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# 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.*



## READING FOR PLEASURE AT GORSEY BANK

This year, we are introducing a new reading focus each half term to inspire a love of reading and help children discover a wide range of authors, genres and styles of books. Through special events, competitions and activities, we hope to encourage every child to find books that capture their imagination and develop a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

This half term, we will be celebrating illustrated books! Children will explore how stories and pictures work together to bring characters and worlds to life. As part of our celebrations, pupils will take part in a range of exciting activities and competitions linked to illustration and storytelling.

We are also delighted to welcome local children's book illustrator **Melanie Williamson**, who will be visiting school to share her work and inspire our young artists and readers. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the creative process and discover how illustrators help bring stories to life through their drawings.




## PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th November**. During this meeting, we will be discussing the following questions:

- How can we best support parents and families in relation to PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education)? If we were to offer a parent workshop, what topics or areas would you find most helpful?
- What more can the school do to work in partnership with families to promote and support excellent attendance?
- We would welcome your feedback on the recent Movie Night. What worked well, and what suggestions do you have for future events, particularly during the summer term?

We value the views of all our families and would love to hear your thoughts. If you would like to contribute to these discussions, please contact your class representative ahead of the meeting so that your ideas and feedback can be shared.

## STAFFING UPDATE

After 10 wonderful years at Gorsey Bank, Mrs Turrell will be taking on the role of SENDCo at Crown Street Primary School, where she will be supporting Mrs Thompson.

Throughout her time with us, Mrs Turrell has been an invaluable member of staff and a fantastic support to our children, families and colleagues. We know that many families will be sad to see her leave, and we would like to thank her for her dedication and the significant contribution she has made to our school community.

This move has created an exciting opportunity at Gorsey, and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Rosell-Hughes will be taking on the role of SENDCo. Having been a valued member of our staff team for a number of years, she knows our children, families and community exceptionally well. We are thrilled to see her step into this new role and are confident that she will continue to make a positive impact across our school.

During our recent interview process, we were also pleased to appoint three new members of staff, who will be joining the Gorsey Bank team over the coming weeks and months. They are all experienced teachers who are excited to meet the children, become part of our school community and contribute to the continued success of the school. More information to follow!

We know you will join us in welcoming our new colleagues and wishing Mrs Turrell all the very best for the future.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th Nov - Parent Council

12th Nov - Tempest Individual and sibling photographs

13th Nov - Open Morning for 2027 Reception parents

16th Nov - School Tour

18th Nov - SFP Review Meetings

23rd Nov - School Tour

30th Nov - School Tour

30th Nov - Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Y6

## DIWALI ASSEMBLY

On Monday, we will be welcoming a special visitor to Gorsey Bank to help the children learn about **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights.

Learning about different cultures and religions helps children develop respect, understanding and appreciation of the diverse world around them.

We also hope that all families celebrating **Diwali** this weekend have a wonderful and joyous time with their loved ones.








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

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| 256 | ALTIUS | MAGNUS | 232 |
| 211 | CITIUS | FORTIUS | 260 |

## EYFS OUTDOOR PROVISION DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are always looking for ways to enhance our outdoor learning environment and would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Loose parts (pipes, half pipes, wooden planks, crates)
- Old cooking utensils (whisks, sieves, ladles, spoons, bowls pots and pans. Please no plates or glass!)
- Buckets
- Paint Brushes
- Baskets









These resources provide endless opportunities for creativity, problem-solving and imaginative play. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you!

## INVACUATION – 11TH NOVEMBER 2026

On Wednesday 11th November, we will be completing an invacuation drill with all pupils and staff.

This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps ensure that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an intruder being on the school site. Like our fire drills, these practices help us to be prepared and keep our school community safe.

Before the drill takes place, teachers will talk to children about why we practise invacuations. These conversations will be carefully tailored to the children's ages and delivered in a calm, child-friendly way.

We will also provide additional support for any children whom we feel may find the activity more challenging or worrying.

If you would like any further information, please get in touch.

## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

Please remember that individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday 12th November. If this falls on your child's PE day, they should come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit to change into afterwards.

We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces!