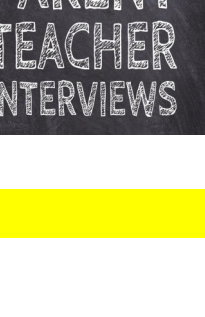


Photo Day - Thursday 8th October

We have arranged for Posh Prints to visit school on **Thursday 8th October**.

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

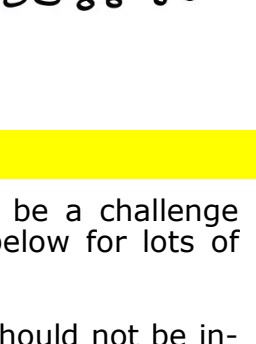
If your child has PE, Forest School or Bikeability on this day please ensure they bring their school jumper/cardigan to school with them.



Parent/Carer Interviews - Thu 15th October 2026

Parent/Carer Interviews will take place in school on **Thursday 15th October between 2pm and 7pm**. School will close early on this day.

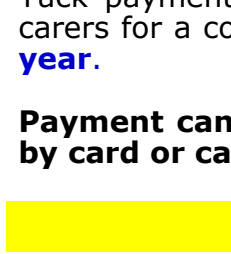
Information will follow nearer the time regarding booking which will be via Arbor or at the office.



Save the Date!

Christmas dates for your diary...

- **Thu 3rd Dec - Christmas Family Bingo!**
- **Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Fair** (2.00pm - 3.15pm)
- **Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Performance** (Times TBC)



School Fundraising Donation Days

Fri 2nd Oct = Crazy Hair Day

In exchange for a tombola gift

Thu 23rd Oct = Own Clothes Day

In exchange for a bottle donation

Fri 27th Nov = Own Clothes Day

In exchange for a selection box

Fri 11th Dec = Own Clothes Day

In exchange for a selection box donation

Further information will follow nearer the time.



Healthy Packed Lunches

Making packed lunches every day can sometimes be a challenge trying to think of new ideas. Please find a link below for lots of healthy ideas and great advice!

Please note fizzy drinks, sweets and nut products should not be included in packed lunches.

[VEG POWER 1](#)

[VEG POWER 2](#)

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**.

Payment can be made via Arbor School Shop or at the office by card or cash.

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.

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 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.

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.

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Enrichment Clubs

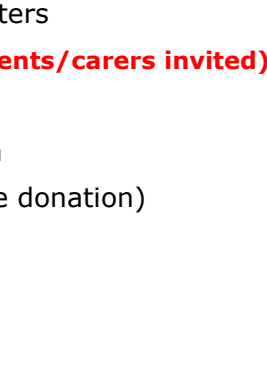
Clubs for Y1 to Y6 will start w/c 28th September and will run for 8 weeks ending on Friday 27th November. Reception clubs will be on offer next term.

All bookings need to be made via Arbor Clubs or at the office.

An email will be sent home soon with details.

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, there are 2 sessions available:

- **Full Breakfast Club (£1.50 daily) - Runs daily from 7.30am**
- **Free Breakfast Club Session (Free) - Runs from 8.10am**

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 and all children are offered breakfast including toast, crumpets, muffins, cereal, fruit, milk and water. There are also lots of activities including games, lego, chess and colouring available to help with a calm start to the day.

If your child is to attend Breakfast Club (either of the sessions) please can you book via Arbor Clubs. This is important so we can ensure we have the correct number of staff available and know which children to expect. There is no cut off time for booking and you can book your child onto Breakfast Club on the day.

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 2.15pm on the same day.

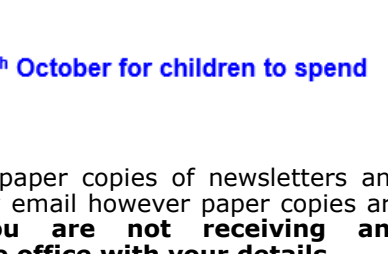
Please see below for the sessions now on offer. All sessions include a drink and snack. **Please book via Arbor Clubs or at the office. Please note payment is required upfront.**

- **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**



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 7-10 days if items are not in stock). **Orders can be placed via Arbor School Shop or at the office.**



Values

SEPT

Resilience

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



OCT

Friendship

We will be learning about the values of being a good friend.

"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be."

Winnie the Pooh

NOV

Wellbeing

We will be learning about how to manage our feelings, build our resilience, make healthy choices and understand our own and others wellbeing.



School Houses

Children in Y2 to Y6 will continue to earn points for their allocated houses.



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

We have also introduced a house point reward system to recognise and celebrate when children have received points.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term

- Mon 14th Sep - Y6 Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm
- Thu 17th Sep - Y6 Forest School
- Tue 22nd Sep - Adult Learning Course "Story Sacks" (Runs for 5 weeks)
- Wed 23rd Sep - Reception Stay & Play 2.30pm (**parent/carers invited**)
- Wed 23rd Sep - Junior Safety Officer Launch (selected pupils)
- Mon 28th Sep - Extra Curricular Clubs Start (Y1-Y6)
- Thu 1st Oct - Y5 Forest School
- Fri 2nd Oct - Crazy Hair Day (in exchange for a tombola gift)
- Mon 5th Oct - Y5/Y6 Bikeability (runs until Thu 8th Oct) **SIGN UP ONLINE**
- Thu 8th Oct - School Photo Day with Posh Prints
- Wed 14th Oct - Open Morning for 2027 Reception Starters
- Thu 15th Oct - Parent/Carer Interviews 2pm-7pm (school closes 1.30pm)
- Fri 16th Oct - Reception Parent Meeting "Language & Comm" 2.45pm
- Tue 20th Oct - Open Evening for 2027 Reception Starters
- Wed 21st Oct - KS1 Harvest Assembly Time TBC (**parents/carers invited**)
- Thu 22nd Oct - Y5 Safety Central Visit
- Thu 22nd Oct - School Health Flu Vaccination Program
- Fri 23rd Oct - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for bottle donation)
- Fri 23rd Oct - School finishes for half term at 3.15pm
- Mon 2nd Nov - School reopens
- Wed 4th Nov - Y3 Visit to Sugarbrook Farm
- Thu 5th Nov - Y6 Forest School
- Fri 6th Nov - Reception Parent/Carer Meeting "Phonics" 2.45pm
- Wed 11th Nov - Y5/Y6 Remembrance Assembly (**parents/carers invited**)
- Fri 27th Nov - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a selection box)
- Thu 3rd Dec - Christmas Family Bingo!
- Fri 4th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
- Fri 11th Dec - Whole School Christmas Fair 2.00pm
- Fri 11th Dec - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a selection box)
- Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Performances (Times TBC) (**parents/carers invited**)

Further information/reminders will be sent out for events nearer the time. Events may be subject to change. 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 96.49%

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

Our PRESENT FOR POINTS incentive is also running this half term!

Present For Points!

Mon 14th Sep to Fri 16th Oct 2026

Every day that a pupil is in school during the 5 week focus period they will receive attendance points.

At the end of the focus period pupils will be able to spend their points in the Attendance Rewards Shop!

Each day is worth 10 attendance points. **Pupils attending every day will be able to earn 250 points.**

ATTEND SCHOOL → EARN POINTS → SPEND POINTS

More points = more choice!

The Attendance Rewards Shop will be open w/c 19th October for children to spend their points.

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 details.**

OPEN EVENTS

DREAM | BELIEVE | ACHIEVE

Be Your Best Self!

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2027?

Would you like to know more about us?

Book now for our Open Events!

OPEN MORNING
WITH SCHOOL TOURS
Wed 14th Oct 2026
9.30am - 11.00am

OPEN EVENING
WITH SCHOOL TOURS
Tue 20th Oct 2026
4.30pm - 6.00pm

To book a place please contact the school office on
sec.gorsewood@haltonlearning.net | 01928 712100

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

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

PLAY OUR LOTTERY

SCAN ME

Sign up to take part and support school online at
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for Gorsewood or scan the QR code.

Our first draw takes place this weekend on
Saturday 12th September!

Play • Support • Make a Difference