NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2 26/27

Message from Headteacher

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a wonderful break and are refreshed for the term ahead. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with lots of opportunities for learning, enrichment and of course festive activities!

The weather is becoming colder and the days are getting darker. Please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat and appropriate clothing for outdoor play. Our safety officers have been spreading the message 'Be bright, be seen!'

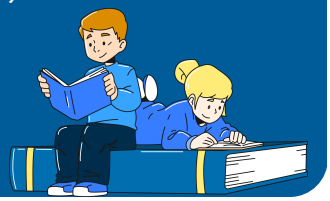
Attendance continues to be a key priority for our school. Every day in school matters, and good attendance helps children build confidence, maintain friendships and make the most of their learning opportunities. We are grateful for your ongoing support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive on time.

We would also like to remind families about the importance of reading at home. Regular home reading has a significant impact on children's progress across the curriculum. Just 10 minutes of reading each day can make a real difference to vocabulary, comprehension and confidence. Please continue to support your child's reading journey.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can ensure that every child has a successful and rewarding term.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Miss E Jackson



Reminders

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

BRIGHT BE SEEN! As both the mornings and evenings are now much darker we would like to remind you all to be safe at all times. If you are out and about please remember to wear bright reflective clothing and take extra care on roads and if using scooters or bicycles.

Safeguarding

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.

After School Clubs

The same clubs will continue to run again this half term.

All clubs will finish on Friday 27th November except Drama.

Drama wll finish on Wed 9th Dec.

Raffle

Raffle tickets will soon be on sale! We have lots of great prizes and all money raisied is for school funds!

Pastoral Support

A reminder that our pastoral team are always around for any support and advice. Jo Neilson (FSW 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.

Attendance

Our **Present for Points** incentive is running again this half term and starts w/c 9th November. The attendance will shop will have lots of festive items for children to spend their points on at the end of term.



Current Whole School Attendance = 95.6%

Fundraising Days

Fri 27th Nov - Own Clothes Day

Fri 11th Dec - Own Clothes Day

Both in exchange for selection box

Fri 4th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Own clothes with Christmas jumpers and assessories are encouraged for a £1.00 donation. All money raised will be for local charity Halton Haven



School Values

November - Wellbeing

We will be thinking about how we can look after ourselves and each other so that everyone feels safe, happy, valued, and able to do and be their best.



December - Thinking About Others

We will be thinking about how our words and actions affect others, and how to always try to be kind, helpful, and respectful.



Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2026

Wed 4th Nov - Y3 Sugarbrook Farm Visit
Fri 6th Nov - YR Parent/Carer Phonics Meeting 2.45pm (book online)
Wed 11th Nov - Y5/Y6 Remembrance Assembly 10.45am (book online)
Thu 19th Nov - Y4 Chester Visit
Thu 12th & Fri 13th Nov - Fun Food Chef
Mon 16th Nov - Odd Socks Day
Fri 27th Nov - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a selection box)
Mon 30th Nov - Y5 Drumming Performance 9.30am (book online)
Thu 3rd Dec - Christmas Family Bingo (Ticket Only) Doors Open 5.00pm
Thu 3rd Dec - Parent/Carer Workshop "Fussy Eating" 9.15am *(book online)
Fri 4th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (£1.00 donations for Halton Haven)
Fri 4th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
Tue 8th Dec - Parent/Carer Craft & Chat Session 1.30pm to 3.00pm (book online)
Thu 10th Dec - Y1/Y2 Farmer Teds Christmas Visit
Fri 11th Dec - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a selection box)
Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Fair (school finishes at 1.45pm)
Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Performances 10.30am/1.00pm/2.30pm (book online)
Fri 18th Dec - Y6 Carol Singing at Shopping City
Fri 18th Dec - Carols on Playground 2.15pm, school finishes at 2.30pm

Please note further information will be sent out for events nearer the time. Events may be subject to change. Additional events may also be added.