

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.



GORSELEY COMMONS

This week, our Pupil Parliament members took part in an exciting debate to vote on a new bill aimed at making a positive change in our school. This year's debate was led by the Ministry of Justice, with a powerful focus on the theme of Digital Wellbeing. Over the last week, pupils in every classroom were invited to share their ideas on how we could make better choices online. The Ministry of Justice then carefully reviewed all of the suggestions and narrowed them down to three key proposals. These were then debated in the Gorseley Commons, where our Pupil Parliament members had the important task of deciding which idea would move forward.

The three bills that we debated were:

- Screen Free Time
- Digital Ambassadors
- Support for Parents and Carers about digital wellbeing

Over the next week, the Ministry of Justice will count up the ballot votes and the winning bill will be announced in assembly next week!

We are really proud of all of our children for demonstrating citizenship, integrity and bravery whilst representing their Pupil Parliament group.

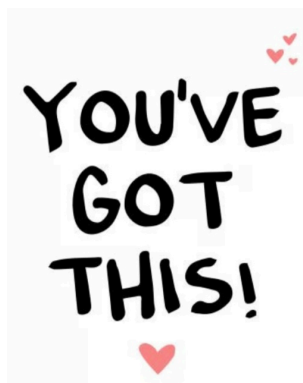


GOOD LUCK TO OUR Y6 CHILDREN

Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 Assessments (SATs). We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved—not just this year, but throughout their time at Gorseley Bank.

We understand that next week might feel a little daunting for some, but please remember: you've worked so hard, you're well prepared, and we all believe in you!

Take some time this weekend to relax, rest, and recharge—you've got this!



CROSS COUNTRY

A huge well done to all of the children who participated in the Cross Country event on Wednesday. We landed in the top 3 in all races which is no mean feat! A huge thank you to the team who supported the event and to all the parents and carers who came to show their support! Another brilliant sporting success for Gorseley Bank!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th - 14th May - Y6 SATS Week
12th May - Y4 Tennis Lessons
15th May - 4ES Swimming
19th May - Y4 Tennis Lessons
19th/20th/21st May - KS1 Summer Sing (9.30am)
21st May - KS1 Disco (3.15-4.15pm) KS2 Disco (5-6pm)
22nd May - Sports Day
22nd May - Half Term
2nd June - Start of Term
5th June - 4ES Swimming
9th June - RCE Lower Moss Wood
10th June - RPEW Lower Moss Wood
11th June - Play with the Halle

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from members of our school community and wider community who may wish to be considered for the role of co-opted governor.

Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing board because they have skills, experience or expertise that will help support and strengthen the strategic leadership of the school (for example in education, finance, HR, safeguarding or the local community). Unlike parent governors, who are elected specifically to represent the views of parents and must have a child at the school, co-opted governors do not need to be parents of pupils and are appointed based on the needs of the board.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in contributing to the future direction of our school and would like to find out more, please contact the school office for further details. Follow [this](#) link to find out more about the role.

KS1 AND KS2 DISCO

A polite reminder that it is the KS1 and KS2 disco next on Thursday 21st May. There will be opportunity for you to buy tickets using the Gorsey Bank PTA website.

If your child is in KS1, please follow the link below to purchase your tickets.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gorseybankpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=96236#>

If your child is in KS2, please follow the link below to purchase your tickets.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gorseybankpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=96238#>

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE KS2 DISCO TIME



ATTENDANCE AND UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

We would like to remind parents and carers of the current rules around attendance and term-time leave. Penalty Notice fines may be issued where a child has **10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period**, or where **term-time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions)** is taken without authorisation.

Please note that schools also **retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before these thresholds are met**, for example if families appear to be avoiding the threshold by taking multiple shorter holidays during term time.

Penalty Notices are issued **per parent/carer, per child**, and unpaid notices may result in further legal action. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly, as good attendance is vital for their learning, wellbeing and progress.

THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

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ALTIUS



MAGNUS

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CITIUS



FORTIUS

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