

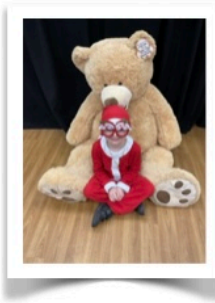


The Gorsey Weekly

MRS BELL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE!

We've had an absolutely brilliant few weeks at school in the lead up to Christmas with some amazing performances from the children in their Nativities and this week at our Carol Services at the United Reform Church.

In amongst these have been some festive parties, the usual brilliant Christmas lunch (plenty of Christmas Crackers and Christmas hats!) and every child has had a Yuletide visit to the Rex cinema followed by some creative Christmas crafts. Whatever you have planned over the next two weeks, on behalf of everyone here I wish you all a very happy festive break and will look forward to seeing you and your children back in 2025!



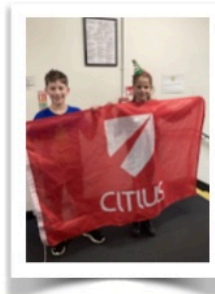
CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE

As 2024 draws to a close, we wanted to say a massive thank you to the whole school community for your support with the recent 'festive' PTA events. Collectively the Christmas Market and Wreath Making raised £3.2k. Thank you to Ellie and all those who made this events such a great success! We also wanted to give a special mention to some Gorsey runners who took part in the festive 10k and raised another £500. Well done to everyone – the outfits are amazing! We look forward to more discos, quizzes and the Summer Fair in 2025.



HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

A huge congratulations to Citius House who have claimed the House Cup for Autumn 2024! Well done also to Magnus, Altius and Fortius who came 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. Our House Captains have worked alongside the other House Captains across the primaries in the trust and have created a Laurus Primary Christmas Video, which was a delight to watch this morning during our Christmas Assembly! A special seasonal shout out to Team Fortius who came out on top in our annual Gorsey Christmas Quiz earlier today!



ADMISSIONS DEADLINE/PARENT TOURS

A reminder for any parents with children due to start school in September 2024 that the admissions deadline is Wednesday 15th January. Applications should be made through the Cheshire East website. For any parents new to the school, we are still running weekly school tours which can be booked on our website or by phoning 01625 468040.



READING OVER CHRISTMAS

The main message as always is to ensure your child is experiencing regular reading opportunities (especially in the context of today's tech-filled festive period!) Reading to them is excellent for modelling reading fluency, as is sharing a book, but any regular slots of reading down-time are hopefully on your schedules as a Christmas non-negotiable!! Remember there are some excellent recommendations on each of the year group pages of gorseybank.org.uk and a Christmas visit to a local bookshop is always a pleasure! I've attached some of our teachers favourite Christmas books for inspiration! Happy reading!



Mrs Lavelle's Christmas Bookshelf



Mr Allaby's Christmas Bookshelf



AUTUMN TERM HIGHLIGHTS

It's been a absolutely fantastic first term of the year for us all at Gorsey. So many highlights that September feels like a long long time ago!

We've marked big national events such as Show Racism the Red Card Day and UK Parliament Week which included our Pupil Parliament leading on an assembly outlining their plans for the term ahead.



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We've also been delighted to continue our support of the Children's Adventure Farm Trust with our first visit of the year from Hannah and a very special visit to the farm itself!

Reading has as always taken centre stage and sits at the very heart of everything we do. We are very lucky to have had a visit from SF Said in Autumn 1 and a visit to Laurus Cheadle Hulme to see Matt Lucas. All of which I hope continues to inspire our children to read as much as possible!



There are of course many more highlights already planned for the spring but in the meantime a huge thank you and well done to all the children here for making this term such a special one!

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

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM CAFT

Before 2024 comes to a close, I just wanted to say another huge THANK YOU, for the ongoing support from you and your fabulous school community.

The donations for our Christmas appeal this year have been amazing! We still have 12 days to go and the selection boxes we have received from you & additional fundraising your pupils have contributed to, directly supports our work, helping children who are living challenging lives with a magical Christmas experience at the Farm. Thanks for helping us to make memories to last a lifetime for them and their wider family. Please pass our thanks to all involved.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a happy healthy 2025!

Hannah Graham

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

- 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

