

The Gorseley Weekly

CHARACTER TRAITS

This year across the Laurus Primary Schools we are introducing six 'character traits' as part of our curricula: bravery, citizenship, curiosity, gratitude, integrity and kindness.

These represent a range of qualities which we think mirror both our status as a UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools and also our three school rules: we are respectful, we do our best, we make good choices.



These character traits will be a central part of each year group's termly Bookshelf, discussed in weekly assemblies and will also form the basis for the weekly achievement certificates the children receive.

Some of the traits are more complex than others but the concept is that the children's understanding of each one evolves over the course of their time with us and by the time they leave us they are not only able to talk confidently about each one but regularly display behaviours which reflect them.

More information about these character traits and the 'cornerstones' which underpin them can be found on [the enrichment page of our website here](#). Additional information about how we nurture the personal development of your child [can be found here](#).

PTA UPDATE

After a really successful launch event and this week's AGM we can reveal last year's PTA fundraising totalled over £30,000!! This is a phenomenal total and on behalf of all the pupils and staff here I can't thank enough everyone involved in organising the events and attending them and I have to give a special thanks to Ellie and Emma for all their amazing work.

We have met today and discussed a number of projects to spend the money on over the next few months including a new bike rack, enhancements to Forest School and some exciting plans for the school library.

There are loads of events on the horizon to get in the diary.....

- 6th Oct - Golf Away Day at Prestbury
- 17th Oct - Discos
- 28th Nov - Wreath making workshop
- 13th Dec - Christmas Market

We have also had approaches from some parents to run a couple of new events this year so a huge thanks to them.

If you would like to be involved in any way with the work of the PTA - whether it's donating an hour of your time or taking the lead on an event - please contact them at gorseley.pta@gmail.com





USE OF SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please note the school car park should only ever be used by parents dropping off at Kids Club before 8.30am or collecting after 4pm.

As you will know, space is incredibly limited so for safety reasons parents collecting from any other after school clubs are not permitted to park on school grounds.

THE GORSEY BANK MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

Article 30

If you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion, and use your own language.

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

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 tour 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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