

The Gorseley 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 to all members of the Gorseley family. We hope you all had fantastic summer breaks and that you and your children have been looking forward to the start of a new academic year. (We are all very excited about the year ahead!)

It's been absolutely wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and settle so confidently into their new classrooms. A special well done goes to all our children who have joined us for the first time this week — including, of course, our new Reception cohort. We can't wait to get to know you some more!

Our 2026-27 school priorities continue to place children at the heart of everything we do. This year, we will be focusing on ensuring high ambition for all pupil groups, with strong outcomes achieved through the early identification and removal of barriers to learning, attendance and engagement. By understanding and responding quickly to pupils' individual needs, we aim to ensure that every child is supported to thrive, make excellent progress and achieve their full potential, regardless of their starting point.

In early October, you'll have the opportunity to meet your child's new Class Teacher during our first Parents' Evenings of the year. This will be the perfect opportunity to talk about how your child has settled in. If you would like to speak to us prior to then you are of course very welcome to do so. You can do this by catching us on the playground or arranging a call or meeting by contacting the school office at admin@gorseybank.org.uk or on 01625 468040.

We hope your child has had an enjoyable first week back and is feeling happy and settled with their new teacher.

HAPPY NEWS!

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Ejgierd Waring is expecting a little boy in January 2027. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating her on her happy news!

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school matters, and even small amounts of absence can quickly add up, leading to gaps in learning, reduced confidence and missed opportunities to build friendships and develop important life skills.

The Department for Education's *Working Together to Improve School Attendance* guidance makes it clear that improving attendance is a shared responsibility between schools, families and other agencies, and this year we will be working closely with parents and carers to ensure every child receives the support they need to attend school regularly.

We understand that barriers to attendance can arise, and we are committed to identifying concerns early, building strong relationships with families and providing help and support before issues escalate.

If you are ever unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please contact us. In many cases, children are able to attend school and benefit from being here, and we are always happy to offer guidance and support with these decisions.

We would also like to remind families that Cheshire East Council follows the national framework for attendance. Where a child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period, a penalty notice may be considered.

The first penalty notice is £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second penalty notice within three years is £160 per parent, per child, and a third offence may result in legal action. By working together and prioritising attendance, we can ensure that every child has the best possible chance to thrive both academically and socially.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd Sept - Reception Curriculum Evening

28th Sept - School Tour

2nd Oct - Open Morning 2027 Reception parents

14th Oct - Academy Committee Meeting

16th Oct- Wear Red Day

19th Oct - School Tour

21st Oct - Flu Vaccinations (all year groups)

23rd Oct - HALF TERM

SEPT 2027 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

We may still be welcoming our new Reception pupils into the Gorsey family for this year but applications are already open for our 2027 cohort!

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of Reception age next academic year they can apply for a place with us through the [Cheshire East admissions website which can be accessed here.](#)

For anyone new to the school community, we run weekly school tours which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 2nd October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office on **01625 468040**.

BEHAVIOUR REMINDERS

At Gorsey Bank, we are incredibly proud of the excellent behaviour displayed by our pupils every day. We regularly celebrate children who demonstrate our school rules and character traits.

We believe that behaviour is taught, just like reading, writing and maths. Children need guidance, reminders and opportunities to reflect in order to develop self-regulation and make positive choices. This is why we use a consistent behaviour system across the school for children in Year 1 to Year 6.

When expectations are not met, a verbal warning is given to the child understand what needs to change. If behaviours continue, a stage 2 response may be used, which includes a restorative conversation, communication with parents via MCAS and a short loss of free time.

Our approach is always focused on helping children learn from their mistakes, repair relationships where needed and make better choices in the future. We value our strong partnership with families and appreciate your ongoing support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

Further details about our behaviour stages and policy can be found on our school website.

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

A COUPLE OF START OF YEAR REMINDERS

UNIFORM

[UNIFORM Full uniform guidance can be found on our website here.](#) It is important that all children are in full uniform all the time (including correct footwear and specific PE kits) and we ask for your support in ensuring this is the case. If there are exceptional reasons why on any given day your child may not be fully equipped, please let us know. Please also note the following direct quote from our policy with regards to jewellery: 'NO jewellery of any kind may be worn by any pupil in school AT ANY TIME with the exception that studs may be worn for a period of six weeks after ear piercing'. Equally, any hair accessories worn should be navy and ideally no larger than needed!

BOOK BAGS

All infants (Reception - Year 2) should be using the school book bags rather than larger backpacks due to limited space for these in classrooms. Bags should not be enhanced by any array of key-rings (as nice as they might be!)

SNACKS

Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in snacks for morning break. These can be fruit or vegetable or anything bread based. This does not include packets of crisps or any sugary bars.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles should ideally be the school bottles in the colour of your child's house. These can be bought through the school office for £2.50 (cash only). Children should not have a metallic bottle or an oversized one as they do not fit in the specific, regular sized holders used in the classrooms during the day.