

The Gorsey 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.



ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG

This week, children in Years 4 to 6 had a fantastic opportunity to meet author and TV personality **Alexander Armstrong**. He shared his journey to becoming a writer and entertained the children during the Q&A session. The children were, as always, a credit to the school.



HOUSE CAPTAINS



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This week we crowned our first House Captains of the year who will now form the Home Office group of our Pupil Parliament.

All pupils in Year 6 were eligible to stand for nomination for which they were required to deliver an election speech in front of the other members of their House from across the school. This takes a lot of courage for the children and we are incredibly proud of all of them who stood and gave such a great account of themselves.

From next week we will be starting the selection for this year's Pupil Parliament groups. More on this to follow...

ONLINE SAFETY

The updated Online Safety guidance for schools highlights the importance of helping children navigate the online world safely. During our safeguarding update this week we focused on "Content", which refers to the types of material children might see online—whether through websites, social media, videos, or games.

The guidance now includes specific risks such as:

- Misinformation – false or misleading information that can confuse or mislead children.
- Disinformation – deliberately false content designed to manipulate beliefs or opinions.
- Conspiracy theories – ideas that may seem convincing but are often unfounded and can negatively influence children's thinking or wellbeing.

Schools are now teaching children how to recognise, question, and critically evaluate what they see online. This helps them build resilience and make safer choices.

As a parent, you can support this by:

- Talking regularly with your child about what they see online.
- Encouraging them to ask questions if something seems confusing or upsetting.
- Using trusted sources and parental controls to help guide their online experience.

Over the coming weeks I will share information around the 4 key areas of Online Safety.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 24th Sept - Reception Induction Evening
- 25th Sept - SEND parent champion group
- 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
- 10th - Grandparents Day

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**.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We're thrilled to announce our very first *Grandparents Morning* at Gorsey Bank, taking place on **10th October**! This special event will be a chance to chat all things PTA over a cup of tea and some biscuits, and explore ways grandparents can get involved in school life.

As a treat, our school choir will also be performing!

An expression of interest form will be sent out soon so we can get an idea of numbers. We're really looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.



SEND PARENT CHAMPION GROUP

In September 2022, we launched our SEND Parent Champion Group — a dedicated team of parents working together to inspire and support positive change in our school through various projects. The group meets regularly to share ideas and collaborate on initiatives that benefit our SEND community.

To continue building on this momentum, we're excited to invite all interested parents to our upcoming SEND Parent Champion Launch Coffee Morning on Thursday 25th September at 10am. This will be a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to learn more about the group, meet other parents, and explore how you can get involved.

LABUBU

As teachers, we're always learning about the latest trends—and Labubu toys seem to be the current favourite!

We kindly ask that all Labubu toys stay at home to avoid any upset caused by lost or misplaced items.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

WALKING HOME

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are now allowed to walk home independently, provided we receive written permission from a parent or carer. If you would like to give consent, please email our admin team.

Please note: Pupils with permission to walk home alone are not permitted to take younger siblings with them. Younger children must continue to be collected by an adult.

THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



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LIBRARY AND COURTYARD GRAND REVEAL!

We're excited to soon share a photo of our beautiful new library and courtyard space!

While we're just waiting on a few final touches before the big reveal, we promise it'll be worth the wait.

Watch this space!