



# The Gorsey Weekly

## KS1 NATIVITY SUPERSTARS!

WOW! It is safe to say we are all in the Christmas Spirit! Our KS1 children were A-MAZ-ING in their Baarmy Bethlehem Nativity! We saw dancing that was strictly worthy, singing that raised the roof and some fantastic story telling. You guided us through the Nativity story brilliantly - a massive well done!



## CHRISTMAS BOOKSHELF

There are so many wonderful Christmas books out there so to celebrate this, we thought we'd share a special festive bookshelf which we hope may inspire some enjoyable festive reading....



## CAROL SERVICE REMINDER

A reminder that if you have children in Key Stage 2, our Carol Services are taking place at the Wilmslow United Reform Church next week. There are performances at 2pm and 7pm - these do not require a ticket but spaces are limited to 2 adults per child. As the evening performance can get very busy we recommend joining us for the afternoon service if you can.

## ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

A reminder for any parents with children due to start school in September 2025 that the admissions deadline is Wednesday 15th January. You can apply for a school place by clicking here. We will be doing our final school tours ahead of this date in the first week back after the Christmas break; places on these can be booked on our school website.

## DRESS DOWN DAY

In Gorsey tradition, next Friday will be a Christmas dress-down / fancy dress day. We usually do a charity collection for this so if you are able, a donation to CAFT via our JustGiving page would be very gratefully received: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gorseybankcaft>

During the day our Home Office (House Captains) will be roaming the school looking for the best outfits from each House.

Children in Key Stage 2 are also welcome to bring in a non-electronic game to play on the day with their friends.



## AUTUMN MINI REPORTS

Next week you will be receiving a short summary of your child's current attainment levels based on any end of term assessments they have done as well as their teachers ongoing assessments since the start of the school year. These are very short summaries which are purely intended to give you a quick snapshot of current levels of attainment.

You will also receive any test papers they have taken so you can see exactly the types of things they have made progress on and the types of questions that are currently informing their next steps.

You will have the chance to discuss these in more details in our next round of Parents' Evenings which will take place shortly after we return in January. With this in mind we would advise you retain the papers yourselves until then or send them back in with your child at the start of next term.

## Y6 PARENTS EVENING

Due to the timing of the Y6 assessments in the Spring term we have made the decision to change the date of the Y6 Parents' Evening to **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th February**. This is to allow for a more accurate measure of progress and to provide precise next steps for the rest of the Spring term. This will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you might have about the KS2 assessments.

## Y6 SATS TALK

The Y6 team will be holding a SATs information evening on **Friday 10th January** on TEAMs. This will be an opportunity for the team to discuss the timetable and expectations for the week, how you can prepare your children for the assessments, information regarding access arrangements and any other questions you might have. More info to follow on this.

## REX VISITS

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers that helped with the Rex visit last week. Your continued support means that we can provide these fun and exciting Christmas activities that the children will remember for years to come. Merry Christmas!

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

## DIGITAL WELLBEING

### [Education for a Connected World](#)- Online Relationships

This strand focuses on how children interact with others online—whether that's through games, social media, or messaging. It's about teaching them to communicate respectfully and make safe choices when forming relationships online.

#### What can you do to support?

Teach about online friendship: Encourage your child to ask questions about who they are talking to online. Explain that it's important to only talk to people they know in real life and to avoid accepting friend requests from strangers.

Talk about positive online behaviour: Discuss what kind of behaviour is respectful and friendly (e.g., sharing compliments, not sharing hurtful messages).

Monitor online interactions: Check in on the apps, games, and platforms your child is using, and make sure they're only interacting with people they know personally.

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

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ALTIVS MAGNUS

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CITIVS FORTIVS

## Article 31

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

17th Dec - KS2 Carol Service (2pm and 7pm)

20th Dec - End of term

6th Jan - INSET Day

7th Jan - Children return

22nd - 23rd Jan - Parents' Evening (excluding Y6)

31st Jan - Y4 Assembly

5th - 6th Feb - Y6 Parents' Evening

7th Feb - Y2 Assembly

7th Feb - Pop Up Uniform Shop

14th Feb - Y1 Chester Zoo visit

14th Feb - Y3 Palace Theatre visit

14th Feb - Y5 Assembly

14th Feb - End of term

24th Feb - Start of term

