

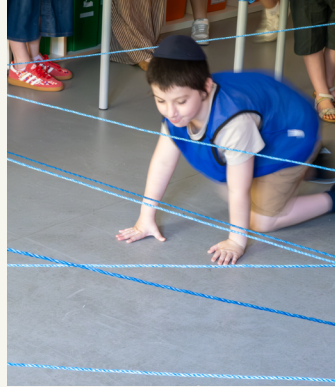
Primary Sports Day

Our Primary Sports Day took place this morning, with many of our children getting involved in a fantastic day of fun and teamwork.

Due to the extreme temperatures, our superheroes adapted to an indoor mission, where they tackled a range of action-packed challenges, including Alien Capture, Superhero Fly, Rocket Rescue, and many more, showing great effort, teamwork, and determination throughout.

We rounded off the event with the ever-popular Tug of War competitions, where students and staff went head-to-head in a series of exciting and highly competitive matches.

A huge congratulations to our Sportsmanship Award winner, Ana'el, who was recognised for consistently demonstrating kindness, teamwork, encouragement, and resilience throughout the day.



We were disappointed that the weather meant we couldn't welcome parents to enjoy the full event with us but we appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to welcoming families back next year- hopefully with kinder weather!

Thank you to all the staff, students, and families who helped make Sports Day such a memorable success. We are already looking forward to next year!

Stamp of Approval

There is something special about a handwritten letter dropping through a letterbox, and this term, Geshher students got to experience exactly that! We wrote postcards, the younger students stamped their postcards and popped them into the local letterbox, while older students visited the post office, bought their own stamps, and posted their letters independently.

Every step was a chance to put real Life Skills into action, and it was a joy to watch their confidence shine. Exactly what Geshher is all about!

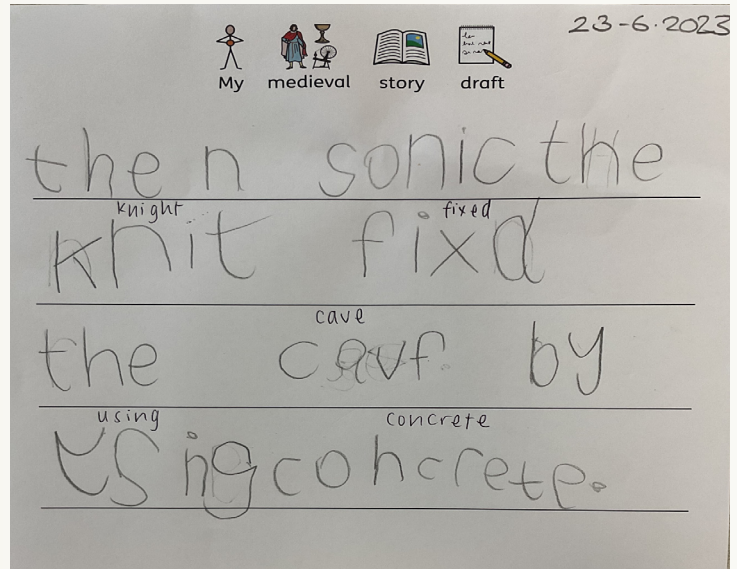


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Student Showcase

Zayit and Seorah class have been hard at work in the summer term learning about medieval times. We are now becoming writers and illustrators, with the children creating their own stories with medieval themed characters using a narrative structure.

The children have come up with lots of great ideas for their stories and are writing these beautifully!



ADVAIT'S ANGLE!

Hi I'm Advait Rajpara! I'm in Year 7 Keren class! This is my first column! It's almost the end of the year and it'll be sad to say goodbye to our Chesed friends! It's a great shame that there will be no Year 12 for them!

My highlights of the year are...

- Joining GESHER FC
- EXPLOSION ROCKSTARS
- Making new friends
- KRANK IT UP KEREN! (music playlist)
- JOKES CLUB WITH MY FRIEND!

I can't wait for another year at Gesher!

This is one of my Explosion Rockstars comics where my comic strip debuts!

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY FOLKS!

THE END!



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Work Experience

2026 marks a landmark moment for Gesher, our very first year of organising multiple external work experience placements, each carefully matched to students' career interests and aspirations. Our students stepped into a remarkable range of workplaces: a restaurant, estate agency, plant nursery, primary school, and repairing IT equipment at 2second Chance.

A highlight has been watching our students advocate for themselves, communicating their needs and reasonable adjustments to employers before their placements began. Gesher also provided neuroinclusion training to all participating organisations, ensuring every workplace was prepared to welcome our students.

It has been wonderful to see skills from Gesher's curriculum and Life Skills programme transfer so naturally into real workplace settings – with overwhelmingly positive feedback from students.

A huge thank you to our parents and the Gesher community for creating these opportunities. And a massive congratulations to Ivy, Rivka, Poppy, Liam, Jonah, Michal, Yitzy and Frankie, you have represented Gesher beautifully and made us all so proud!

Frankie: "It's been good and really fun, I've learned a lot about real estate like how to help people, talk to new people and how to get a house ready. I've discovered new things this week."



Kodesh Corner

Wishing Mazal Tov to Batsheva, Miri and Yossi Aronson on their recent Bat-mitzvah at Gesher. It was wonderful for us to share this simcha (celebration) with you all. We wish Batsheva tremendous Bracha (blessing), Simcha (happiness), and Hatzlacha (luck) in her Jewish adult life and may she continue to go from strength to strength.

In Judaism, whenever we experience tremendous highs we also need to remember the lows that have contributed to us getting there. For example, at the height of joy at a Jewish wedding, the chattan (groom) steps on and breaks a glass to remember the destruction of the Batei Hamikdash (the 2 temples). It is very exciting that over the next few weeks secondary students will be experiencing new adventures and developing new skills through a variety of residentials and all students will be going on end of year trips. With the sun out there is so much positivity as we enter the last few weeks of the academic year. However, next Thursday 2nd July is the beginning of 3 mournful weeks leading to the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar - Tisha B'Av, the day when the destruction of both the Temples began and many other awful events occurred throughout Jewish history.

But these weeks of reflection and sadness can help us enhance our own characteristics and attain a greater sense of pride in our identity. With the various trips, school year ending, minimal summer holiday routine and unknown of next year, the students may have a wide range of thoughts and feelings over the next few weeks and beyond. Therefore, as well as validating their thoughts and feelings, we should make them aware that the next events may be daunting and scary, but as a result, they will grow as individuals as they have done in previous years, and become a better person that they can be proud of. Shabbat Shalom.

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Announcements

Staff News

Congratulations

We are delighted to share that **Miss Emily** and **Mr Bradley** are expecting a baby! We wish them all the best during this special time and look forward to celebrating their new addition in December.

Hello

We are delighted to welcome **Miss Miranda** to our school team. Miss Miranda will be working with us for two days a week in our Communications and Marketing role and for three days as a Teaching Assistant, supporting children across the school. Miss Miranda is enjoying getting to know everyone and is already making a positive impact in school.

We are very happy to welcome **Miss Leah** back from maternity leave. Miss Leah will be working two days a week during July and will increase to three days a week from September. Miss Leah has been greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we are thrilled to have her back.

Goodbyes

We have a number of goodbyes for the end of this term:

Goodbye and thank you to **Miss Tianna** as she leaves to take up an exciting new position as Assistant Headteacher at another SEN school. Miss Tianna has worked across secondary and, latterly, as the Teacher in Malchut class. We would like to thank Miss Tianna for her care and dedication and for making such a positive impact on the lives of our students; she has made a real difference to pupils' learning and wellbeing during her time with us. Whilst we are sad to see her go, we are delighted that she has this wonderful opportunity and wish her all the best.

We will be saying goodbye to **Miss Rebecca** and **Miss Annabelle**. They are both leaving us to begin Master's degrees in Speech and Language Therapy this September. Although we are sorry to be saying goodbye, we are excited for them and we would like to thank them for their hard work, care and the lovely relationships they have built with students across the school. We wish them every success in their studies.

We would also like to say goodbye and thank you to **Miss Lisa** who has been with us as a TA for the last two years, and this year has been the TA in Chesed class. We would like to thank Miss Lisa for her hard work and for the care, compassion, kindness and support she has shown to the students in this difficult year. We wish her every success and happiness as she begins the next chapter of her journey.

We are also saying goodbye to **Miss Nat**, Speech and Language Therapist, who is leaving to take up a position closer to home. Miss Nat supported students in both primary and secondary. We'd like to thank Miss Nat, for her expertise and care and we wish her every success and happiness in the new role.

Miss Amy will be travelling during the Autumn Term, exploring Southeast Asia and Australia. She will return and rejoin us in the Spring Term. We wish her a wonderful trip and look forward to welcoming her back next year.

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Family Support Worker

Parent Support Group

The next meeting will be held in the Autumn Term. Check back here for the date.

Family Support Worker - Survey

To help us shape this provision we would be very grateful if you could complete a short survey to help us understand which topics and session formats would be most useful for our families.

[Please complete the survey here.](#)

The survey will take just a few minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and support.

Conversation Corner

I Went to Tesco

This is a very popular game played here at Geshher. This can be played in the car, around the dinner table or on a walk.

1. The first person says:
"I went to Tesco and bought... (choose anything) *bananas*."
2. The next person repeats what was bought and adds a new item:
"I went to Tesco and bought *bananas* and (choose anything) *some milk*."
3. The next person repeats all the items in order and adds another item.
4. Keep taking turns, adding one new item each time.

Rules

- Listen carefully to what everyone says.
- Repeat all the items in the correct order.
- Add only one new item on your turn.
- If you forget an item or get the order wrong, the group can help by giving clues.
- If you can't remember, even with clues, you start a new round.

Skills this helps with

- Memory
- Listening
- Turn-taking
- Vocabulary

Challenge for teenagers

Choose a theme, such as healthy foods, things for a holiday, or items beginning with a certain letter. This makes the game more challenging and encourages creative thinking.

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Parent Teacher Community (PTC)

Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2026 Geshher PTC Quiz Night and helped make it such a fantastic success.

The evening was filled with laughter, friendly competition, and plenty of team spirit as participants put their knowledge to the test across a wide range of quiz rounds. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community coming together to support our school, while enjoying a fun and memorable evening.

A special thank you goes to our wonderful quiz hosts, Miss Leah and Miss Victoria, whose enthusiasm, humour and excellent quiz-mastering skills kept the evening running smoothly from start to finish.

We would also like to thank everyone who generously donated and supported our raffle. Congratulations to all of our lucky prize winners, and a special thank you to those who helped organise the event.

Although due to rescheduling it was not run on the night as planned, the blind auction organised by Elise and James Milman, with a truly amazing prize donated by Renna Tendler from the Tamares group, raised a staggering £1,510! Massive thanks to the Milman family for your always generous support and commitment to supporting our Geshher community, and congratulations to the anonymous winner!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our attendees, we are delighted to announce that the event raised over £2,500! These funds will help support future activities, resources and opportunities that benefit our students and wider school community.

Thank you once again to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated and contributed to the success of the evening.

Your support and community spirit made the event a wonderful success, and we look forward to seeing you at next year's quiz night!

Karly Shaw - Event Coordinator



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Parent Teacher Community (PTC)

Message from the PTC

New Members Welcome

In addition to fundraising, the PTC endeavours to bring together the Geshher parent community.

- We welcome new families with a small gift
- We reach out to any families who need support in times of need
- We put on an annual Quiz Night and a Summer Fete
- We welcome parents at in-school events by providing refreshments

If anyone is interested in getting involved with the PTC, help with events or just would like to share ideas please email gesherptc@gmail.com.

Maccabi Fun Run

Temperatures were soaring at the Maccabi Fun Run on Sunday, as was Team Geshher's spirit! A big congratulations to all the Geshher students, and their parents/siblings who completed the 1km in extreme heat. There were a lot of red faces but happy smiles as they received their medals. Huge props to Dina Corcoran and Binyomin Teper's sister Nechama who did the 5km in such difficult conditions. The Team raised over £2,300 in sponsorship which is fantastic!



External Professional Support Services

Norwood

Norwood provides a range of early intervention groups and services and specialist help and advice to neurodiverse children and their families.

They provide a range of group and individual support to provide parents and grandparents with the skills and resilience to manage difficult circumstances and meet the needs of their children. They also have a range of groups and courses for families.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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Are you a parent carer of a child with additional developmental needs?

This might mean your child has a learning disability, developmental delay or has developmental delays but does not yet have a diagnosis.

- Do you live in England?
- Is your child aged between 2 – 11 years?

You might like to take part in the Digital Family Support study – DAISY

We are exploring whether a digital parent support program called Stepping Stones Online can help improve behaviour and emotional difficulties in children with a learning disability or developmental delay and support the wellbeing of parent carers.

Stepping Stones Online is an online program for parent carers of a child with a learning disability. It covers:

- Learning strategies to make everyday life easier
- Supporting communication and everyday skills for children
- Positive ways to support behaviours that challenge
- Building your confidence in parenting

Parent carers can receive up to £90 worth of vouchers for completing questionnaires.

If you would like to find out more about how you can take part, please go to the project webpage:

<https://nativveresearch.com/participate/daisy> or scan the QR code. Or you can call Dr Emma Scripps on 07483123993 or Rován Bahnassy on 07483656342, or email us at daisy-online@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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