



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. Hopefully, you have all enjoyed the sunny weather and are looking forward to the final half term of the year!

During this term, we will be holding lots of summer and end of year events including Sports Day, KS2 drama performance, Summer Fair and leavers activities. Please keep an eye out for letters with more information.

Our Year 6 statutory assessments have been completed and we couldn't be prouder of how our children have approached these. Every child has shown resilience and been determined to be their best self. I am sure you are all as proud as we are. We have our Year 1 phonics screening and Year 4 multiplication checks over the next few weeks.

I'm sure by now many of you will have met our new Site Manager Mr Stephen Potter. You will see Mr Potter around school and on the gate at home time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

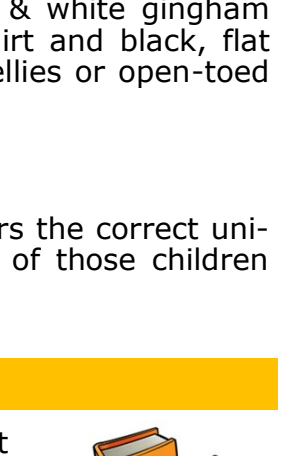


Safeguarding at Gorsewood

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 **Mrs C Westwood** and **Mrs J Neilson**.

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



School Uniform

During warmer weather children are still required to wear their full school uniform and the correct PE kit. Please note sportswear is **not** part of our uniform.

School uniform consists of blue Gorsewood sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece, grey trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore (blue & white gingham dress in summer), white shirt or polo style T-shirt and black, flat sensible footwear (no coloured trainers, mules, jellies or open-toed sandals).

Long hair should be tied back.

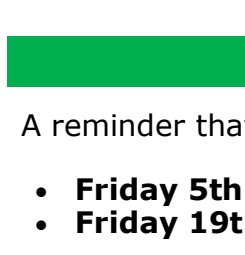
Please support school by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. Reminders will be sent to parents/carers of those children not wearing the correct uniform.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Book Fair. We raised £635.96 which meant we received £254.38 worth of books for school! Our school council chose books for class libraries.



Sun Safe



As we approach the summer and (hopefully) warmer weather please can you ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and has a hat and water bottle with them. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Monday 17th June 2024. All children will need to wear their PE kits on this the day. Further details will follow.

- The **Infant session** will start at 9.15am and finish at 10.15am
- The **Junior session** will start at 10.30am and finish at 11.30am.

In the event of wet weather or extremely hot weather, we have Tuesday 11th July as a reserve day.

Parking Around School

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park safely and responsibly outside the school.

The staff car park and entrance should not be used for parking or collection and drop off.

The 'Drop & Go' area is often under used and we would encourage parents/carers to use this for an easy drop off. A reminder that this area should also not be used for parking.

Thank you for your continued support.

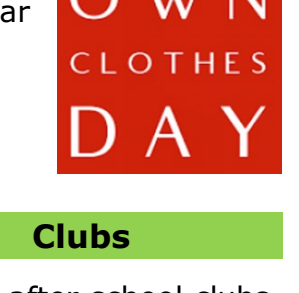


INSET Day Reminders

A reminder that there is are INSET Days on:

- **Friday 5th July 2024**
- **Friday 19th July 2024**

School will be closed for pupils on these days.



School Uniform Orders

The cut off for orders is Wednesday 19th June 2024. Please email your order to the office or collect an order form.

When your order arrives we will send you a text message to arrange payment and collection.

School will be open as usual to collect orders at certain times during the summer holiday. Please note we must receive payment before your order can be collected.

Breakfast Club & Early Bird Drop Off

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.30am until 8.30am. All children attending receive free breakfast which includes hot chocolate, cereals, toast, bagels and juice.

A reminder that Breakfast Club is now £1.50 per pupil per day and all bookings MUST be made via the School Gateway.

All children arriving before 8.30am will be charged.

We are unable to allow arrears and if your account is more than 1 week in arrears your child will be unable to attend Breakfast Club until the overdue balance is settled.



Summer Fair

This year our summer fair will take place on **Thursday 4th July from 1.45pm**. School will finish at 1.30pm on this day. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Entrance is 50p per adult and attractions include:

- Games
- Hook A Duck
- Face Painting
- Lucky Dip
- Inflatable
- Raffle
- Tombolas
- Refreshments
- Soak the Staff

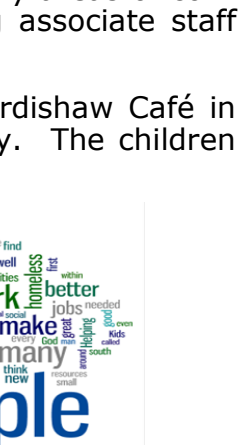
We hope to see you all there!



Own Clothes Days

We have a few own clothes days coming up. In return for a donation children are invited to wear their own clothes as below:

- **Friday 21st June - Bring a tombola gift**
- **Thursday 4th July - Fill a sweet cone**

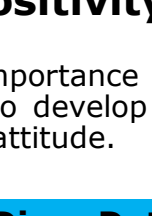


Year 6 Dates

Leavers Lunch

Friday 12th July 1.45pm

Further information will follow for parents.



Leavers Treat

Year 6 are invited to Paradise Island at Cheshire Oaks on Tuesday 16th July. Please consent via S/Gateway.

Leavers Assembly

Thursday 18th July (9.30am).

Further information will follow for parents.

Last Day of Term

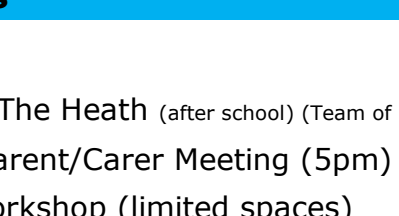
Thursday 18th July 2024

Our Year 6 pupils will finish at 1.00pm so parents/carers can take photographs

The rest of the school will finish at 1.30pm.

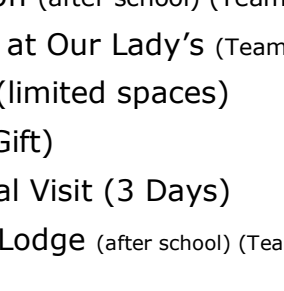
Clubs

Current after school clubs will finish on **Thursday 28th June**.



Reports

School reports will be sent home on Friday 12th July 2024.



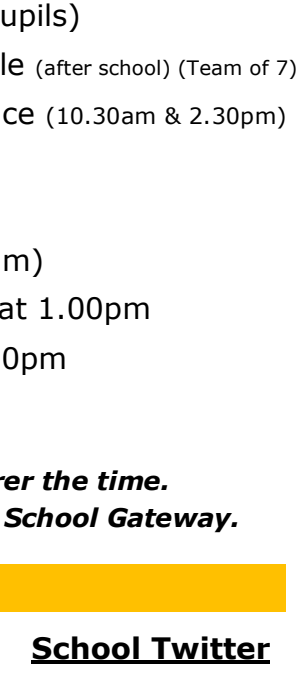
School Meals & School Hub

A reminder that you can now view menus 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 FSM Jo Neilson who will be happy to help.



Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

FSM holiday vouchers will once again be sent out by email for the summer holidays. 1 x £72.00 voucher will be issued to FSM eligible pupils by email w/c 15th July 2024.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please check your eligibility online using this link: **CHECK/APPLY FSM**

Support & Pastoral Support

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

KS2 Summer Drama Performance

The KS2 summer drama performance **"A Musical Medley"** will take place on **Wednesday 10th July**.

There will be 3 performances on at 10.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

Admission will be by ticket only and is restricted to a maximum of 2 tickets per family for 1 performance only. The school office will operate a reserve list for any spare tickets if available.

Ticket booking will take place via the School Gateway and tickets will be sent home before the event. Further details will follow.



Community Links

Our mini police officers have been working hard out in the community. They have carried out local area walk to identify areas of concern, met with local council members and housing associate staff and carried out litter picking too.

A group of children enjoyed a visit to the new Murdishaw Café in May. This is a great asset to the local community. The children enjoyed a warm welcome and had a tasty snack too.

Value of the Month

This month our value is: **Positivity**

We will be looking at the importance of positive thinking and how to develop a growth mindset and can do attitude.

Diary Dates

- Tue 4th Jun - School reopens
- Mon 10th Jun - Y5/Y6 Netball Comp - The Heath (after school) (Team of 7)
- Tue 11th Jun - New Reception 2024 Parent/Carer Meeting (5pm)
- Thu 13th Jun - KS2 Family Science Workshop (limited spaces)
- Thu 13th Jun - Y5/Y6 Table Tennis Competition (Team of 4)
- Fri 14th Jun - Mixed Cricket (Team of 10)
- Mon 17th Jun - Sports Day (weather permitting)
- Mon 17th Jun - Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket (Team of 10)
- Mon 17th Jun - Y3/Y4 Rounders Competition (after school) (Team of 7)
- Tue 18th Jun - Y5/Y6 Football Competition at Our Lady's (Team of 10)
- Thu 20th Jun - KS1 Family Fun Workshop (limited spaces)
- Fri 21st Jun - Own Clothes Day (Tombola Gift)
- Mon 24th Jun - Y5/Y6 Edinburgh Residential Visit (3 Days)
- Mon 1st July - Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby at Halton Lodge (after school) (Team of 7)
- Tue 2nd Jul - Y3 Beeston Castle Visit
- Thu 4th Jul - Y3/Y4 Diamond Cricket (Morning) (Team of 10)
- Thu 4th Jul - Summer Fair (school will finish at 1.30pm)
- Thu 4th Jul - Own Clothes Day (Fill a sweet cone)
- Friday 5th Jul - INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
- Mon 8th July - Y5/Y6 Hockey Comp at Brookvale (after school) (Team of 7)
- Wed 10th Jul - KS2 Summer Drama Performance (10.30am & 2.30pm)
- Fri 12th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Lunch (1.45pm)
- Tue 16th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Trip
- Thu 18th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.30am)
- Thu 18th Jul - Year 6 pupils finish for summer at 1.00pm
- Thu 18th Jul - School closes for summer at 1.30pm
- Fri 19th Jul - Inset Day (school closed)

Further information will be sent out for events nearer the time. Consent and payment for visits should be made via School Gateway.

Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

[School Twitter](#)

Attendance & Rewards

Attendance continues to be a priority for school.

School current attendance = 95.13%

We aim for all our pupils to achieve 95%+ attendance. Please ensure your child attends school every day.



Summer Attendance Incentive

Congratulations to everyone who received a prize for the summer attendance incentive!



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](#).**



Liverpool One ChessFest 2024



- Starts at 11am on Sunday 21st July at Chevasse Park, no need to book, no need to bring your own set
- Chess coaching
- Casual games
- Grandmaster simul displays
- Topple the King Demonstration
- Blitz tournament
- Giant chess sets