

The Gorseley Weekly

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT

To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.



WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to all members of the Gorseley family. We hope you all had fantastic summer breaks and that you and your children have been looking forward to the start of a new academic year. (We are all very excited about the year ahead!)

It's been absolutely wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and settle so confidently into their new classrooms. A special well done goes to all our children who have joined us for the first time this week — including, of course, our new Reception cohort. We can't wait to get to know you some more!

Looking ahead, our key school development priorities for 2025–26 continue to focus on four important areas: delivering an ambitious curriculum, promoting inclusion, supporting pupil wellbeing, and investing in staff development. I'll be sharing more about each of these priorities in the Weekly over the coming weeks.

In early October, you'll have the opportunity to meet your child's new Class Teacher during our first Parents' Evenings of the year. This will be the perfect opportunity to talk about how your child has settled in. If you would like to speak to us prior to then you are of course very welcome to do so. You can do this by catching us on the playground or arranging a call or meeting by contacting the school office at admin@gorseybank.org.uk or on 01625 468040.

We hope your child has had an enjoyable first week back and is feeling happy and settled with their new teacher.



CHESHIRE EAST FAMILY HUBS

[Cheshire East Family Hubs](#) are here to support children, young people, and their families — from pregnancy right through to age 19 (or up to 25 for those with SEND).

These hubs bring together services from the council, health professionals, and the community to offer helpful advice, early support, and fun activities. Whether you visit one of their locations or explore their online resources, there's plenty on offer! You'll find support for emotional wellbeing, SEND, early reading, and more — including fantastic programs like HENRY and the Solihull Approach. Many hubs also have welcoming cafés and easy access to partner services and useful information. It's all about making sure families feel supported, informed, and connected.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 10th Sept - PTA AGM
- 11th Sept - Y4-Y6 Alexander Armstrong Author Event
- 12th Sept - House Captain Elections
- 24th Sept - Reception Induction Evening
- 26th Sept - Christmas Card Collection
- 1st Oct - Flu Nasal spray (all year groups)
- 2nd Oct - Y5/6 Online Safety workshop (during the school day)
- 3rd Oct - Open Morning for 2026 Reception parents

SEPT 2026 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

We may still be welcoming our new Reception pupils into the Gorsey family for this year but applications are already open for our 2026 cohort!

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of Reception age next academic year they can apply for a place with us through the [Cheshire East admissions website which can be accessed here.](#)

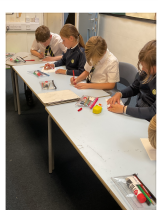
For anyone new to the school community, we run weekly school tours which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 3rd October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office on **01625 468040**.

ATTENDANCE

Full attendance at school is critical not only for your child's academic success but also for the personal and social development.

Last summer, new government guidance came into force regarding fines for term time absences. Fines are typically issued by the Local Authority if a child has an unauthorised absence for 5 days or more. The first time a family incurs a fine it could be up to £160 per parent per child, a second will be at least this figure and any further instances could result in a criminal conviction.

There are exceptional circumstances in which short term time absences can be authorised but even these should of course be kept to a minimum. Should you need to request an absence, this must be submitted in writing to admin@gorseybank.org.uk



THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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ALTUS



MAGNUS

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CITIUS



FORTIUS

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A COUPLE OF START OF YEAR REMINDERS

UNIFORM

[UNIFORM Full uniform guidance can be found on our website here.](#) It is important that all children are in full uniform all the time (including correct footwear and specific PE kits) and we ask for your support in ensuring this is the case. If there are exceptional reasons why on any given day your child may not be fully equipped, please let us know. Please also note the following direct quote from our policy with regards to jewellery: 'NO jewellery of any kind may be worn by any pupil in school AT ANY TIME with the exception that studs may be worn for a period of six weeks after ear piercing'. Equally, any hair accessories worn should be navy and ideally no larger than needed!

BOOK BAGS

All infants (Reception - Year 2) should be using the school book bags rather than larger backpacks due to limited space for these in classrooms. Bags should not be enhanced by any array of key-rings (as nice as they might be!)

SNACKS

Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in snacks for morning break. These can be fruit or vegetable or anything bread based. This does not include packets of crisps or any sugary bars.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles should ideally be the school bottles in the colour of your child's house. These can be bought through the school office for £2.50 (cash only). Children should not have a metallic bottle or an oversized one as they do not fit in the specific, regular sized holders used in the classrooms during the day.

REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.

