

# The Gorsey Weekly

## THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT

*To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.*



## WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have all had a lovely couple of weeks with your families and that your children have enjoyed being back with us this week. We have loved seeing their faces again!

We are excited about what is always a busy Spring term here at Gorsey. There are loads of plans for the months ahead and events to mark including World Book Day, Safer Internet Day, World Read Aloud Day to name but a few. We also have the start of our year group assemblies (see below), residential for the children in KS2, Author Visits and some brilliant educational visits already planned for the children.

**WELCOME**

## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Full attendance at school is critical not only for your child's academic success but also for the personal and social development.

In Summer 2024, new government guidance came into force regarding fines for term time absences. Fines are typically issued by the Local Authority if a child has an unauthorised absence for 5 days or more. The first time a family incurs a fine it could be up to £160 per parent per child, a second will be at least this figure and any further instances could result in a criminal conviction.

There are exceptional circumstances in which short term time absences can be authorised but even these should of course be kept to a minimum. Should you need to request an absence, this must be submitted in writing to [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk)

## YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLIES

We're excited about the start of this year's Year Group Assemblies which commence with Year 3 next Friday. For those of you unfamiliar with these, the assemblies are usually about 20 minutes in length and are intended to be a light-hearted entertaining presentation of the children's learning so far this year. They also form part of our whole school commitment to give all our children the opportunity to take part in at least three audience-facing performances every year they are with us.

Dates for this year's performances are as follows:

- Friday 16th Jan - Year 3
- Friday 30th Jan - Year 2
- Friday 13th Feb - Year 4
- Friday 6th March - Year 5
- Friday 13th March - Year 1
- Friday 20th March - Reception
- Thursday 16th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.30 - 11am)

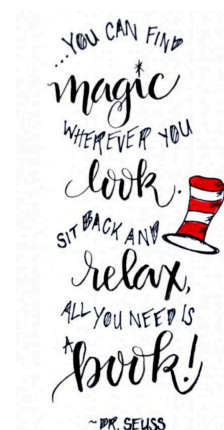
All performances begin at 2.30pm. No tickets are necessary but places are strictly limited to two seats per child.

## PARENT READERS NEEDED!

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Gorsey Bank, and we know that confident readers thrive in all areas of learning.

To give every child the best start, we are looking for parent helpers to support reading in school. Your involvement can make a huge difference—whether listening to children read, encouraging their fluency, or helping them develop a love for books.

Being secure in reading underpins success in every subject, from problem-solving in maths to understanding the world in science. If you can spare some time to join us, please get in touch with the school office by emailing [admin@gorseybank.org.uk](mailto:admin@gorseybank.org.uk)



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

15th January - Y5/6 Author Visit (10am - 2pm)  
 16th January - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)  
 16th January - Y3 Assembly (2.30 - 3pm)  
 20th January - Parents' Evening (2HJA & Y4)  
 21st January - Parents' Evening (Rec, Y1, 2HJA, Y3, Y4, Y5)  
 22nd January - Parents' Evening (Rec, Y1, Y3, Y5)  
 23rd January - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)  
 29th January - Sean Perkins Author Visit (all year groups)  
 30th January - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)  
 30th January - Y2 Assembly (2.30 - 3pm)  
 3rd February - Y4 Bikeability  
 4th February - Parents' Evening (2NRH & Y6)  
 5th February - Parents' Evening (2NRH & Y6)  
 5th February - SEND Parent Champions Meeting (5.30 - 6.30pm)



## THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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ALTIVS



MAGNUS

225



CITIUS



FORTIVS

235

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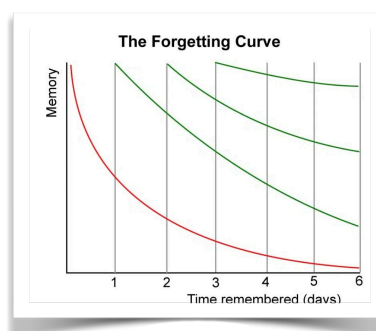
## WHY DO KIDS FORGET STUFF?

Amongst the many common experiences we have as parents and teachers, one of the more perplexing is those that end in the phrase (or thought) 'but you knew this yesterday!!'

The key point for this piece is that when we 'learn' something for the first time, it is natural for us to forget it and to then need to relearn it again (and sometimes several times) before it goes into what is known as 'long term memory' and is truly learned (rather than just temporarily remembered).

My intent in sharing this is to hopefully mitigate the frustrations we naturally all feel when supporting children with things like the learning of spellings and times tables. As counter intuitive as it sounds, forgetting is actually a necessary part of the learning process and every time we forget something, the work that goes into trying to recall it, while sometimes deflating, is actively helping the process of truly learning it.

A useful visual for this was developed by German psychologist, Herman Ebbinghaus whose work on memory theory included the development of the 'forgetting curve' (see below). This tracked the average time it took someone to forget a piece of information but also the fact that each subsequent time it is 'relearned', it sticks that little bit more. While knowing this won't prevent the forgetting of facts, hopefully it will make those frustrating moments (for you and your child) a little less frustrating. It may even bring a little explanation for those facts you struggle to remember yourselves!



## ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

A friendly reminder to any parent/carers with children due to start in September 2026 that the admissions deadline for a Reception 2026 place is Thursday 15th January. Places should be applied for via the Cheshire East website.

## PARENTS' EVENING

The booking system for Parents' Evening will go live on Wednesday 14th January and will close on Monday 19th January at 12 noon. Further information regarding Parents' Evening will be communicated via MCAS next week.

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