

The Gorseley Weekly

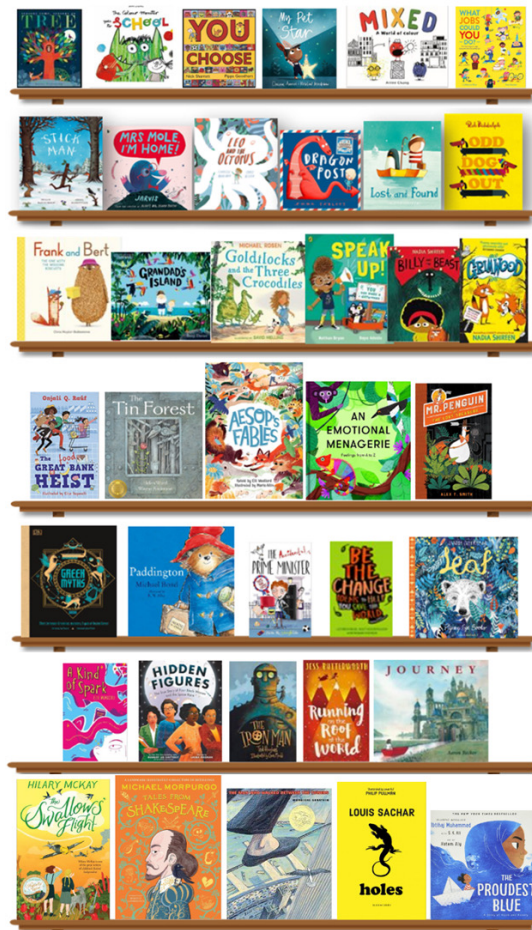
READING FOR PLEASURE

As you will all know, reading is HUGE at Gorseley Bank Primary School! It is without doubt the most important academic skill we can teach our pupils but just as important are the lessons they learn from stories and the enjoyment they get from spending time in a book either as a social or individual activity.

Every term, every year group at GBPS has their learning supported by an amazing selection of books, which make up what we call our Curriculum Bookshelves. Each book on the shelf is selected by our teachers to inspire and engage the children as well as supporting our focus on the character traits of kindness, bravery, citizenship, integrity, curiosity and gratitude (more to follow on these in next week's newsletter). The Bookshelves for all years groups are available to view on the year group pages of our website.

What can you do as parents to nurture this love of reading? Amongst many other things, model your own passion for it, make an event of visiting a bookshop (yes, possibly with a hot chocolate afterwards!) and most importantly let your child take the lead in what they want to read (we wouldn't like to be told would we?!)

...and if you make a routine of just one thing, stick unequivocally to that nightly reading slot - read to them, read with them, sit through the same book you've read 50 times if that's what they want to do! I say this as a parent and as a teacher - there are few things more significant you can do for your child (and your relationship with them) than sharing daily reading experiences - so grab a book, grab a cuppa (or whatever the drink of choice may be), get comfy and enjoy.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Picking the right book is really important but also can be very tricky! On each year group page of the school website (in the *Useful Information* section) you will find some recommendations from the team which may help. Other great sources are of course local bookshops (e.g. Simply Books in Bramhall) and libraries. If your child already has a favourite author and is looking for something similar, we would recommend the 'Book Match' page of The Reader Teacher website which can be accessed here: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch>

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AUTUMN AUTHOR VISIT!

We are delighted to announce that this term's visiting author will be SF Said, author of a number of brilliant fiction books including *Varjak Paw* (which many of our KS2 pupils will know from one of their Bookshelves), *Phoenix* and *Tyger*.

He will be with us on Thursday 17th October and will be doing some writing workshops and book signings.

As you will know, we are only able to facilitate these inspiring termly author visits with parental support. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed their £4 per child to support this for this year. If you have yet to do so the payment can be made through MCAS. Thank you!



PARKING

For those parents who park like this, a reminder of our three school rules - we are respectful, we try our best, we make good choices - please make a little more effort to follow these when parking.



I'm sure you're in a hurry and have frightfully important places to be, but parking like this is dangerous, sets an awful example to the children and does nothing to help our relationship with our neighbours.

SEPT 2025 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

We may still be welcoming our new Reception pupils into the Gorsey family for this year but applications are already open for our 2025 cohort!

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of Reception age next academic year they can apply for a place with us through the [Cheshire East admissions website which can be accessed here](#).

For anyone new to the school community, we run weekly school tours which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 4th October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office in 01625 468040.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Applications are now open for children transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to Cheshire East via their website here by 31st October 2024.

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UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Article 36

Every child has the right to protection from any form of exploitation

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

To nurture lifelong learners who are confident and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside

2025-26 TERM DATES

Term dates for the 2025-26 academic year are now on our website under the *School Information* tab.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th Sept - PTA AGM

1st Oct (6pm) - New Reception Curriculum Evening

4th October - Open Morning for prospective parents

9th-10th Oct - Parents' Evenings

17th Oct - PTA Discos

25th Oct - Last day of term

4th Nov - INSET Day

5th Nov - Start of term

12th Nov - Parent Council Meeting

5th-6th Dec - Rex Christmas Cinema Visits

22nd Dec - End of term