

The Gorseley Weekly

THE GORSELEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT

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



PENALTY NOTICES

Cheshire East has asked schools to share this updated information with parents and carers so that everyone is fully aware of the latest changes to the Penalty Notice process. By keeping families informed, we can ensure that expectations around attendance are clear, consistent, and understood, helping parents make well-informed decisions and avoid any unexpected fines or legal action.

PENALTY NOTICE AND PROSECUTION

Penalty Notices may be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent/carer for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued.

The Local Authority will decide on appropriate next steps which may include:

*Prosecution under s444 (1) or (1a) of the Education Act 1996 which may result in a fine of upto £1000 or £2500 respectively.

*Referral to other agencies.

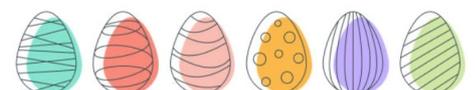
CAFT'S EASTER EGG APPEAL

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Hannah from the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) back to school. She spoke to the children about the incredible work taking place at the farm and shared how our fundraising continues to make a real difference to the many children who visit each year.

Hannah also introduced the children to this year's CAFT Easter Egg Appeal, and this is where we would love your support! We are collecting Easter egg donations up until 16th March.

If you are in a position to contribute, please send your child into school with an Easter egg, and we will take care of the rest.

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2nd March - Y1 Afternoon Tea Party
- 3rd March - Reception Trip to Waterstones
- 3rd March - Parent Council (5.45pm)
- 4th March - Reception Teddy Bear Day
- 5th March - World Book Day
- 5th March - Y4/Y2 Trip to Waterstones
- 6th March - 4LvS Swimming (1.30pm - 3pm)
- 6th March - Y5 Class Assembly (2.30pm)
- 6th March - Y2 Fire of London Workshop
- 11th March - Jet2 Workshop (Y5/6)
- 11th and 12th March - PTA Mother's Day Stall
- 13th March - Y1 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 13th March - 4LvS Swimming (1.30pm - 3pm)
- 16th-18th March - Y4 Residential
- 20th March - Reception class assembly (2.30pm)
- 20th March - 4LvS Swimming (1.30pm - 3pm)
- 23rd March - Y1 Trip to Runway Visitor Park
- 24th March - Y5 Maya History Workshop
- 25th March - Y6 Crucial Crew Workshop
- 26th March - CAFT Dress Down Day
- 27th March - 4LvS Swimming (1.30pm - 3pm)
- 27th March - Last Day of term

CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Josh Knowles will be stepping into the role of Kids Club Manager. Josh has been a dedicated member of the Kids Club team for many years, serving as Deputy and consistently demonstrating commitment, enthusiasm, and care for our children and families.

This promotion is incredibly well deserved — well done, Josh! We are excited to see the continued positive impact he will bring in his new role.



KIDS CLUB UPDATE

We've really enjoyed hearing all about the children's half-term adventures, and we're excited for the brighter weather ahead so we can make the most of our outdoor spaces.

Just a quick reminder that toys, body sprays and other personal items should be kept at home. Small toys can be choking hazards and often lead to disagreements or upset, and body sprays can cause strong smells or sensitivities for other children.

We'd also like to remind families that Kids Club balances need to be cleared by 21st March. Thank you for taking the time to check and settle any outstanding amounts.



THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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ALTIVS



MAGNVS

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CITIVS



FORTIVS

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PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.

WORLD BOOK DAY

A quick reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. There is absolutely no expectation to buy anything new—creative outfits made from items you already have at home are perfect!

If you are finding it difficult to put together a costume, please speak to your child's class teacher. We have a small selection of costumes in school that we are happy to lend.

