

The Gorseley Weekly

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

We had an utterly joyous day yesterday as we joined schools across the country in celebrating World Book Day. The children looked absolutely amazing so massive thank you to you all for supporting them with their costumes.

The day was a fantastic celebration of books and the joy of reading! We kicked off with a lively assembly where children had to “guess the book” based on an extract read aloud. They used their knowledge of the six character traits and linked these to the book characters the teachers came as.

A key theme of the day was exploring the idea that writers are also readers. The children took part in various activities to dive deeper into this concept and see how reading influences writing.

In the afternoon, the children got creative by designing Top Trumps cards, focusing on the 6 character traits that were highlighted in our celebration assembly. They also had the opportunity to visit other classrooms with a book and enjoy reading together in small groups.

The day ended with Mystery Readers! All the teachers swapped classrooms to share their favourite stories with the children, making for a delightful ending to a day filled with all things reading!



WHY YOU SHOULDN'T STOP READING ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD

It is an unfortunate yet predictable fact that as children move through the years at Primary, the number being read aloud to at home progressively drops off. A shame though this is, it is not wholly surprising - a combination of busy lives, the proliferation of technology and also children's developing ability to read on their own by this age all point in a certain direction. I would, however, like to suggest three reasons why we should be reading to our children for as long as possible, both for our benefit and their's:

1. Every time children are read to, they are having fluent reading modelled for them. This is the ability to read with things like expression and tone and is a step above just 'being able to read'
2. Listening to stories is great for children's attention span but equally frees up some of their mental capacity to concentrate on a story because they're not having to think about the actual act of reading (which is hard!)
3. (This is the most important one) Relationships - carving out protected parent/child time, particularly during the week, can be really hard. Sharing a book together every night is one of the easiest and yet most productive and pleasurable solutions to this.

So if you do one thing off the back of World Book day, particularly if you have already stopped doing it, offer to read something aloud to your little one (or not so little one) - it may just be a joy worth rediscovering!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12th-14th March - Y4 Residential
- 25th March - Parent Council Meeting
- 25th - 26th March - Mother's Day Stall
- 28th March - Y1 Runway Visitor Park Visit
- 28th March - Pop Up Uniform Shop
- 1st-3rd April - Spring Sing
- 3rd-4th April - Y3 Residential
- 4th April - Last day of term
- 22nd April - INSET Day
- 23rd April - Start of term
- 2nd May - Year 1 Assembly
- 5th May - May Bank Holiday (School closed)
- 9th May - Reception Assembly
- 12th-16 May - Y6 SATS Week
- 23rd May - Last day of term
- 2nd June - Start of term
- 20th June - INSET Day

CAFT EASTER EGG APPEAL

This year we are repeating our Easter Egg collection for the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) which is our official school charity. The eggs will be given as special gifts to the children visiting CAFT over the Easter holiday. If you would like to donate any kind of chocolate egg (no nuts please!), please send one in with your child before Monday 24th March. The Easter Eggs will be kept in the classrooms until they are collected by someone from the CAFT team.



THIS YEAR'S HOUSE POINTS SO FAR...

108



ALTUS



MAGNUS

130

218



CITIUS



FORTIUS

187

PARENT COUNCIL DATES

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 25th March and will focus on behaviour and safety in school. We welcome feedback on anything you feel the school does that you really value both in terms of behaviour but also in terms of protecting children from harm (both in and out of school) as well as anything you feel we could be doing more (or less) of.

Feedback should be sent via your Class Rep or feel free to email anything in direct via email to admin@gorseybank.org.uk. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Councillors for giving up their time to support us in this really crucial aspect of parent engagement.

Article 18

Every child has the right to share their thoughts freely unless it harms other people



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

SPRING SING TICKETS

Rehearsals are under way for the KS1 Spring Sing and the children are really excited to perform for you all. The dates for this year's Spring Sing are **Tuesday 1st April, Wednesday 2nd April and Thursday 3rd April**. We hope you enjoy the shows and that they put a Spring in your step!

Tickets will be available to buy from **Monday 10th March** and are only available through the MCAS app (under Store / Products). Please note there is a maximum of two tickets per family regardless of how many children you have in KS1.

May we also please remind you that no buggies will be allowed in the hall but may be left in our school library.