



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Our summer term is under way and the warmer weather is finally arriving. Our Coronation Picnic was a great success and well attended. The sun came out and it was lovely to see everybody enjoying themselves.

May is a month where lots of our children will be completing statutory assessments and I know all children have been working hard towards these.

This month we have 3 bank holidays to look forward to also!

Kind Regards

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

School Hours

A reminder of the new arrangements now in place.

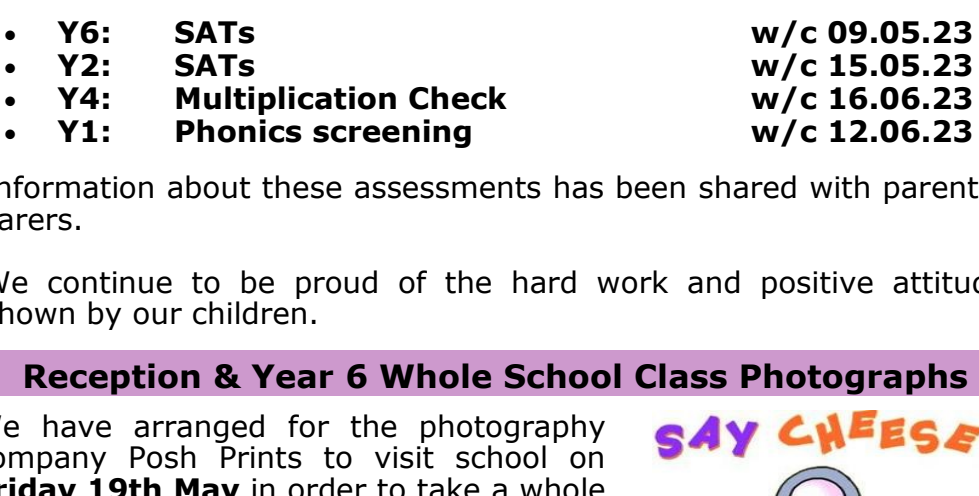
Morning: Gates Open: 8.45am School Start: 8.50am

Afternoon: Gates Open: 3.15pm School Finish: 3.15pm

Reading

A reminder to please ensure reading books and reading records are returned to school **daily** so children can continue to enjoy reading their books in class. We expect parents/carers to read at least 3 times a week with their child.

A reminder we now have a permanent book exchange at the front of school.



Bring a Book – Take a Book
Read ★ Return ★ Repeat

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr Seuss

Assessments

During March and April 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:

- **Y6: SATs** w/c **09.05.23**
- **Y2: SATs** w/c **15.05.23**
- **Y4: Multiplication Check** w/c **16.06.23**
- **Y1: Phonics screening** w/c **12.06.23**

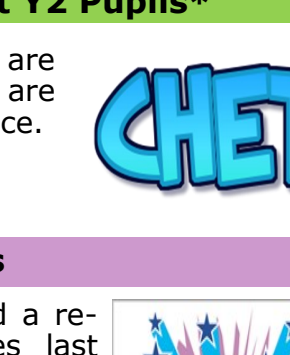
Information about these assessments has been shared with parents/carers.

We continue to be proud of the hard work and positive attitude shown by our children.

Reception & Year 6 Whole School Class Photographs

We have arranged for the photography company Posh Prints to visit school on **Friday 19th May** in order to take a whole class photograph of both Reception and Year 6.

SAY CHEESE!



Class photographs will be taken with all pupils wearing full school uniform. If your child has PE on a Friday we would suggest they bring their PE kit to school in a bag to change in to.

Foxhawl Visit (Nov 2023) *Current Y1 Pupils*

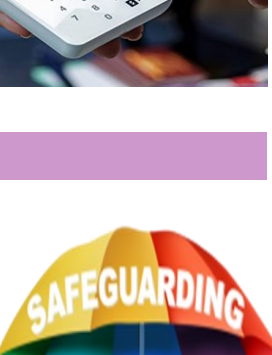
Please can parent/carers ensure payments are kept up to date. Failure to ensure payments are up to date may mean your child loses their place.



Next payment due: Friday 15th May 2023

Y5/Y6 St Braivels/Cardiff Visit (June 2023)

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Next payment due: Friday 26th May 2023

Full balance due: Friday 9th June 2023

Kingswood Visit (Nov 2023) *Current Y3 Pupils*

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Next payment due: Friday 26th May 2023

CHET Visit (Feb 2024) *Current Y2 Pupils*

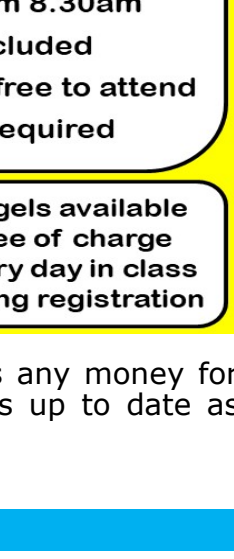
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Celebrating Success

Well done to all of the children who received a reward in one of our Celebration Assemblies last month.

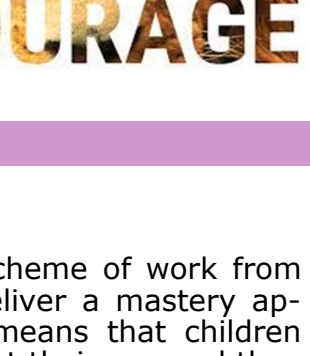


We continue to recognise kindness, resilience and excellent effort in our learning.

We look forward to seeing parents/carers at our celebration assembly again! If your child has received a Headteacher award you will receive an invitation by message.

Payments to School

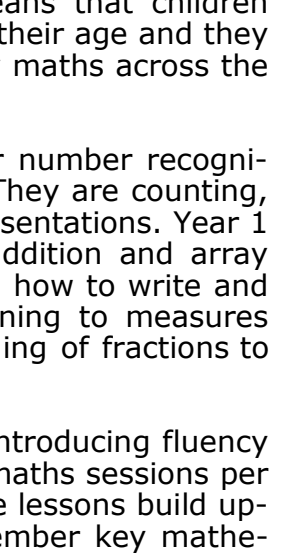
Where possible our preferred method of payment to school for trips, tuck and uniform is via the School Gateway.



However in cases where parents/carers are unable to access the School Gateway we can now accept card payments at the school office.

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 lead **Mrs C Westwood**.

If it is out of hours you can contact Halton Children’s Social Care on 0345 050 148.

Breakfast Club



Available from 7.30am

All welcome for a relaxed start to the day

Breakfast charge of £1.00

Breakfast included (bagels, cereal, juice, milk)

Booking required online (via School Gateway)

EARLY BIRD DROP OFF

Available from 8.30am

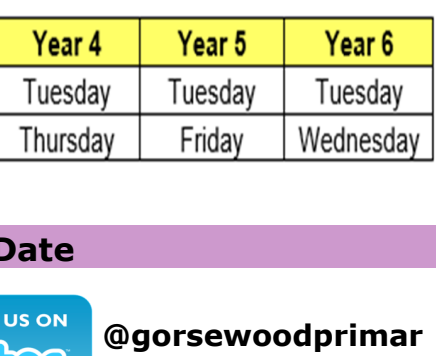
- Breakfast included
- No charge – free to attend
- No booking required

Bagels available free of charge every day in class during registration

We would appreciate it if anyone who currently owes any money for Breakfast Club fees could please bring their accounts up to date as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Value of the Month

This month our value is: **Courage**



We will be thinking about what it means to have courage and how we can learn from those who have shown great courage.

Curriculum Updates

Spotlight on Maths

In our school we use the Maths No Problem scheme of work from EYFS to Year 6. This scheme enables us to deliver a mastery approach to our learning in mathematics. This means that children master the curriculum that is expected of them at their age and they can use their learning to solve problems and apply maths across the curriculum.

At the moment EYFS children are mastering their number recognition to 10 and building their number skills to 12. They are counting, sorting, matching and ordering numbers and representations. Year 1 are learning how to multiply through repeated addition and array diagrams. Year 4 have worked very hard learning how to write and compare decimals; they will now apply this learning to measures and money. Year 5 are using their previous learning of fractions to write decimal fractions.

This year we have adapted our maths further by introducing fluency lessons throughout school. Children have 3 extra maths sessions per week that focus on numbers and calculation. These lessons build upon previous learning and enable children to remember key mathematical facts better.

We also have set a focus on vocabulary and stem sentences. In every lesson we explore key vocabulary and their meanings. The children are responding very well. A recent pupil voice told us that children enjoy learning in their maths lessons. They are not afraid to get things wrong because they know they can try again or get help. Pupils said that they liked being challenged and enjoyed the new fluency lessons.

We are incredibly proud of our mathematicians at Gorsewood.

Spotlight on PE

It has been a busy few weeks for PE at Gorsewood. As a school, we have attended several sporting events this year. Currently, 75% of KS2 children have attended a sporting competition and there are still opportunities for children to attend this term.

We have enjoyed new sporting equipment for lessons and at play times, introducing the new orienteering equipment. Our Sports Crew have been busy supporting our younger children in their lessons.

This term we will enjoy Sports Day - keep a look out for additional information.


PE Kit Reminder

A reminder that children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

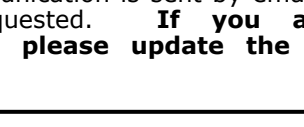
PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt or Gorsewood T-shirt, blue/black shorts or black jogging bottoms and Gorsewood PE hoody, sweatshirt or fleece. **Please note sports kits and gym wear are not PE uniform. Please can watches and earrings be removed on PE days.** If you are struggling to buy PE items please let school know.

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Wednesday | Wednesday | Monday | Thursday | Tuesday | Tuesday | Tuesday |
| Friday | Thursday | Friday | Friday Swim | Thursday | Friday | Wednesday |

Keep Up To Date



Marvellous



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School Houses

Children continue to work hard to earn house points. The winning house for this half term will receive a treat.

The current scores are:

Ash 7049 **Oak 6762**
Birch 6122 **Sycamore 6450**

Well done to ASH who are the current leaders!

Diary Dates

- Mon 8th May - School Closed for Kings Coronation
- Tue 9th May - KS2 SATS start (finish Fri 12th May)
- Tue 16th May - Y5 Parent/Pupil Forest School Session
- Tue 16th May - School Health Visit for YR & Y6 Heights/Weights
- Fri 19th May - Reception & Year 6 Whole Class Photographs
- Wed 24th May - Infant Music Festival (Y1)
- Fri 26th May - Own Clothes Day (Bring a Bottle or Gift)
- Fri 26th May - School closes for half term break
- Mon 5th June - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Tue 6th June - School reopens
- Fri 16th June - Y4 Bake Sale
- Fri 16th June - Own Clothes Day (Bring a Box of Sweets/Gift)
- Tue 20th June - Y3 Martinmere Visit
- Fri 26th June - Y5/Y6 Cardiff Visit (26th to 28th June)
- Fri 30th June - KS1 Drama Performance (10.30am & 2.30pm)
- Thu 6th July - KS2 Music Concert
- Mon 10th Jul - Sports Day
- Wed 12th Jul - KS2 Drama Performance (10.30am & 2.30pm)
- Thu 13th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Lunch
- Fri 14th Jul - Own Clothes Day (Fill a Sweet Cone)
- Fri 14th Jul - Summer Fair
- Mon 17th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Treat Trip
- Wed 19th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time.

Attendance

Come to school every day w/c 15th May for the chance to win a choice of voucher!

Attendance continues to be a key priority for school this year. It is a legal requirement that all children attend school regularly and are only absent when absolutely necessary.

Please help us to ensure your child achieves their potential by promoting good attendance and punctuality.

We aim for all our pupils to achieve 95%+ attendance.

If you would like any support with attendance or morning routines please call into school to speak to a member of our pastoral team.

Whole School Attendance Reward

Children are currently working on building the attendance wall to earn an **Own Clothes Day**.

Whole school attendance to date = 93.61%.

We need to work towards reaching 95% and need everybody to be in school every day on time to help us achieve this target.

Good school attendance is essential for children to achieve their potential.

Reward = Own Clothes Day

Bricks Earned = 4.5

Bricks to Earn = 5.5

Everyone can help to build the pyramid and earn the reward!

Punctuality - School now starts at 8.50am!

A reminder that all children should be in their classrooms for 8.50am when school starts. **Please ensure your child arrives before 8.50am so they don't miss out on any key learning time. Anyone arriving after 8.55am will receive a late mark.**

- Gates Open: 8.45am
- Early Bird Drop Off: 8.30am (no charge and breakfast included)
- Breakfast Club: Opens at 7.30am (£1.00 charge includes breakfast)

Useful Links

- [School Term Dates](#)
- [School Website](#)
- [School Twitter](#)

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 email address [here](#).**