



## General News

### Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

After missing our pantomime visit at the start of the year due to the weather, we were delighted to have a performance of Sleeping Beauty in school last week. It was a great show enjoyed by everyone!

This week we have the Fun Food Chef in school and children will be preparing their very own Chinese banquet! Please ensure your child has consent to take part.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children who recently visited Robinwood made us so proud on their adventure residential. They showed resilience, courage and great team work during their visit - well done to all those who took part.

We continue to work on developing oracy across school. Please make sure to ask your child about nesting, building and instigating!

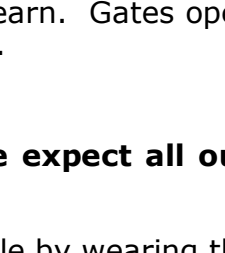
Thank you for your continued support

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 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.

### General Reminders

#### Punctuality

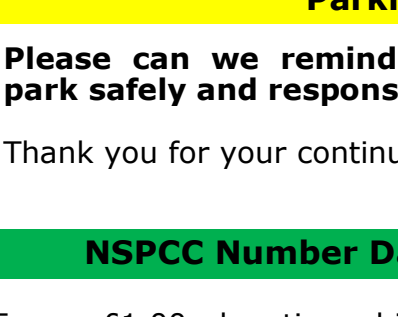
School starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives before this time so they are in class for 8.45am ready to learn. Gates open at 8.40am and Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am.

#### Uniform

A reminder of our school uniform expectations. **We expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform.**

Staff encourage children to be smart and presentable by wearing the school uniform and we also ask for parents/carers support in this matter.

On PE Days children should come to school wearing PE kits. **Please note football kits, gym wear and other sports items are not PE uniform.**



#### Coughs & Sneezes Spread Diseases!

To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw used tissues in the rubbish bin.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.

Remember to immediately wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



### Parking Around School

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



Thank you for your continued support.

### NSPCC Number Day - Friday 7th February 2025

For a £1.00 donation children can come to school wearing their own clothes and number inspired accessories or costumes. Please don't go to any expense to create your number themed outfits/accessories.



Donations can be paid online via School Gateway or at the office.

### Fun Food Chef - Tue 4th & Wed 5th February 2025

We are excited to welcome the Fun Food Chef back to school on 4th and 5th of February.



All classes will take part in an interactive experience as they explore the joys of preparing fresh and, where possible local produce, then even better, tasting some great food!

**Please ensure you have given consent on the School Gateway for your child to take part.**

Please also note any pupil who has nail varnish on will **NOT** be able to take part.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews - Thu 25th March 2025

Parent Interviews will take in school face to face on **Tuesday 25th March from 1.30pm to 7.00pm.**



School will close early on this day however if you are unable to collect your child early, please let school know so we can make arrangements for your child to stay in school until 3.15pm.

After school wrap around club will also run as normal until 6.00pm on this day.

Appointments can be made via School Cloud or at the office. Letters will follow nearer the time with booking details!

### Punctuality Focus Week

#### PUNCTUALITY FOCUS WEEK!

This will take place from **Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February.**



Every pupil who is through the school gate before 8.55am will receive a sticker. All pupils who have received 5 stickers at the end of the week will receive a treat.

**SO.....ON TIME = TREAT TIME!**

### Word Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

We have lots of exciting activities planned for World Book Day including library visits, book hunts and a dress up day.

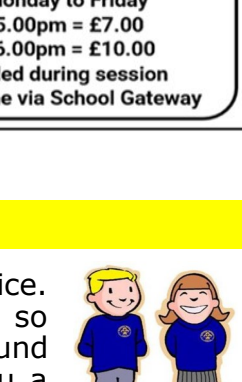


Keep an eye out for further information!



### 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.

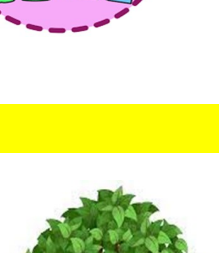


We will always do our best to support all our pupils and families in any way we can.

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

### 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 their eligibility please ask our FSW Jo Neilson who will be happy to help.

### Breakfast Club

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

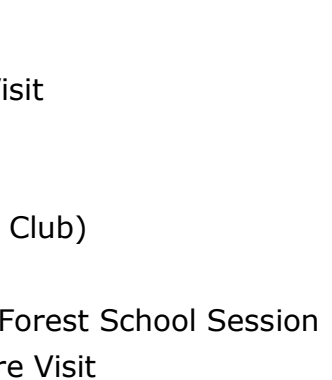
Early Bird Drop Off runs daily from 8.30am. There is no charge and children can also access free breakfast. No booking is needed.

### Gorsewood After School Club (Wrap Around Care)

**Our After School Wrap Around Club is available for all pupils.**

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 child care.**

**What's On!**

**In After School Club this week we will be ...**

Mon	Cheesecake Making
Tue	Jewellery Making
Wed	Mindfulness Activities
Thu	Crafting
Fri	Hall Games

Other daily activities include colouring, lego building, reading, board games, painting, outside fun and games and help with homework.

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**What's On!**

**In After School Club this week we will be ...**

Mon	Hall Games
Tue	Arts & Crafts
Wed	Music & Dance
Thu	Cooking
Fri	Valentines Activities

Other daily activities include colouring, lego building, reading, board games, painting, outside fun and games and help with homework.

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### School Uniform Orders

Uniform orders should be made through the school office. 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.

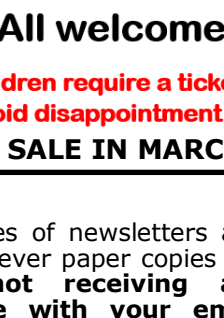


### Value of the Month

This month our value is:

#### Determination

We will be exploring what it means to be determined and why it is an important quality.



### 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 = 15150**                      **Oak = 16313**  
**Birch = 14891**                    **Sycamore = 15176**



### Diary Dates

- Mon 3rd Feb to Fri 7th Feb - Punctuality Focus Week
- Mon 3rd Feb - Robinwood Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
- Mon 3rd Feb - KS1 Indoor Athletics Event (after school)
- Tue 4th & Wed 5th Feb - Fun Food Chef Visit
- Fri 7th Feb - Year 2 Class Assembly 2.45pm
- Fri 7th Feb - NCPCC Number Day
- Thu 13th Feb - Whole School Skipping Day (all children to wear PE kits)
- Fri 14th Feb - School closes for half term
- Mon 24th Feb - School reopens
- Mon 24th Feb - Y2 Safety Central Visit
- Mon 3rd Mar - Y5 Fire Brigade Smoke Test Visit
- Thu 6th Mar - World Book Day (Dress Up as a Character or Author)
- Thu 6th Mar - YR/Y1/Y2 Library Visits
- Fri 7th Mar - Y5/Y6 Library Visits
- Mon 10th Mar - Y3/Y4 Library Visits
- Mon 10th Mar - Y5/Y6 Badminton Event
- Thu 13th Mar - Y5/Y6 Western Approaches Visit
- Fri 14th Mar - KS2 Prime VR Experience Day
- Tue 18th Mar - Y5 Safety Central Visit
- Tue 18th Mar - HPAN Brindley Event (Drama Club)
- Mon 24th Mar - KS2 Netball Event
- Mon 24th & Wed 26th Mar - Y2 Parent/Pupil Forest School Session
- Wed 26th Mar - Y5 Norton Priory Shakespeare Visit
- Thu 25th Mar - Parent/Carer Interviews (school to close early)
- Fri 28th Mar - Own Clothes Day (in exchange for an Easter Egg)
- Mon 31st Mar - Y3/Y4 Handball Event
- Thu 3rd Apr - Rock Kidz Visit
- Thu 3rd April - Easter Bingo (5pm Start)
- Thu 3rd April - School closes for Easter holiday
- Fri 4th April - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
- Tue 22nd April - School reopens for Summer Term

**Further information and dates may be added**  
**Details of events will be sent out 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.

**Our current attendance is 95.5%.**



# EASTER BINGO

**Thursday 3rd April 2025**  
**Doors Open 5.00pm & Eyes Down 5.30pm**

- Tickets cost £1.00 per person
- Refreshments available
- Fun for all the family - All welcome!



**Entry by ticket only, all adults and children require a ticket**  
**Please ensure you have a ticket to avoid disappointment**  
**No entry on the night. TICKETS ON SALE IN MARCH!**



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](#).**