

The Gorseley Weekly

WHY IS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT?

Attending school is essential for your child's academic success, well-being, and overall development. Research shows that consistent school attendance plays a key role in supporting positive educational, economic, and social outcomes for children and young people. Schools also provide an environment where positive peer relationships can thrive, contributing to better mental health and well-being.

Regular school attendance is vital for preparing young people for a successful transition to adulthood and for supporting their long-term economic and social involvement in society.

- 98% attendance sounds good but still means your child has missed 4 days in the school year
- 80% attendance means your child has missed 38 days in the year
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 whole days lost each year
- poor attendance reduces wellbeing - children miss out on making friends, building confidence and achieving successes

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF A CHILD IS PERSISTENTLY OR SEVERELY ABSENT?

Children who are registered at a school but regularly fail to turn up are officially referred to as being 'persistently' or 'severely' absent. The school day is split into two sessions – one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. Pupils who have missed more than 10% of school sessions are considered persistently absent, while children who have missed more than 50% of school sessions are referred to as severely absent.

SOMETHING EXCITING HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN RECEPTION....

Never in all my years of teaching did I imagine I'd see princesses, dragons, fairies, and fairy tale characters walking the corridors of Gorseley Bank, but the children had other plans!

They've spent the day completely immersed in the magic of fairy tales, and I honestly didn't think it

was possible they could get any cuter. Reception parents – don't forget to check out Tapestry for more adorable pictures!



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DIAMOND STICKERS!

One of my favourite things to do is hand out diamond stickers – it's such a joy to read the children's work! Today, I've had the pleasure of being visited by so many excited children eager to share what they've written. Check out these amazing pieces from some of our KS1 pupils! I'm feeling so proud today!



STANLEY CUPS

Just a friendly reminder about water bottles: whilst I am a fan of Stanley Cups, storing them in the classroom is proving to be difficult! We have designated crates for storing water bottles in the classroom, so if you're not using a Gorseley Bank water bottle, please choose one of a similar size. Thanks for your understanding!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5th - 6th Feb - Y6 Parents' Evening
- 6th Feb - Y1 Chester Zoo visit
- 7th Feb - Y2 Assembly
- 7th Feb - Pop Up Uniform Shop
- 14th Feb - Dress Down Day
- 14th Feb - Y3 Palace Theatre visit
- 14th Feb - Y5 Assembly
- 14th Feb - End of term
- 24th Feb - Start of term
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 12th - 14th March - Y4 Residential
- 28th March - Y1 Runway Visitor Park visit
- 28th March - Pop Up Uniform Shop
- 1st - 3rd April KS1 Spring Sing
- 3rd - 4th April - Y3 Residential
- 4th April - End of term
- 22nd April - INSET day
- 23rd April - Start of term

Y4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

The class assembly season as well and truly started, well done Y4 you were all A-MAZ-ING! We loved hearing all about your learning in your first term - I can't quite believe how much you have done already! I know I speak on behalf of every single person in the room today when I say how incredibly proud we are of every single one of you!



THIS YEAR'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...



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

HICKORY'S BREAKFAST TREAT

We're excited to partner with Hickory's, who will be providing a breakfast treat for children selected from the green ticket box. The more times a child's name is entered, the higher their chances of being chosen. Children earn green tickets by demonstrating our school rules and character traits at lunchtime. A big thank you to Hickory's for their generous support!



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Every child has the right to an Education



