

# 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.*



### STAFF TRAINING

Over the last two evenings, all of our teachers and LSAs took part in special training sessions led by Dr Anne-Marie McBlain, a senior Educational Psychologist. The training focused on two key areas: Attachment and Trauma.

During the Attachment session, staff learned about how children's brains develop, how strong relationships help them to feel safe, and how stressful or difficult experiences can affect learning and behaviour.

In the Trauma session, we explored the different ways children might react after experiencing trauma. Staff also discussed helpful strategies to use in the classroom and how building positive, trusting relationships can make school a safe and welcoming place for every child.

This training supports our commitment to keeping children at the heart of everything we do and ensuring our school is inclusive for all. Our team left the sessions feeling confident, informed, and ready to put these ideas into practice.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking to recruit two new treasurers for our PTA. The role can be shared between two people to help keep the workload manageable — we know how busy everyone is!

Our current treasurers are very happy to chat about what the role involves. As a treasurer, you would help with decision-making, fundraising, and supporting events whenever you're able to. We want to reassure everyone that any support is appreciated, even if you can only spare an hour here and there.

If you have any questions about the PTA or would like to find out more, please get in touch with the school, Ellie, or Emma — we'd love to talk to you.

A huge thank you to everyone who already gives their time. We are incredibly grateful.

### KIDS CLUB HAVE BEEN COOKING UP A STORM!

Kids GB have been busy in the kitchen this week, creating their very own healthy homemade pizzas. The delicious smells drifting through school told us they were cooking up something special! The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm—so much so that we might have a few future chefs in the making. With skills like these, there's no excuse for them not to help out at home with tea!



### Y3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week saw both the first Year Group Assembly of 2026, well done Y3 you were all A-MAZ-ING! We loved hearing all about your learning in your first term - We can't quite believe how much you have done already! I know I speak on behalf of every single person in the room today when I say how incredibly proud we are of every single one of you!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 & 5th February - Parents' Evening (2NRH & Y6)  
5th February - SEND Parent Champions Meeting ( 5.30 - 6.30pm)  
6th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)  
12th February - KS1 Disco (3.15 - 4.15pm)  
13th February - 4LvS Swimming (1.30 - 3pm)  
13th February - Y4 Assembly (2.30 - 3pm)

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for next week's Parents' Evenings. The bookings system will remain live until Monday so please ensure you have booked a slot. In the meetings, your child's Class Teacher will focus on academic progress this year but of course be keen to discuss their personal development and attitude and behaviour.

Please note the changes to 2HJA, 2NRH, Y4 and Y6 parents' evening dates and times. All dates are available to book via MCAS.

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

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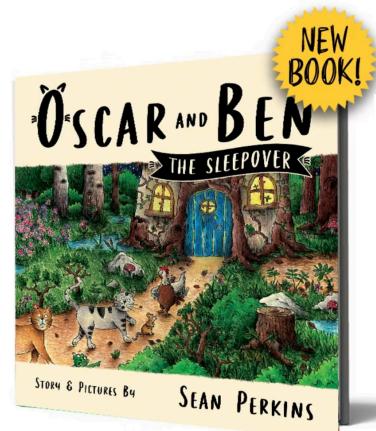
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## SEAN PERKINS - AUTHOR VISIT

We are delighted to share that Sean Perkins, author of the much-loved *Oscar and Ben* series, will be visiting Gorsey Bank to deliver a range of exciting workshops for all children from EYFS through to Year 6. During his visit, children will also have the opportunity to have their books personally signed by Sean if they choose to purchase one of his books. Details about how to order books have already been sent out to families via MCAS.

Sean Perkins is a children's author and illustrator best known for his charming *Oscar and Ben* series, which follows the mischievous adventures of two lovable cats. His stories whisk young readers into the forest, where Oscar and Ben sneak out to their woodland den and meet a delightful cast of animal friends, including Mrs Hen, a tiny mouse, and even an angry frog.



We are looking forward to welcoming him to our school community on Thursday 29th January.

## MUSIC CURRICULUM

From this week until June, all children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will have a weekly lesson led by our regular music professional Mike Eccles. As in previous years, the lessons will culminate in the amazing 'Play With The Halle' event at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. It is important for us that all pupils in the school have the opportunity to take part in three audience-facing events per year. More information to come for the Parents and Carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 regarding details of our Summer Sing which will take place in late May.

