

# 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.*



## MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

At Gorsey Bank Primary School, we know that regular attendance is essential for children's learning, progress and wellbeing. Whilst we understand that children will occasionally need to attend medical or dental appointments, we ask families to help minimise any disruption to learning wherever possible.

### Arranging Appointments

Where possible, routine appointments such as dental check-ups, eye tests and non-urgent medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours, at weekends or during school holidays.

When an appointment must take place during the school day, children should attend school for part of the day whenever practicable. It would be unusual for a routine appointment to require a full day's absence from school.

### How Medical and Dental Appointments Are Recorded

A medical or dental appointment will normally be recorded as an **authorised absence (Code M)** when:

- The school is informed in advance wherever possible.
- The absence is for the purpose of attending a genuine medical or dental appointment.
- The child attends school before or after the appointment whenever reasonably possible.
- Evidence of the appointment is provided if requested by the school.

### Evidence of Appointments

We do not expect families to request formal doctor's or dentist's letters, which can sometimes incur a charge. If evidence is requested, the following are usually sufficient:

- A text message confirmation.
- An email confirmation.
- An appointment card.
- A screenshot of an online booking.
- A prescription slip or similar documentation issued during the appointment.

Where evidence is requested and cannot be provided, the school will make a decision about whether the absence can be authorised based on the information available.

### Full-Day Absences

Where a child misses additional sessions beyond the time reasonably required to attend the appointment, those sessions may be recorded as unauthorised unless an acceptable reason is provided.

### Appointments for Family Members

Children are expected to attend school if a parent, sibling or another family member has a medical appointment. Absence from school for this reason would not normally be authorised.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maximise every child's learning time. By working together, we can ensure that all pupils benefit from excellent attendance and every opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th Sept - School Tour

2nd Oct - Open Morning 2027 Reception parents

6th & 7th Oct - Y3 Parents' Evening

7th & 8th Oct - Parents' Evening

14th Oct - Academy Committee Meeting

16th Oct- Wear Red Day

19th Oct - School Tour

21st Oct - Flu Vaccinations (all year groups)

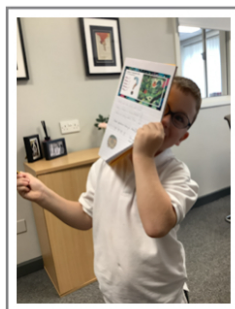
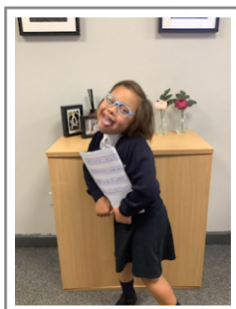
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## SEPT 2027 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

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](tel:01625468040).



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

119



215

359

285

## BARBAKAN

A huge thank you to our parents for their generous donations to the PTA. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to BARBAKAN, as did Miss Tetley and Mrs Bell! The hot chocolates and coffees were delicious, and we would like to give a very special thank you to Frankie Dyer for providing the hot chocolates and for opening such a wonderful coffee shop and bakery right on our doorstep. It is safe to say there were smiles all around and the children did not want to leave!



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

We are delighted to let you know that our new curriculum overviews for the 2026-27 academic year are now available on the school website.

These overviews provide an exciting snapshot of the learning that will take place throughout the year, including the key topics, themes and experiences planned for each year group. They are a great way for families to gain an understanding of what children will be learning and how you can support and discuss their learning at home.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a look at the curriculum overviews for their child's year group, which can be found in the [Curriculum](#) section of our website.

We look forward to another year of exciting learning opportunities across the school!

## HEAD LICE

We would like to kindly ask that, where possible, children with longer hair come to school with their hair tied up. This simple measure can help to reduce the spread of head lice, particularly as we are currently experiencing an increase in cases across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

We completely understand that this may not always be possible and that some children, particularly those with sensory needs, may find having their hair tied up difficult.

We would also encourage families to check their child's hair regularly and treat any cases of head lice promptly to help prevent further spread.

I'm sure we would all rather avoid having to get the nit comb out at home!