



General News

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very wet start to the new school year but this has not dampened our spirits! School has been a hive of activity as classes have all been busy with their new learning.

All children continue to make us proud as they show resilience and determination towards their learning. We have had lots of home reading happening which is great! A big thank you to all parents and carers who listen to their children read at home: it really makes such a difference to your child's progress.

October looks to be a busy month with Bikeability, school photographs, Diwali dance workshops, whole school kurling and lots more! Please check the weekly reminders email and look out for other emails with further information.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon and cake sale, we raised £95.00 for the charity.

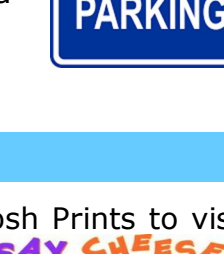
Thank you for your support.

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 are **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.

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. A reminder that the "Drop & Go" area should also not be used for parking. Thank you for your continued support.

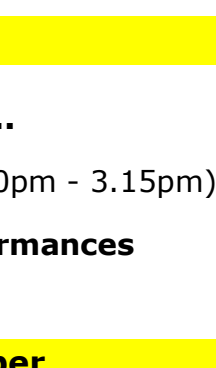


Photo Day - Thu 10th October

We have arranged for the photography company Posh Prints to visit school on **Thursday 10th October 2024**.

SAY CHEESE!

School photographs will be taken during the morning with all pupils wearing school uniform.



If your child has siblings at school they will have their photograph taken in their family group.

If you want individual photographs please let the office know.

If your child has PE on this day please send their school cardigan/jumper into school with them.

Save the Date!



Christmas dates for your diary...

• **Fri 6th Dec - Christmas Fair** (2.00pm - 3.15pm)

• **Wed 18th Dec - Christmas Performances** (10.30am, 1.00pm & 2.30pm)

Spooky Disco - Thursday 24th October

We have arranged for a Spooky Disco to take place on **Thursday 24th October 2024**.

YR/Y1/Y2: 4pm - 4.45pm

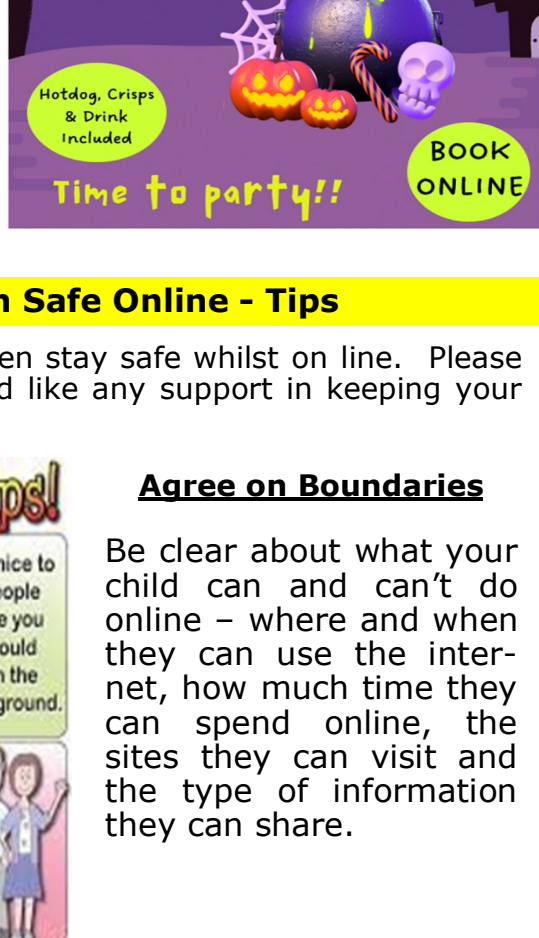
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6: 5pm - 6pm

Children are welcome to come in fancy dress if they want to!

Entry will cost £2.50 per pupil and includes a hot dog (vegetarian option also available), crisps and drink.

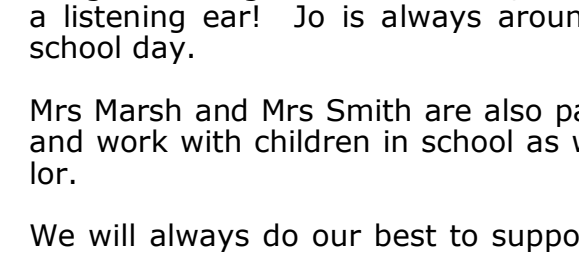
Booking and payment via School Gateway.

A separate letter will follow soon.



Keeping Children Safe Online - Tips

It is so important that our children stay safe whilst on line. Please come and talk to us if you would like any support in keeping your children safe online.



Agree on Boundaries

Be clear about what your child can and can't do online – where and when they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share.

Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

When you do give them their first device make sure that it is set up appropriately for them with the right parental controls in place.

It's a good idea to introduce tech-free meal times and encourage them to keep phones out of the bedroom at night to help them build a healthy screen time balance.

Tuck - Payment Due

Tuck payment is now due for this year. We are asking parents/carers for a contribution of **£15.00 per pupil for the full academic year**. This can be paid termly (3 x £5.00) or in full.

If you do not want your child to have tuck please let the office know and we will remove the charge From your School Gateway account.

Cost of Living & Support

We will always do our best to support all our pupils and families and do what we can to subsidise where possible. All visits will be subsidised by school.

If at any point you feel are struggling please contact school so we can offer advice and support.

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 FSW Jo Neilson who will be happy to help.

Orian have arranged a theme menu for **Thursday 3rd October - Pasta Party!**

Pastoral Support

We are fortunate to have our own Family Support Worker - Jo Neilson - in school. Jo can work with parents/carers on lots of things including home behaviour, routines, fussy eaters or to just be a listening ear! Jo is always around at the start and end of the school day.

Mrs Marsh and Mrs Smith are also part of part of our pastoral team and work with children in school as well as Viv, our school counsellor.

We will always do our best to support all our pupils and families in any way we can.

PE Timetable

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

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tue	Tue	Mon	Tue	Tue	Mon	Tue
Thu	Thu	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri (Swim)
Fri						

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.30am until 8.30am. All children attending receive free breakfast which includes hot chocolate, cereals, bagels and juice. **The cost to attend is £1.50 per pupil per day and must be booked online via the School Gateway no later than the day before the session.**

Early Bird Drop Off runs daily from 8.30am. There is no charge and children can also access free breakfast. No booking is needed.

Gorsewood After School Club (Wrap Around Care)

Our new Gorsewood After School Club is available for all pupils. This club is supervised by Mrs A Langton and Mrs C Heffernan.

The club runs daily from 3.15pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and there are 2 sessions available which include a drink and snack:

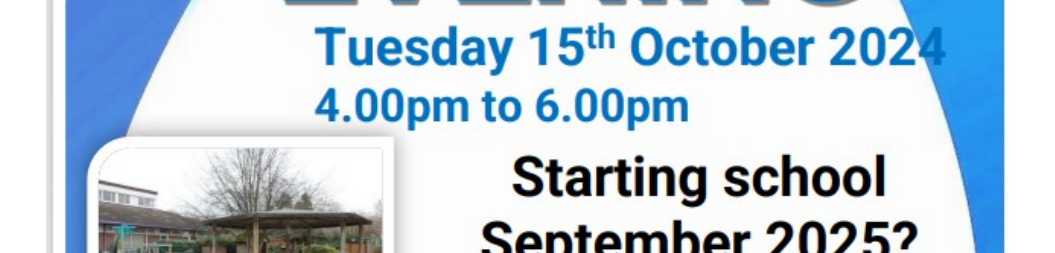
- **Session A = 3.15pm to 5.00pm = £7.00**

- **Session B = 3.15pm to 6.00pm = £10.00**



Places are limited and booking and payment is required upfront on a first come, first served basis via the School Gateway. Only payment upfront will secure and confirm a place.

Following feedback from parents/carers you can now book a place for after school club up to 2.30pm on the same day should you need last minute to book.



School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. Please note we no longer carry a lot of stock on site so please allow time for your order to be processed (around 2 weeks). When your order arrives we will send you a text message to arrange payment and collection.



Value of the Month

This month our value is: **Friendship**

We will be learning about the values of being a good friend.

"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be."

Winnie the Pooh



School Houses

Children will continue to earn points for their allocated houses.

Our 4 houses are: **Ash, Oak, Birch and Sycamore**

The current scores are:

Ash = 2605

Oak = 3077

Birch = 2601

Sycamore = 2228

Diary Dates - Oct

- Fri 4th Oct - Y5/Y6 Internet Safety Workshop 9.30am (Parents Invited)
- Mon 7th to Fri 11th Oct - Bikeability
- Tue 8th Oct - YR Parent/Carer Phonics Meeting + Stay & Play
- Thu 10th Oct - School Photographs with Posh Prints
- Thu 10th Oct - Year 6 Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting
- Mon 14th Oct - Diwali Dance Workshop (**whole school to wear PE kits**)
- Tue 15th Oct - School Opening Evening for Sept 2025
- Wed 16th Oct - School Health Flu Vaccination Program Follow Up
- Thu 17th Oct - Kurling Day (**whole school to wear PE kits**)
- Fri 18th Oct - Wear Yellow for Kindness
- Wed 23rd Oct - Y2 Foxhowl Residential Parent/Carer Meeting
- Wed 23rd Oct - SEN Support Meetings
- Thu 24th Oct - SEN Support Meetings
- Thu 24th Oct - Y3 Visit to Sugarbrook Farm
- Thu 24th Oct - Autumn Spooky Disco (KS1 4pm-4.45pm & KS2 5-6pm)
- Fri 25th Oct - Own Clothes Day (**Gift required for Christmas Fair**)
- Fri 25th Oct - School closes for half term
- Mon 4th Nov - School reopens
- Mon 11th Nov - Y4 Chester Visit
- Tue 12th Nov - Parent Interviews (2.00pm to 7.00pm)
- Thu 21st Nov - Y2 Foxhowl Residential Visit
- Fri 29th Nov - Own Clothes Day (**Bottle donation required for Christmas Fair**)

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

Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

[School Twitter](#)

Attendance & Rewards

Attendance continues to be a priority for school.

Our whole school target is 96%. If we achieve this target we will have a whole school reward.

Each week if your child's class has attendance of 95% or above they will receive a jigsaw piece. When the jigsaw is complete the class will win a prize!

Every Day Counts

Classes who achieve 100% attendance for the week will receive 2 jigsaw pieces

Everyone can help to complete their class jigsaw!

Community News

We would like to remind all our families about the Community Tea Tree Café. The café opens for breakfast, lunch and snacks and also has a children's tuck shop. All welcome! The café also runs activities during the holidays.

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.**

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 15th October 2024
4.00pm to 6.00pm

Starting school September 2025?
Come along and visit Gorsewood!
Meet the staff and have a tour of our wonderful school.

For further information or to book please contact us:
01928 712100
sec.gorsewood@haltonlearning.net

Why not check us out at:
www.gorsewoodprimary.co.uk
Twitter: @gorsewoodprimar

Dream Believe Achieve Be Your Best Self!

Pupils thrive in the caring, purposeful and exciting environment of this school. Ofsted 2023

We have spaces available in a few other year groups. Please enquire at the office.

